

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.

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 Archbishop Denis O'Connor school community is pleased to celebrate 50 Years in Catholic Education!

Join us as we share **Opening Mass on Sept. 19 at 1:30pm. Challenge your old friends during our Golf Tournament and Buffet Dinner on Sept. 20 at 1:00p. Reconnect during our Pub Night at Annandale on Sept. 20 at 7:00p. Bring your families and friends to our Open House / DO'C-A-THON on October 4**

at 1:00pm. Join us to conclude our 50th celebrations at our Closing Mass at St. John the Evangelist, Whitby on October 19 at 2:00pm.

If you would like to help, or learn more about the festivities, or purchase tickets, visit www.doc50th.com today! Be sure to complete the DO'C Alumni Survey available on the website to sign-up for updates and announcements!

Day of Reflection

Hosted by Legion of Mary members of St. Bernadette's Parish and directed by Fr. Paul Nicholson, Missionary priest from London, Ontario Saturday May 10, 2014 9am to 3pm Suggested donation \$10 at the door. Theme is "Our Lady Queen of Angels" Bring your lunch, refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, call Theresa (905) 428-1024.

Please register by April 29th

NEW BEGINNINGS

Please join us on an inspirational talk on Marriage and Annulment Catholic Pastoral Centre, 4th floor 1155 Yonge Street (at Shaftesbury Avenue, underground parking available)

Tuesday May 6, 2014 at 7pm

Guest Speaker: Fr. Brian Clough (Fr. Brian Clough is Judicial Vicar with the Archdiocese of Toronto)

For inquiries, please contact Deacon James Shaughnessy, MSW., RSW., Psyn. D (416) 921-1163 x 2227 or email jshaughn@cfstoronto.com

Durham Catholic District S.B.
Durham Catholic Children's Foundation Dinner
Friday, May 9, 2014

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Jubilee Pavilion, 55 Lakeview Park Avenue, Oshawa

Tickets: \$75 per person

(Proceeds go to the Foundation)

Contact: Marie Losier at 905-576-6150, ext. 2317 or marie.losier@dcdsb.ca.

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.

ShareLife Working wonders in our community...

Of the more than 1 million foreign-born people who arrived in Canada between 2001 and 2006, more than 40% live in the Greater Toronto Area. As a result, nearly 11% of our school system consists of recently arrived residents and over half of the total student population speak a non-official language most often at home. Last year, ShareLife agencies provided settlement, advocacy and education programs for more than 40,000 immigrants and refugees in the GTA.

**Next Sunday is ShareLife Sunday
- May 4, 2014**

Looking Ahead

Tues Apr 29

9:45am Mass at St. Luke's school

Wed. Apr 30

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

7:30pm Celebration of Memory & Hope, PC main

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

Thur May 1

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Sat/Sun May 3, 4

1st Eucharist Celebrations

Feed the Hungry Containers available

Second Collection for ShareLife

**FIRST FRIDAY IS MAY 2ND
MASS IS AT 8:20AM FOLLOWED BY
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT FOR 1 HOUR,
CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION**



**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. Ticket reservations: www.radiorodzina.com or (416) 588-0555.

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. (Thursday after Mother's Day.) 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.

VENDOR FAIR

Saturday May 24, 2014, Parish Centre The Catholic Women's League, along with the Knights of Columbus, are hosting a Vendor Fair on Saturday, May 24th and are looking for our local businesses/vendors to participate. If you are interested, please contact Lynne Childerhouse at lchilderhouse@hotmail.com. The net proceeds will help support the youth of our parish to attend the Steubenville Conference in Toronto, July 4-6, 2014.

Social Sunday in May

Since there was a scheduling conflict on the first Sunday in May, there will be no Social Sunday this month. Our last Social Sunday prior to the summer season is Sunday June 1st hosted by the *Funeral Altar Servers, and St. Vincent's Kitchen Ministries.*

St. John the Evangelist Parish Seniors, Men and Women (55+), are invited to take part in a **DAY OF REFLECTION & SPIRITUAL RENEWAL** Manresa Centre, Pickering, Ontario **THURSDAY, MAY 29TH, 2014** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Registration** will be in the Church foyer May 10/11th after all Masses. There is a \$30 fee - includes lunch. For details, contact Theresa at (905) 668-0406



Masses For The Week

- Sat. Apr 26 – 5:00pm
+Mary Krokenstoel
req. by Mary Louise Labarre & Ken Reilly & Family
- Tues. Apr 29 – 8:20am
+Neil Fitzpatrick
req. by Patrick & Maire Fitzpatrick
- Wed. Apr 30 – 7:00pm
+William Godfrey
req. by Martha Hamilton, Nora Jay & Lynne Childerhouse
- Thur. May 1 – 8:20am
+Denise McRae
req. by Jack & Betty McCabe
- Fri. May 2 – 8:20am
+Anne Hendriks
req. by The Coffee Group
- Sat. May 3 – 5:00pm
+David Guimond
req. by The Guimond 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 Brooklyn:**

**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