



Please join us to thank Linda Pilon for 17 years of service in St. John the Evangelist Parish. Linda will retire at the end of June. We will gather to celebrate her retirement on Sunday June 15th after the 11am Mass in the Parish Centre with refreshments and cake. All are invited to attend.

Nominations for Pastoral Council

Each year you are invited to nominate a member of the parish to sit on the Pastoral Council for a two-year term. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church during May. The last day for receiving nominations is Sunday May 25th at 1:00 pm. Please place the completed forms in the Sunday collection baskets, or give it to Fr. Damian, or drop it off at the Parish Office. Each nominee is asked to submit a photograph of themselves to assist with the election process, if there is one, no later than Wed. May 28th. Nominees will be announced May 31/June 1. The election will take place on Saturday/Sunday June 7/8th if an election is required.

THE LIVING ROSARY

May is the month of MARY. St. John's Parish is hosting the Living Rosary on **Thursday, May 29th at 7:30 pm.** So please join us in the Parish Centre. All are welcome: beginners, men, women and especially children gr.2+. All prayers and pictures provided through slideshow. Participants are welcome to say the Rosary in their mother tongue or native language! Come experience the Rosary like never before! Colourful ropes, colourful lights, music, coffee/tea and cake! For further

details please call Martha at stew.hamilton@sympatico.ca or call 905-430-2444.

FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Hosted by Catholic Cemeteries and the Archdiocesan Development Office
When: Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 9am
Where: Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, 355 Taunton Road East, Whitby

Catholic Cemeteries and the Estate Planning Team will share information about:

- How to protect your loved ones with a proper Will
- How to ensure your wishes were legally protected
- Powers of Attorney
- The advantage of pre-arranging funeral, burial and cremation plans
- The cost savings of making an estate plan
- Finding lawyers and estate planning advisors
- Our Catholic traditions around wills, burial and funerals.

The program will last about one hour and will be followed by refreshments and time for questions.

An estate planning kit and DVD will be provided at no cost.

Please RSVP to Frank Jannetta, Catholic Cemeteries (416) 733-8544 x 2023 or fjannetta@ccat.on.ca

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group

Come and join us for a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** hosted by Fr. Peter Coughlin, on DVD. The seminar is a seven-week course which will begin on Wednesday May 7th and ends the week after Pentecost on Wednesday June 18th. Each session will consist of a 20 to 30 minute talk with a time for sharing in small groups. Registration is free and will begin May 7th. The seminar will be held in the Parish Centre every Wednesday from 1pm to 2:30pm with refreshments afterward. Come and learn what it means to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. It will change your life. If you require more information call Klara (905) 668-9579.

ShareLife
Working wonders for the elderly...

Carolyn retired from nursing and social work before she started with Society of Sharing. She initially became involved in friendly visiting and then moved on to coordinate their volunteers. "There are so many isolated seniors on a fixed income who can't afford to move." says Carolyn, "We can make such a positive difference in their lives with friendly visits, shopping, transportation to medical appointments and social outings." Last year ShareLife supported agencies met the needs of over 3,400 seniors with outreach service programs.

Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday – June 1, 2014

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

SHARELIFE COLLECTION 2014 *As of May 20, 2014*

2014	2013
\$80,565	\$55,932

Donors	
359	279

Cheques can be post-dated until July 31, 2014.

Online donations can be made at www.sharelife.org. Click on the ShareLife Campaign Appeal and be sure to include that your donation be credited to St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.



Masses For The Week

Sat. May 24 – 5:00pm

+John Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Tues. May 27 – 8:20am

+Les & Olga Klink

req. by Debby & Chris Klink

Wed. May 28 – 7:00pm

+Elizabeth Heiler

req. by The Wilson Family

Thur. May 29 – 8:20am

+Joseph Benedetto

req. by Jim & Rose Marie Abdee

Fri. May 30 – 8:20am

+Frank Di Felice

req. by His Wife & Family

Sat. May 31 – 5:00pm

+Sarah Hynes
req. by Jim & Sue Hynes & Family



COME JOIN THE FUN!

Family Fun Day

St. John the Evangelist
Parish

Sunday, June 22ND

12 noon to 3 pm

FREE BAR-B-Q

Games for all ages,
Face painting, jumping
castles

And much, much more!
(On the Parish Grounds)
Bring your lawn chairs

APPRECIATION NIGHT

In appreciation of your
dedication to parish
ministry at
St. John the Evangelist
Church

You are cordially invited
to attend our Annual
Appreciation Night
Wednesday, May 28,
2014
7:30pm to 9:30pm
In the Parish Centre

R.S.V.P

Please email or phone the
parish office to confirm
your attendance at
sje.whitby@sympatico.ca
or (905) 668-3676 no
later than Friday May 23,
2014. We look forward
to seeing you here.

Rev. Damian Ali, Pastor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Fr. Robert Barron's DVD series on
the Eucharist.

**Tuesdays in the St. Joseph's Room
7:30pm to 8:30pm**

Sept 9 through to Oct 7, 2014

Delve into the central mystery of our
Faith by taking a deeper look at this
most Holy Sacrament. Gain a deeper
understanding of the precious gift of
Christ's Divine Life that you can
receive at teach and every Mass.

MISSING ANY CAR KEYS?

**Car keys have been turned into the
parish office over the past few weeks.
Please call Vicki if you think they may
belong to you. (905) 668-3676**

St. Francis Xavier University offers distance
education courses for adults seeking faith
formation for personal and professional
development: Diploma in Ministry; Certificate
in Lay Ministry; Certificate in Spirituality; and
Diploma in Intellectual Disability Studies. For
information please contact Continuing &
Distance Education, StFX University, toll free
1-877-867-5562, continuinged@stfx.ca or
diplomainministry@stfx.ca website:
<http://www.sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/>

St. Andrew's Church Summer Student Position

We are accepting resumes for one summer
student position. This position runs from the
beginning of July through to the end of
August, and it entails teaching and preparing
curriculum for the summer Sunday School
program, some office duties and assisting
with the Community Outreach program.
Interested applicants should email their
resume to the church office as soon as
possible, at standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca



Gardening Angels

Do you enjoy gardening?
Would you like to help keep
the garden beds surrounding
St. John's Church beautifully
blooming all season? We are looking for
more gardeners. The time commitment is
up to you. Please call Vicki at the Rectory
to lend a hand (905) 668-3676.

Ministry Corner

*Ministry corner is the highlight of a
particular ministry where new
members are needed. Today we
highlight:*

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

This ministry is designed to help children
understand the gospel and the structure of
the mass. During Liturgy of the Word,
Children's Liturgical Ministers take children
down to the St. Joseph Room and explore
the gospel of the day. There is a small
altar set and the format of the Children's
Liturgy follows that of the regular mass.
The gospel is read in child-friendly
language and then ministers lead the
children in a discussion, so that they can
explore the lesson of the gospel and apply
it to their own lives. The children return to
the church for the celebration of the
Eucharist.

Volunteers for this ministry dedicate about
an hour a month. Children's Liturgical
Ministers work in pairs and lead a session
once every 4 – 6 weeks. To prepare for a
session, ministry volunteers simply read
the gospel in advance and plan questions
and points of discussion to lead the
children through a deeper understanding
of the gospel. The goal is to make the
gospel relevant to the lives of our young
parishioners. Liturgy of the Word with
Children runs during the school year at the
9:00 a.m. mass on Sundays. We break for
school holidays, long weekends and
special days in the church calendar so that
families can celebrate together and so that
volunteers can focus on their own children
and families on these special days. We
would welcome new volunteers to serve
the children of the parish. If you are
comfortable teaching a short lesson to a
group of children then this ministry is for
you. Being involved in the Liturgy of the
Word with Children does not require a big
commitment of time. Preparation work is
minimal and resources and training are
provided. Please contact
Phyllis.Pereira@dcdsb.ca if you would like
to be involved with the Liturgy of The Word
with Children.