

Celebration of Memory and Hope In Memory of Loved Ones We Have Lost Through Death

Our parish's annual "**Celebration of Memory and Hope**" will be held on **Wednesday April 30th, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the parish centre**, following the 7:00 p.m. mass at the church.

This annual prayer service gives members of our parish family an opportunity to come together for an hour of gentle prayer, in remembrance of loved ones that we have lost through death. The celebration is lead by Father Damian and members of our parish's Consolation Ministry team and includes the lighting of candles in memory of loved ones. If you would like additional information please contact Anne-Marie at (905) 666-3860.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special service.



CWL GENERAL MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's League will take place on Thursday, April 24 at 7:30. The agenda for the evening will focus on a discussion of the proposed resolutions for the archdiocesan convention. The first resolution deals with a request to the federal government to include mandatory labeling for all food products that have been genetically modified. The second resolution deals with urging the federal government to adopt The Alzheimer Society of Canada National Dementia Strategic Plan. One of our members will also present some ideas on how to construct an outdoor planter. All women of the parish are invited to attend to share in the discussions and their gardening expertise.



CWL CONTEST WINNERS

Our parish finalists for the CWL Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest, open to

students from grades 7 - 9 Intermediate; grades 10-12 Senior, were from All Saints Secondary Catholic School: Intermediate Essay – Tara Costello, Senior Essay – Andrew Karklins and Intermediate Poetry -- Melissa Marquez and Senior Poetry – Faith Green. Good Luck, Tara, Andrew, Melissa, and Faith at the Archdiocese level in May.

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Catholic School community is pleased to celebrate 50 Years in the Catholic Education! Join us as we share, remember, reflect, and look forward to another 50 years. Several events have already been arranged, and are in committee planning stages. If you would like to help, or learn more about the festivities, visit www.doc50th.com today! Be sure to complete the DO'C Alumni Survey available on the website to sign up for the updates and announcements.

Fr. Leo J. Austin Celebrates 25 Years of Catholic Education

On Saturday May 24, 2014, the community of Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School will celebrate 25 years in Catholic Education. All are welcome to join us! There will be a BBQ beginning at 12 noon, followed by an Open House and speeches, and culminating in a Mass at 4pm with Bishop Nguyen. Alumni can purchase tickets for our Friday night event, May 23rd at the Royal Oak Pub on Taunton Road Whitby. Tickets are only \$10, due by May 5th, and can be purchased from Susan Clancy, "The Voice of Austin", at the school (905) 666-2010 x 3411) or sue.clancy@dcdsb.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.

Our 2014

SHARELIFE GOAL \$150,000

750 DONORS

HELP US REACH OUR TARGET

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, 2014**, as funds are forwarded directly to ShareLife on that date and the Parish Campaign is closed.

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Working wonders in our
livelihoods...

"The services provided by ShareLife agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, with access to the care and services they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference."

—Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

Next ShareLife Sunday – May 4, 2014
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

St. John's Ladies Golf League

Kick-off Meeting Tuesday April 22 at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre Room
1. Ladies Golf League play Tuesday evenings 4pm to 6:30pm at Deer Creek Academy, an executive 9-hole course. Questions: Lynne at (905)668-6206 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The parish directory is finally in production mode. The proof is currently being finished by IPC. After we have done a thorough check of the proof the final directory will be produced.

Due to a number of problems that have arisen, this project has taken a lot longer than anticipated. We certainly apologize to you for this unforeseen delay. We will let you know when they can be picked up. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Ken Chapman. 905-668-7081
Linda Calder. 905-493-3034



Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday April 27, 2014

Devotions

2:00 – 2:45pm Confessions

3:00pm Mass

4:00pm Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

4:15pm – 4:45pm Sacrament of

Reconciliation

5:00pm Closing Prayers and Benediction

Catholic Family Radio invites you to a Gala Concert on the Occasion of the Canonization of John XXIII and John Paul II on May 3, 2014 at 7pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Exhibition Place in Toronto. The Honourary Patron of this event is Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. This unforgettable gala will bring together Canadian soloists, an internationally acclaimed trio of R.C. clergy from Ireland call THE PRIESTS featuring Fr. Eugene O'Hagan, Fr. Martin O'Hagan, Fr. David Delargy, A Canadian Choir and the symphony orchestra Toronto Sinfonietta, conducted by Matthew Jaskiewicz. Throughout the gala concert there will be video excerpts from various events and pilgrimages of John Paul II. Ticket reservations: www.radiorodzina.com or (416) 588-0555.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. John the Evangelist Parish Seniors,
both Men & Women (55+)

You are invited to take part in a Day of Reflection & Spiritual Renewal
Manresa Centre, Pickering, ON
Thursday May 29, 2014-04-08

10am to 3pm
Details to follow



Masses For The Week

Sat. Apr 19 – 8:00pm

NO INTENTION

Tues. Apr 22 – 8:20am

+Rejean Pageau

req. by His Wife & Family

Wed. Apr 23 – 7:00pm

+Joan Eileen Morris

req. by SVP, St. John the Evangelist Conference

Thur. Apr 24 – 8:20am

+Daniel Fitzmorris

req. by His Estate

Fri. Apr 25 – 8:20am

Intentions for Nina Podesta

req. by Charlene & Gary McTeague

Sat. Apr 26 – 5:00pm

+Mary Krokenstoel

req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family

National March for life" 2014,
Thursday May 8th in Ottawa

You are invited to join us walking along with thousands of Canadians on **Thursday, May 8** on **Parliament Hill in Ottawa** for a peaceful and faith filled event with a clear message to our politicians, that eliminating human life in the womb is not the way to resolve problems. Abortions are not a step forward in women's health but step backwards for humanity and life should be protected under any circumstances. Become an agent of change by attending the March or by your prayerful commitment for this cause. For registration or to reserve a seat on a **bus near you**, please refer to the list below. **A fee is applicable.**

Holy Family Whitby: Patricia
905 668-7292

St. Leo the Great Brooklin:
Pilar 905 626-1734

Fr. Leo Austin CHS Whitby
Paul Coates 905 666-2010 x4108

**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

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