# SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 - 2015

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION

"Celebrating God's Love" (Grade 2)

## **CHILDREN'S RETREAT DAY**

in the Parish Centre (children only) Saturday, November 22

10:00 am - 12:00 pm (A-L) 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (M-Z)

#### **CONFIRMATION**

"Anointed for Mission" (Grade 8)

#### RITE OF ENROLMENT

at the Church (parents & children) Saturday, November 22 at 5:00 pm or Sunday, November 23 at 9:00 am or 11 am

It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for <u>TWO</u> years prior to receiving each sacrament.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

# **PARISH MISSION**

November 17, 18, 19 7pm – 9pm



with

Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J.
Fr. Philip will concelebrate at all
Masses
on November 15, 16.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:15-6:55pm on each of the mission evenings.

Please join us in the St. Joseph Room on Tuesdays starting for two Rev. Robert Barron series:

Sessions for "The New Evangelization":

November 11th – New Expressions & New Methods (Note: 7:30 to

9:00pm

You are invited to a musical evening of

Christmas Joy
on Saturday, November 29 at 7:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Church
Featuring the Junior Choir of
St. Michael's Choir School
and St. John the Evangelist Church
Choir.

Proceeds will be in support of St. John the Evangelist Renovation Fund.

Post concert reception of Christmas treats and cider will take place in the parish centre.

Tickets: Suggested Donation
Adult \$20 Child 12 and under \$5
Tickets will be available after mass in
the foyer Nov 15/16, 22/23 or by
contacting the Parish Office (905)
668-3676. To reserve tickets or to
obtain further information please
contact the spiritual committee of the
pastoral council;

Iris McNulty

<u>irismcnultycwl@hotmail.com</u> Zach Taylor <u>zachtaylor7@hotmail.com</u>

Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com Thank you to all who took a Christmas Can Bank to support the needy in our community for Christmas. In order to make use of the collection, please return your can banks on December 6/7. A member of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting them after Mass in the foyer.

#### Friars' Student Writing Award

Students aged 14-18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2015. The theme for this coming year is "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink'". (John 4:7). Students should read the Scripture passage John 4:1-42 and answer the following question in the essay:

If Jesus was able to reach out beyond his own Jewish community, and to a woman with a questionable reputation, what does that tell Catholics about the value of Christian Unity?

First prize is an iPad Air (16gb), second prize is a Kobo Aura H2O, and third to sixth prizes is a one-year subscription to the Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 9, 2015. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax it to 416-934-3409 (please include your full name, email address, phone number, and the name of your school on the



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Can Banks front page of the essay). For further information call 1-855-441-4077.



The Book of Life
The month of
November is

traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its beginning the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls.

To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 1/2" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all our parish Masses during November. You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home for our loved ones.



# Thank you! CWL BAZAAR

The Catholic Women's League would like to

extend their heartfelt thanks to all members and parishioners for their wonderful support of our Christmas Magic Bazaar. Together we have earned \$4,600.00 to support our charities for the next two years. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the loan of their extra tables and for their help in set-up and take-down. We would also like to thank Vicki, Troy and Fr. Damian for their continued support.

## CWL EXECUTIVE MEETING Thursday November 6, 2014 7:30pm – 9pm Parish Centre

#### **Marriage Preparation Course**

Holy Family Parish
91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby
February 20, 2015 7pm to 9pm
February 21, 2015 9am – 4:30pm
February 22, 2015 9am – 6pm
Please contact Holy Family Parish
(905) 665-6470.



# The Shepherds' Trust Collection November 15,16, 2014

The mission of the The Shepherds' Trust is to help raise awareness and funds so that the elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith for many years. By supporting the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years. For more information about The Shepherds' Trust please refer to www.shepherdstrust.org

# St Vincent de Paul Society Help is at Hand for Christmas

Parishioners: If you know of a family within the Parish in need of help at Christmas time, or a Senior, or a shut-in with little or no family support that would benefit from a Christmas basket, please call and make us aware of their need of some help. Thank you!
Call Rita Hadden (905) 668-1889 or email <a href="mailto:rhadden@rogers.com">rhadden@rogers.com</a>



### Children's Nativity Play

This year children of the parish will perform a

brief nativity play before the children's mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. We are looking for performers between the ages of 4 and 9. There will be a commitment of several rehearsals. Parents whose children would like to participate can call Jeff or Julia at 905 430 3093.

### Looking Ahead

Sat/Sun/Mon Nov 8/9//10 Pastoral Visit, Bishop Nguyen Tue Nov 11 7:30pm Fr. Barron Series – Final Night Wed. Nov 12 1pm Prayer Group, PC main 6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms 7:30pm Pastoral Council. PC main Wed Nov 13 7pm RCIA, PC#1

Trust

Sat/Sun Nov 15/16
Second collection for The Shepherds'

Fr. Philip Chircop preaches at all Masses. Mission Nov 17-19

### **ALTAR SERVER'S AWARD**

Congratulations to the following altar servers from St. John's Parish who were recipients of the Bishop's Altar Server Awards for Durham Region:

Maura Brennan
James Dallimore
Adam Hamilton
Ian Hamilton
Audrey-Rose Latham
Allyson Rail
Colleen Roga
Monique Roga

The awards were distributed at St. Isaac Jogues, Pickering, on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all of the altar servers who, week after week, carry out their ministry with diligence and faithfulness, and thank you to Mr. Charles De Sousa, for coordinating this ministry and for training new altar servers.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Nov 8 – 5:00pm

+Mollie Hughes

req. by Kathie & Linda

Tues. Nov 11 – 8:20am

+Dina Rossi

req. by Maria Detta Colli & Family Wed. Nov 12 - 7:00pm

+Maurizio Misasi

reg. by Anna & Mario Misasi

Thur. Nov 13 - 8:20am

+Dina Rossi

req. by Beppie & Mary

Fri. Nov 14 - 8:20am

+John & Maria Carcich

req. by The Carcich Family

Sat. Nov 15 – 5:00pm

+Paolina Princiotta

req. by Filippo Princiotta