

**SACRAMENT
PREPARATION
PROGRAMS**

2014 – 2015

FIRST EUCHARIST
“Invited to the Feast”
(Grade 2)

FAMILY DAY
(one parent / one child)
Sunday, March 29
1:00 – 3:30 pm

For children who will be celebrating
on April 19 & 26

**Working wonders for people locally
and around the world...**

ShareLife provides for everyone in our archdiocese to have access to a Catholic Family Services counselling office, regardless of their background or religious affiliation. Housebound seniors receive care from Society of Sharing volunteers. Our brothers and sisters in Christ receive assistance overseas through Development & Peace, Canadian Food for Children and the Pastoral Mission Fund. Immigrants and refugees are helped through Catholic Crosscultural Services and the Office for Refugees. ShareLife supports the education of our priests and deacons at Serra House, Redemptoris Mater and St. Augustine's seminaries. ShareLife creates a happier and safer community for us all.

Next ShareLife Sunday – April 12, 2015

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Our 2015 GOAL \$155,000

**And 750 DONORS
SHARELIFE COLLECTION 2015**

<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$43,395	\$41,998

<u>Donors</u>	
202	254

Cheques can be post-dated until July 31, 2015. Online donations can be made at www.sharelife.org. Click on the ShareLife Campaign Appeal and remember to indicate the donation credited to St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.

Euthansia

**A presentation by Bridget Campion,
Ph.D. Canadian Catholic Bioethics
Institute**

Bridget Campion is a bioethicist and researcher with the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto and former Associate Dean of Studies at Sacred Heart, Peterborough. For many years she worked as a clinical ethicist in hospitals in Toronto and continues to practise as a health care ethics consultant, researching, writing, and lecturing about issues in bioethics.

**Sponsored by Catholic Women's
League**

St. John the Evangelist

Wednesday March 25, 2015

**Mass: 7pm, presentation to follow,
in the Church**

All are welcome.

For more information, contact

Anne-Marie (905) 666-3860

or Iris (905) 668-3218

**Chocolate Easter Sales
March 21/22 after Mass**

Support Fertility Care Toronto The centre formally known as Marguerite Bourgeys Family Care Centre, is a fertility care, family planning and women's healthcare and resource facility which has been in existence for 30 years. It provides education, counselling and infertility related issues, gynaecological care and disease prevention. Please support the centre's annual fundraiser through their Easter chocolate sales.

Chocolate Covered Almonds
100gm bag \$5.00
Chocolate Easter Lollipops, \$2.00

New Beginnings Inspirational Talk

Lenten Series: Journey of Hope and Healing
Thursday, March 19 - 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd. E., Thornhill - enter from Bayview Ave.)
Speaker: Fr. Carlos Martins, CC. Topic: Relics of the Saints, Treasures of the Church.

Lenten Series: Journey of Hope and Healing
Thursday, March 26 - 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home, 211 Langstaff Rd. E., Thornhill - enter from Bayview Ave.)
Speaker: Fr. Ed Curtis. Topic: Lessons from the Camino, Life's Journey to Santiago de Compostella.

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE
CROSS**

**DRAMATIC PRESENTATION
by Parish Youth**

On Friday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. there will be a dramatic presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church featuring youth from the Parish between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age. If you are interested in taking part in this performance please come to the church on Sunday March the 8th at 2:30 p.m. for the first rehearsal. In order to take part in the final presentation you must be available for the rehearsal times listed below. If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact Jeff or Julia at 905 430 3093 or email at jeffgruich@yahoo.ca or juliadonovan03@yahoo.com.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 14– 5pm

**+Kathleen Hutchings & Dave
Johnston**

req. by Their Family

Tues. Mar 17 - 8:20am

+Joyce Titterton

req. by Martin & Beppie Doleweerd

Wed. Mar 18 - 7pm

+Lennox Attai

req. by Joan Attai

Thur. Mar 19 – 8:20am

+Frank Di Felice

req. by His Wife & Family

Fri. Mar 20– 7:00pm

+Johanna Titterton

req. by Auriole, Joe, Katie & Nick

Sat. Mar 21 - 5:00pm

+Bozo Kapular

req. by Family & Friends

The Stations of the Cross

This devotion in honour of the suffering of Jesus Christ, introduced by St. Francis of Assisi, consists of prayers and meditations on fourteen events experienced by Christ on the way to his crucifixion. It is a popular practice among the Catholic faithful, especially during the Season of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after the 7pm Mass on the Fridays of Lent.

Friday, March 20

Mary's Way of the Cross (Richard E. Furey, C.Ss.R.)

Friday, March 27

Development & Peace Presentation of Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3 (Good Friday)

The Stations of the Cross presented by Parish Youth

**Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!
Children and Youth Easter
Choir**

Calling all young singers, age 7 and up. Come and be Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God at Easter Sunday 9 a.m. mass (April 5th 2015)

Rehearsals will be held on 3 **Saturdays** at the Parish Centre.

**Saturday March 21st from
3:00-4:15 pm**

**Saturday March 28th from
3:00-4:15 pm**

**Saturday April 4th from 2:30 to 4:30
(NB longer rehearsal time)**

**Cantors Rehearsals: Saturdays from
2:00 to 3:00 pm**

***Attendance at ALL 3 rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, so that we learn the music, build a solid team effort with our harmonies, and feel confident and ready to lead music ministry at Mass. For more information or to register please call Eileen McGowan 905 668-0959, or email at ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com**

COINS FOR LIFE 2015

You and your family are invited to put aside your toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels and dimes during the next six weeks and contribute these savings to help in the struggle to end abortion in Canada, and create a Culture of Life and assist us with the **March for life on May 14th in Ottawa!**

You will be offered a small container at the back of the church this weekend. There will be an announcement made after Easter with a return date. Please remember that every coin helps. Remember that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land as we work towards the right to life of the most defenseless among us – the baby in the womb. Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, has said that **“The Coins for Life project is a most appropriate way to support the important pro-life efforts of Campaign Life Coalition.”** Please pray for all pregnant mothers and their parents!

Parish Lenten**Reconciliation Service**

– **Sun, Mar 22, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

Several priests will be available to hear confessions

Society of St Vincent de Paul
TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The Vincentians of St John's thank everyone for their continuing support. We are preparing for the Easter Food Drive which services the needy in our community throughout the summer months. We are especially in need of:

**Canned Fruit, Canned Meat & Fish,
Rice, Instant Potatoes, Peanut
Butter, Cereal, Hamburger Helper.**

We appreciate all donations.

**PLEASE CHECK ALL EXPIRY DATES
BEFORE MAKING YOUR DONATION.**

Thank you!

Musician's Retreat

**St. Isaac Jogue's Parish, Pickering
Saturday, March 21st 10am - 5:30pm**

For anyone interested in music and liturgy. It will rejuvenate and send you into the Easter season and beyond with a renewed spirit. You will be presented with different styles and genres of

music to sing and play at Mass. Come for all or part of the day.

For more details,

www.stisaacjogueschurch.com or call Anna Hughes (905) 576-9398

**Looking Ahead**

Sun. Mar 15

2:30pm – 4pm Youth

Stations of the Cross rehearsal, in church
Wed. Mar 18

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC#1

Thu Mar 19

7pm RCIA, St Jos Rm
7:30pm CWL, PC main

Sat. Mar 21

2pm – 3pm (Easter) Cantor's Rehearsal, PC main

3pm – 4:15pm (Easter) Children's rehearsal, PC main

Sun Mar 22

7pm Reconciliation Service, several priests available, in the church

**St. John the Evangelist Parish
Eucharistic Ministers Needed!**

11am Mass

We are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers for the 11am Mass. If you are interested, please contact Fred (905) 668-1081.

Dr. Scott Hahn and**Patrick Sullivan in Toronto**

On **May 2nd**, join Biblical Scholar Dr. Scott Hahn, and Catholic Lay Evangelist Patrick Sullivan, as they make plain God's plan of mercy through the Scriptures. The event's theme is "Mercy and the Kingdom". Location: Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton) To order tickets: www.serviamministries.com/event/kingdom Or 1-888-522-2070.

**Annual Manresa Weekend Retreat
for Men**

Location: Manresa Jesuit Renewal Centre Pickering, Ontario (at top of Liverpool Rd., N. of Finch)
March 20-22, 2015 – Times: Friday 7:00pm (registration) to Sunday 12:30pm
Cost: \$175.00 (includes room, meals and retreat)

Talking Honestly to God - the prophet Jeremiah's 'confessions'

Facilitator: Fr. Joseph Schnier, S.J.

Please contact: Mike Hyland

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