

FIRST EUCHARIST

“Invited to the Feast”

(Grade 2)

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, March 24, 1:00–3:30 pm
for children celebrating First Communion on
Apr 6-7-13-14
(one parent – one child)

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, April 14, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
for children celebrating First Communion on
April 20-21-28
(one parent – one child)

Our 2013

SHARELIFE GOAL \$148,000
750 DONORS

HELP US REACH OUR TARGET

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM RETURNS!

An anonymous donor has once again committed to matching donor gift opportunity for 2013 in the amount of **\$800,000!**

Any new donor, or donor who increase their donations will have their donations matched.

Here is a letter from this donor:

Dear friends of ShareLife,

I am the anonymous donor who has made a commitment to ShareLife to match all new gifts to the campaign, as well as any increased contributions received from renewing donors.

Last year, we achieved great success for the parish campaign, allowing for new dollars to be invested into the work of the agencies. Thank you for all that you did to make this possible!

With this in mind, I have increased the amount of the challenge this year to \$800,000.

I know that we can achieve this goal again this year, and ask for your support to do all that you can to maximize your contributions this year.

The more people we can get to support the Campaign, the more we can do to help those who turn to ShareLife agencies on a daily basis.

Thank you for all that you are doing to promote support for ShareLife!

Together, we can respond to the challenge and reach our goals!

All cheques should be made payable to: ShareLife - St. John the Evangelist Church

You may submit post-dated cheques for your donation, however, these cheques must be dated **no later than July 31, 2013**, as funds are forwarded directly to ShareLife on that date and the Parish Campaign is closed.

SL ShareLife

Working wonders for people with special needs...

“I was a rebel,” the now 22-year-old said, adding he often broke the cardinal rule at the Silent Voice Sign Language Summer Camp by speaking rather than signing. “Looking back, it was disrespectful.” It wasn’t until Tyler was too old to attend the day camp for deaf children that he realized what he’d learned at Silent Voice was a priceless gift. He began to understand his language skill was in high demand and that becoming an interpreter was a career he wanted to pursue. So, after graduating from high school, Tyler enrolled in the American Sign Language program at Toronto’s George Brown College. Determined to right the wrongs of his youth, he also signed up to be a counsellor at the SLSP camp. One of the most important lessons for him was that people and attitudes can change. “It made me appreciate the good intentions of people who helped me grow up,” Tyler said. “It’s a good feeling knowing someone cared about me so much. I appreciate it now. It really helped me see the best in people.” Now he’s passing it forwa rd.

ShareLife-funded agencies in our region assisted more than 22,500 people with special needs last year, affirming

their value to our society and making us all stronger as a result.

Next Sunday, March 17, 2013 is ShareLife Sunday.

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

World Day of Prayer
THANK YOU!

Merci, thank you to my awesome committee and to all who contributed to making the World Day of Prayer a success, also for your presence at the service. Your support is appreciated. God Bless!
Pat Milburn, Co-ordinator



Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 9 - 5:00pm

+Andy Batinic

req. by Kaya Batinic

Tues. Mar 12 – 8:20am

+Brian Davidson

req. by Margaret & Gavin Davidson

Wed. Mar 13 - 7pm

+Wyn Burgess

req. by Mary Burgess

Thur. Mar 14 – 8:20 am

+Louis McKenna

req. by Karen & Will Burke & Family

Fri. Mar. 15 – 7:00pm

+Catherine Skeffington

req. by Pat Milburn, Jeannette Windfeld & Roy Choquette

Sat Mar. 16 - 5:00pm

+Connie & Manuel Camacho

req. by Their Family



YEAR OF FAITH

* Fr. Robert Barron’s 10 part DVD Catechetical Series, **Catholicism**

Thursday March 14, 2013

7:30 – 9:00p.m. in the Parish Centre

Topic: The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit

****Lenten Reconciliation Service – Sunday March 17, 2013 at 7pm**

• Movie (Holy Week)
Jesus of Nazareth
Tuesday, March 27, 2013
7pm to 9pm



St Patrick's Pub Night
 133 Brock St N, Whitby
 Sat. March 16, 2013
 Doors Open 7PM,
 Music & Dancing 8PM

**Live entertainment by
 The Usual Suspects**
 Cash Bar – Late Snack
 Tickets \$20.00 per person
 For tickets & information
 Contact
 Tony Tyms 905 493-1480
 rosetyms@hotmail.com

**St. John's Prayer Group
 REMINDER**

Bring your written prayer petitions when you come to Mass and drop them in the box provided at the back of the church. It will be taken to the Prayer Meetings every Wednesday to be prayed over. The petitions will not be opened and no names are necessary. They will be destroyed after the meetings. God knows our needs but it takes a step of faith to do something about them. Prayer changes things. Bring your petitions every week. God Bless You.

**Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!
 Children and Youth Easter Choir**

Calling all young singers, age 7 and up. Come and be Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God at Easter Sunday 9 a.m. mass (March 31st 2013)

Rehearsals will be held on **3Saturdays** at the Parish Centre.

Saturday March 9th from 3:00-4:15 pm

Saturday March 23rd 3:00-4:15 pm

Saturday March 30th 3:00 to 4:30pm

**(Note longer rehearsal time)
 Cantors Rehearsals: Saturday
 March 23rd & 30th
 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

Attendance at **ALL 3** rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, so that we learn the music, build a solid team effort with our harmonies, and feel confident and ready to lead music ministry at Mass. For more information or to register please call Eileen McGowan 905 668-0959, or email at ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com

Holy Week Celebrations

Sat/Sun Mar 23/24

Palm Sunday Masses 5pm, 9am, 11am

Tues March 26
 Mass 8:20am

Wed. March 27
 Mass 7:00pm

Thurs. March 28
**Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7:30pm**

Fri. March 29
**Good Friday
 of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm
 Stations of the Cross 7:00pm**

Sat. March 30
Easter Vigil, 8:15pm

Sun March 31
**Resurrection of the Lord
 9am and 11am**



CWL Chocolate Easter Eggs

FertilityCare Toronto, formerly known as, The Marguerite Bourgeoys Family Centre,

helps couples to plan their family using Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System and to improve women's health and fertility using NaProTECHNOLOGY®.

To raise funds, the CWL are selling hand-made chocolate Easter eggs for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00 before and after the masses on March 16/17. Your support will help us promote and maintain our service in the Diocese. Solid dark or milk chocolate eggs will be available.

VISIONTV

The National Catholic Mission 2013, "The Year of Faith," will be broadcast on VISIONTV on Monday, March 25th and Tuesday March 26th at 6pm and repeated at 10pm. It will feature Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I. on the importance of trust and Fr. Anthony Gittens, C.S.Sp. on what Jesus wants us to remember.

Looking Ahead

Wed. Mar 13

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
 7:30pm Pastoral Council, PC main

Thu Mar 14

7:30pm Catholicism, PC main

**THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY
 WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Once again we are preparing to host the members of the N.E.T. Ministries Team who will be facilitating the Confirmation Retreat for our Gr. 8 students in May 2013.

NET Ministries is a Catholic evangelistic outreach program located in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The team is comprised of young adults of vibrant faith who have given at least a year of their lives, some more, to travel across Canada to share their faith with Catholic youth. Using a retreat format, the team members blend a fun, high-energy experience, with a straightforward and personal presentation of the Gospel message and how Jesus Christ has affected their lives. They use large group presentations, small group discussions, music, games, skits, prayer, personal testimonies, and the Sacraments.

We are looking for homes where these young people can stay, in groups of two women or two men, on Sun. May 12 and Mon. May 13, 2013. They will arrive Sunday afternoon and leave on Tuesday morning. We will finalize the arrangements in early May. The teams bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. As a host family you would be agreeing to provide breakfast and dinner, and possibly transportation to the Parish Centre for 8:00 a.m. on the mornings of May 13 and 14, although they normally provide their own transportation.

My family would like to host two of the N.E.T. team members.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Pets: _____

Gender Preference:

_____ female

_____ male

Please place your application to the Parish Office or place it in the Collection basket. Thank you.

Fr. Damian Ali
 Pastor

Linda Pilon
 Pastoral Assistant