

<b>SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS</b>	
2013 – 2014	
<p><b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b>                      “Invited to the Feast”                      (Grade 2)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMATION</b>                      “Anointed for Mission”                      (Grade 8)</p>
<p><b>Parents' Meeting</b>                      Saturday, January 25                      10:00 – 11:30 am (A-L)                      1:00 – 2:30 pm (M-Z)                      in the Parish Centre (parents only)</p>	<p><b>Sessions I – IV</b>                      Feb 1 &amp; 8, Feb 22 &amp; Mar 1                      in the Parish Centre                      9:00 am – 10:30 am or                      11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)</p>



**3rd Week – Look to the Angels**

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.  
 All: May the Lord's peace be with us all.  
 Leader: And may his love

shine in our hearts.  
 All: Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.  
*Two purple candles and the one pink candle are lit. During the week, relight whenever the family gathers together.*  
 Leader: Let us pray that our faith may be strengthened for the coming of the Lord.  
 All: Amen

**Suggested Scripture Readings:**

- Sunday: Are they not all ministering Spirits  
 Hebrews 1:5-14
- Monday: Gabriel Appears to Zechariah  
 Luke 1:5-17
- Tuesday: The Annunciation to Mary  
 Luke 1:26-33
- Wednesday: Joseph's Angelic Dream  
 Matthew 1:18-25
- Thursday: Zechariah Foresees the Dawning Light  
 Luke 1:67-79
- Friday: The Glory of the Lord Shone  
 Luke 2:8-12
- Saturday: A Multitude of the Heavenly Host  
 Luke 2:13-14



**Christmas Carols**

Join us on December 21<sup>st</sup> after the 5pm Mass at the front entrance of the church for the sixth annual Christmas Carol gathering hosted by your Social Committee of Pastoral Council. Song sheets provided. **COOKIES** and **HOT CHOCOLATE** served. **DRESS WARMLY.**



**Masses For The Week**

- Sat. Dec 14 – 5:00pm  
**+Slavko Hozjan**  
*req. by Uena & Cecil Trotter*
- Tues. Dec 17 – 8:20am  
**+Cecilia Bardoel**  
*req. by Theresa Bardoul & Family*
- Wed. Dec 18 - 7pm  
**+Michael Power**  
*req. by The Power Family*
- Thur. Dec 19 – 8:20am  
**+Daniel Fitzmorris**  
*req. by His Estate*
- Fri. Dec 20 – 8:20am  
**+Ruth Spratt**  
*req. by The McMonagle Family*
- Sat. Dec 21 - 5:00pm  
**+Mr. & Mrs. Rosetta & Raffaele La Torre**  
*req. by Mr. & Mrs. A. Morra*

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
 Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 7pm in the Church, several priests available

**St. Vincent de Paul – Can Banks**  
 The Christmas Can Banks will be collected on December 14/15. Please return the Can Banks today!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND**

*Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for donations to offset the cost of decorating at Christmas. We appreciate your support and assistance at this time of year!*

Parish Directory  
 - Free Family Photographs  
 For those parishioners who had family photographs taken earlier this year, your free 8X10 portrait is available at the parish office for pickup.

**Refuge Christmas Backpack Program**  
**Collection December 14/15**  
*A project undertaken by students of All Saints C.S.S.*  
 During the Christmas season The Refuge especially needs help meeting the basic needs of street youth. The Refuge depends on donations to provide for the current needs of our community's street youth. Please assist with this program by making a donation on Dec 14/15 in the box provided in the foyer. Students of All Saints will take the donations to The Refuge in Oshawa. Thank you for your generosity.  
**Suggested list of donation items:**  
*Backpacks are provided by the Refuge, but could still be donated -bus tickets, roll up blankets, -roll up towels, winter gloves, hats for adults, children and infants, socks, toiletries ie shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, body-wash, outer winterwear for adults, children, and infants, colouring books, pens and pencils, travel first aid kit*



**St. John the Evangelist Choir will sing Christmas Carols beginning at 10:30pm on Christmas Eve prior to the 11:00pm Mass.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Tues. Dec. 24	Vigil of Christmas 5:00 pm 8:00 pm 11:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord 9:00 am 11:00 am
Thurs. Dec. 26	Feast of St. Stephen, first Martyr 9:00 am
Fri. Dec. 27	Feast of St. John (Patron Saint) 9:00am, followed by Refreshments
Tues. Dec 31	*8:20am (*does not replace obligation) 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Octave of Christmas 5:00pm
Wed. Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 9:00 am 11:00 am



Please note the Parish Office is closed at noon Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am.

**St. John's Prayer Group**

Come and join us at St John the Evangelist Prayer Group for a Christmas movie The 4<sup>th</sup> Wise Man with Martin Sheen on **Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in room number 1 in the Parish Centre.** Hope to see you there, all are welcome.

**Special Mass and Celebration  
Feast of St. John  
the Evangelist**

Please join us on **Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> for Mass at 9am** celebrating the Feast of our Patron, St. John the Evangelist. Refreshments will follow in the parish centre.



The best presents are the ones that can't be wrapped.

**This Christmas give the gifts of  
Friendship, Understanding,  
Kindness, Love and  
Compassion.**

**Keep Christ in Christmas**



*Knights of Columbus*

**Kindness Project Candle**

The white candle dedicated to the Kindness Project is located at the statue of St. John the Evangelist, and has a special dedication plaque. Its intention is to be lit perpetually as a reminder of our initiative to kindness in our community. Please help us by lighting it with your prayers, and donation of \$5. All funds to go the renovation project. Thank you.

**Looking Ahead****Sun Dec 15**

2014 Envelopes available for pickup  
Collection for *The Refuge* – Backpack Program

SVDP Can Banks collected

Noon – 3pm SVDP, Seniors Baskets

PC1,2

7pm Evening of Reconciliation in Church

**Tue Dec 17**

9:45am Mass at St. Luke's school

Noon-9pm SVDP, Christmas sort, PC main

7:30 – 9:00pm Choir Rehearsal in Church

9:00 – 10:00pm Choir Social, PC#1

**Wed Dec 18**

9am – 5pm SVDP, Christmas sort, PC 3

1pm Prayer Group, PC#1

7:30pm Baptism Prep Class, PC#1

**Thu Dec 19**

9am – 5pm SVDP Christmas sort, PC main, 1,2,3

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

**Fri Dec 20**

9am – 5pm SVDP Christmas sort, PC all

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

6:30pm Altar Svcs' Movie & Party, PC#1

**Sat Dec 21**

2014 Envelopes available

2pm – 4:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal

& Youth Cantors (2:15) PC main

6pm Christmas Carols, Gathering outside Church after Mass

**2014 St. John Calendars  
& Offertory Envelopes**

2014 Offertory envelopes and calendars are available this weekend until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to limited space over the Christmas & New Year weekends they are only available at the parish office.

*The calendars are provided with compliments of W.C. Town Funeral Chapel.*

**VERY IMPORTANT!**

*Please provide your name and address on at least the first 2 donations you make.*

**BEGINNING IN 2014, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT YOU DISCARD THE 2013 ENVELOPES AND BEGIN USING THE NEW ENVELOPES. PLEASE DO NOT USE OLD YEAR ENVELOPES IN THE NEW YEAR.**



**BLAST AWAY  
THE JANUARY  
BLAHS!**

**Members of St  
John the**

**Evangelist**

**Council 4895**

**invite you to our**

**ITALIAN DINNER &  
DANCE**

**Saturday, January 18,  
2014**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
133 Brock St N Whitby**

**ON**

**Cocktails: 6:00pm**

**-Dinner: 7:00pm**

**Dancing to follow**

**Cash Bar**

**Tickets - \$25 per person**

**(Reserved tables  
for groups of 8 )**

**Proceeds to St. John's  
Renovation Fund!**