

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2015 – 2016

FIRST RECONCILIATION "Celebrating God's Love" (Grade 2)	FIRST EUCHARIST "Invited to the Feast" (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION – GRADE 8 "Anointed for Mission" (Confirmation registration for children in Grade 7 will take place in January 2016)
REGISTRATION in the Church (parents only) Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:00 pm (please bring a \$30 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)		REGISTRATION at the Church (parents & children) Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 pm (please bring a \$35 fee for program expenses and a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate)
PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only) Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:30 pm		PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents & children) - Monday, Oct. 5, 7:30 pm
<p>Note that registration for the sacraments this year will take place on these dates <u>only</u>. Late registrations will be deferred to the Fall of 2016. Please make sure these dates are on your calendar.</p>		
<p>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.</p>		

**Archdiocese of Toronto
Humanitarian Relief
– Project Hope**

In response to the global refugee crisis, Cardinal Thomas Collins has launched "Project Hope," a special emergency appeal. This 100-day campaign aims to raise \$3 million in order to settle 100 refugee families in the Archdiocese of Toronto as soon as possible. The effort will also require 100 volunteer committees to assist with settlement services. To make a donation to support the appeal, visit: www.archtoronto.org or call (416) 934-3411. You can also donate through our parish with a cheque made payable to NAME OF PARISH – PROJECT HOPE – REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP. We continue to pray for all those suffering, mindful of our call to welcome the stranger in our midst. Those interested in assisting with volunteer committees should contact the Office for Refugees at (647) 780-0827

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Parish Team, I'd like to extend sincere appreciation to Beppie Doleweerd for her many, many years of service ensuring that the altar purificator cloths are cleaned and ironed weekly. Beppie is retiring from this ministry. Thank you Beppie!

FAIRVIEW LODGE

Two Fairview Lodge Ministries are in need of new volunteers. Every Sunday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass ministers take Communion to Catholic Residents. This is a very rewarding ministry. (One of the members just retired after 29 years of service!) Ministers are on a rotating schedule and the commitment is about once a month. We are in need of 3 or more volunteers. The more ministers we have the less the commitment. We are also in need of more ministers to help with Mass on the second Friday of each month. There is a wonderful group of ministers involved in this ministry, but more help would be appreciated, especially to cover when ministers are on holiday. The new building is beautiful and the staff is very helpful. Please consider sharing your time in one of these ministries. If you can help, please contact Vicki in the rectory office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

R.C.I.A. is a process for adults who are NOT Catholic and are interested in becoming members of our Catholic faith community. We begin our journey in early September. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office soon (905) 668-3676.

**Volunteers Needed for
Sacrament Preparation
Programs**



We are seeking volunteers to help with preparing children for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. This would involve assisting with registration nights, retreat days, Confirmation classes, or special Masses. If the Lord inspires you to help out in any way, please contact Susan Douglas at (905) 668-3676 or sdouglas.lpa@gmail.com.

Create a Climate of Change with Development and Peace! Did you know that Pope Francis wrote a letter to the whole Church in June? The Encyclical *Laudato Si* is a call to all of us to Care for our Common Home. You are invited to join Development and Peace (www.devp.org) on **Saturday, September 19** at **St. John the Evangelist Parish, 903 Giffard St, Whitby** from **9:00am-12:00pm** to learn about the encyclical and how you can help Development and Peace put its message into action. We will focus on how climate change is having the worst impacts on the poor and **what you can do** about it. **Workshop followed by a soup lunch.** Please RSVP to: Mark

Lacy, mark.lacy@dcdsb.ca, (905) 668-1182

ADULT CHOIR

If you enjoy singing, come and join St John's choir. High school age and up are welcome. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:30 in the hall.

Contact Kevin @ 905-432-1173

Marisa & Friends

An Evening at the Cabaret
Saturday September 26, 2015 @
7:30pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street N
Tickets \$20

Call Kevin (905) 432-1173
dashney@rogers.com
or David (905) 668-7456
david@drane.ca

Life Chain Sunday

Please join us to witness for the millions of unborn lost in Canada through abortion and to silently and prayerfully intercede to the Lord to end abortion and heal our nation.

This year Life Chain Sunday is October 4, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Dundas St. E. and Thicksen Rd.. (We meet at the south-east corner at 1:45

St John the Evangelist Prayer Group

We meet Wednesdays at 1pm to 3pm in the Parish Centre. The Prayer group will resume on Wednesday September 9th at 1pm.

DVD & CD presentations on:

Sept 16 – *Heroic Holiness &*

Righteousness – by Sr Ann Shields

Sept 23 – *I'm not being Fed I* by Jeff Cavins

Sept 30 – *I'm not being Fed II* by Jeff Cavins

Oct 7 – *Our Lady of the Rosary* by Scott Hahn

More sessions to come!

Please join us at 1pm each Wednesday

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!!

Marriage Preparation Courses

St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering

The 2015 Marriage Preparation programme here at St. Isaac Jogues Parish runs for six Friday evenings from **October 27th to November 27th.**

Current course information and the registration form are available to download from our website. Call 905-831-3353

St Bernadette Parish, Ajax

To be confirmed – Winter 2016
Call (905) 683-1533

Holy Family Parish, Whitby

Weekend – Friday October 2 through to Sunday October 4, 2015
Call (905) 665-6470

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE CWL

The CWL will begin their new year of service to God and Canada on WEDNESDAY, September 16. The evening will begin with mass at 7:00. Following mass, there will be a PEACE AND JUSTICE presentation by Mark Lacey on his experiences in Palestine. He will share some slides of the area, highlight some of the groups he visited there and talk about some of the challenges that they face. The presentation will begin at 7:40 and will be about one hour in length. There will be

NO business meeting. All members of the parish are invited to attend the presentation.



"STEAKS 4 RENOS"

Friday October 2, 2015

Cocktails - 6:15 PM

Dinner - 7:00pm

Knight's of Columbus Hall
133 Brock St. N Whitby ON
Salad, Rolls & Butter, Steak,
Baked Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert,
Tea & Coffee

Cash Bar

\$20.00 per person

Proceeds to St John's Reno Fund
For Tickets or information contact
Len Ladouceur 905-668-6723
lenshar@rogers.com

Tickets will be available after mass
September 19/20, 2015



Masses For The Week

Sat. Sept 12 – 5:00pm

+Wayne Grant

req. by John Grant

Tues. Sep 15 – 8:20am

+Mary Forbes

req. by Anne & Brian Gallagher

Wed. Sep 16 - 7:00pm

+Salvatore, Rosina & Carmelo
Molica Lazzaro

req. by The D'Angelo Family

Thur. Sep 17 – 8:20am

+ Winnie & Cliff Jones

req. by Kathie & Linda

Fri. Sep 18 – 8:20am

Special Intention for Martha
Hamilton

req. by Staff at St. John's School

Sat. Sep 19 – 5:00pm

+Fred Parrott

req. by Genny Parrott & Family

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Report

Through the generosity of the caring parishioners of St. John the Evangelist, the St Vincent de Paul Society conducted the following activities for the period of April 1 to June 31, 2015

Numbers served

Family Visits – 156

of Adults – 218

of Children – 159

Grocery vouchers \$6,240

Boxes of Food – 160

Emergency assistance funds - \$170

On behalf of the needy families in our neighbourhood, we thank you and ask you for continued support.

Looking Ahead

Mon Sept 14

7:30pm SVDP Mtg, PC main

Wed Sept 16

7:30pm Baptism Prep Class, PC1

7:30pm CWL Mtg, PC main

Thur Sept 17

7pm Pastoral Council, PC main

Sat Sept 19

9am – 1pm Development & Peace
Campaign Launch

Tues Sept 22

7pm Registration for Grade 8
Confirmation in the church