

<p><b>SACRAMENT PREPARATION</b>  <b>PROGRAMS</b>                  2013 - 2014</p>
<p><b>FIRST EUCHARIST</b>                  "Invited to the Feast"                  (Grade 2)</p>
<p>"Family Day"  <b>Sunday, April 13,</b>  <b>1:00 – 3:30pm</b>                  for celebrations taking place on  <b>April 26-27 and May 3-4</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 4,</b>  <b>1:00 – 3:30 p.m.</b>                  for celebrations taking place on  <b>May 24-25-31 and June 1</b></p>

**RCIA Scrutinies**

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the elect preparing for baptism in the RCIA process participate in the "scrutinies." These are rites for **self-searching** and **repentance** which are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect and to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

The scrutinies are intended to **complete** the conversion of the elect and to **deepen** their resolve to hold fast to Christ and carry out their decision to love God above all else.

In the scrutinies, the elect are instructed about the mystery of sin, and their spirit is filled with the power of Christ the Redeemer, who is LIVING WATER, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD and the RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

In Cycle A of the lectionary, from which we are reading this year at Sunday Mass, the Christian community meditates on the gospel stories of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman and with the man born blind as well as the raising of Lazarus on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.

These are pivotal gospels for the elect because they bring out the three principal themes of the Easter Vigil at which the elect will be baptized. These themes are WATER, LIGHT and NEW LIFE. Even when the universal Church calendar follows Cycles B & C, the elect in the RCIA still meditate on these Cycle A gospels in order to prepare for the scrutinies and their initiation at Easter.

**Archdiocese of Toronto  
 DAY OF CONFESSIONS  
 Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

Father Damian and a Jesuit priest will be available in the confessional throughout the day to hear Confessions at the following times:  
 9am–noon, 1pm–4pm,  
 5:30pm–6:30pm

**Knights of Columbus Council 4895** presents the 4th Annual **Ray Hayes Memorial Music Night for Natuashish**, Saturday April 12 at 7pm in the Knights Hall, 133 Brock Street. Admission \$20 per person and all proceeds go to the Knights North partnership with the Innu people of Natuashish, Labrador. Contact Mark McGowan at 905-668-0959 or [dr.mhairc@gmail.com](mailto:dr.mhairc@gmail.com)

**Easter Eggs - Sold out!**

Thank you, once again, for your generosity. The Belgium chocolate Easter eggs sold out. Fertility Care Toronto appreciates your support.

**Parish Goal \$150,000**



**Working wonders for children with special needs...**

We have always tried to expose our deaf children to both communities. As their parents, we have talked to them and tried to answer their questions when they saw someone using sign language and they had basic sign language books. Then one day our oldest son, Ethan, said he would like to learn sign language. We discovered Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer camp and enrolled him in the program. The following year Gavin joined his older brother and they both want to go again. We also put our name in for the Family Communication program because we wanted to support our children. These opportunities increased the boys awareness of the deaf community and also helped them gain respect for different ways of communication. They enjoyed both experiences as did we. We all hope to take part in the Family program again. Last year more than 600 deaf children received support through Silent Voice's Sign Language Summer Camps. **Next ShareLife Sunday – May 4, 2014**  
**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

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

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 2014.

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 Tues. May 13 and Wed. May 14, 2014. They will arrive Monday afternoon and leave on Wednesday 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 14 and 15, 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 deliver your application to the Parish Office or place it in the Collection basket. Thank you.

Fr. Damian Ali Linda Pilon  
Pastor Pastoral Assistant

### St. John's Ladies Golf League

If you would like to learn to play golf in a welcoming environment and enjoy the company of other parishioners – do we have a golf league for you! Our golf league has space available and we invite all ladies of the parish to consider joining us. We play Tuesday evenings 4pm to 6:30pm at Deer Creek Academy, an executive 9-hole course. We have lots of fun and do improve our game. If you are interested in joining us, please come to our kick-off meeting on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm in Room 1 of the Parish Centre. If you have questions, please call Lynne at (905)668-6206 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com



### Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 29 – 5:00pm

**+Carol Nemeth**

*req. by Vivian Lescisin*

Tues. Apr 1 – 8:20am

**+Andrew Vella**

*req. by Hilda Camilleri*

Wed. Apr 2 – 7:00pm

**+Oliva Flores**

*req. by The Mohamed Family*

Thur. Apr 3 – 8:20am

**+Denise McRae**

*req. by Jack & Betty McCabe*

Fri. Apr 4 – 7pm

**+Sandra June Kosinski**

*req. by Will & Karen Burke & Family*

Sat. Apr 5 – 5:00pm

**+Carol Nemeth**

*req. by Edward & Christine,  
Michael & Matthew Lescisin*

CWL Spring Fling Card Party  
St. Mary of the People Parish  
532 Stevenson Road N, Oshawa  
Progressive Euchre (optional), prizes & light lunch. Tickets \$6. Info, call Anne at (905) 728-1874

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

April 9

For Freedom Has Christ Set us Free: What freedom is, and what it is not

April 30

Sexual Morality and the Freedom to Love:  
The "Why" and the "What" of Catholic Teaching

May 7

The Sacramentality of Marriage

May 14

Growing in Holiness

### DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2014

2pm to 3pm - Confessions

3:00pm – Sunday Mass

4:00pm Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament for 1 hour

### St Bernadette Parish

Pilgrimage to National Shrine of the  
Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA

And New York City tour

Saturday, April 26 – 29, 2014

Cost per person based on double occupancy \$849.00, includes bus, 3 nights accommodation with 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners, guided city tour of New York City, all taxes, gratuities, donation to the Devine Mercy Shrine.

Call Camilla (905) 427-1806, or Laura (905) 683-6597 for details. Also see the itinerary on the bulletin board.

### Support for Recently Separated or Divorced Catholics

Catholic Family Services of Toronto is offering a 10-week group program for adult men and women coping with the many struggles involved in the process of separation and divorce. Group participants will receive support and guidance as they move through this difficult period of transition. The group will run on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm beginning April 15<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup> at our Central Office, 1155 Yonge Street (Summerhill Subway Station). For further information, please contact Ian Singer at 416-921-1163

### 2014 Stations of the Cross

April 11 - Mary's Way of the Cross

April 18 Good Friday – 7pm

Way of the Cross by the Parish Youth

### Looking Ahead

Sun Apr 6 – **NO SOCIAL SUNDAY**

2-4pm Parish Youth rehearse Stations of the Cross

Mon Apr 7

7:30pm SVDP Meeting, PC main

Wed Apr 9

**DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

9am – noon, 1pm-4pm, 5:30pm-6:30pm

1pm Prayer Group, PC main  
6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 1-8, PC all  
7pm – 8pm PHCP Student Activity, PC main

Wed Apr 9

7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC#1

7:30pm Theology of the Body, St. Jos Rm

Thu Apr 10

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Fri Apr 11

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat Apr 12

2pm Cantor's Rehearsal

3pm – 4:15pm Children's Easter Choir

Rehearsal, PC main



### RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED BIKE!

Donate your bike to AFRICYCLE and help provide quality, affordable, sustainable transportation to the people of Malawi, Africa.

Saturday April 26, 2014

St John The Evangelist  
Parish Centre Parking Lot  
9:00am- 11:00am

Make a cash donation of \$20 or more and help ship more bikes to the people of Malawi.

Unable to deliver – Call Fred Shady  
At 905 668-1081 to arrange for a Pick-up.

[www.africycle.org](http://www.africycle.org)

### Holy Week Celebrations

Sat/Sun April 12/13

Palm Sunday Masses 5pm,  
9am, 11am

Tues April 15

Mass 8:20am

Wed Apr 16

Mass 7pm



Thurs April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm



Fri. April 18

Good Friday of the Lord's  
Passion 3pm

Stations of the Cross,

Presented by Parish Youth 7pm



**Sat April 19**  
**Easter Vigil 8pm**



**Sun April 20**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**  
**9am, 11am**