

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2014 – 2015

FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)	CONFIRMATION “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
Parents' Meeting Saturday, February 21 9:30 – 10:00 am (coffee/tea) in the Parish Centre 10:00 – 11:30 am (meeting) in the Church (parents only)	Sessions I – IV Jan 10, 17, 31 & Feb 7 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held from **January 18 to 25 each year**. This eight day period, first proposed by the Franciscan, Fr. Paul Wattson, in 1908, begins with the feast of the confession of St. Peter and ends with the feast of the conversion of St. Paul. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged time for prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognize the richness and value present in the other, and to ask God for the gift of unity.

The theme for 2015 is “Give me a drink,” Jesus’ words to the Samaritan woman in John 4:7, where Jesus challenged traditional conventions of sharing with others and today challenges us to respond to the divisions within the Body of Christ. The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman invites us to try water from a different well and also to offer a little water of our own.

This year’s logo for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of four hands coming together from four different directions, a sign of unity despite sometimes opposing forces. The circle reinforces the idea of unity. The act of Christians coming together is evidence of Christ’s action in the world. Therefore, we see a cross between the hands. The different coloured hands, without gender, remind us that in Christ there is neither slave nor free, neither man nor woman, for we are all in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:28).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015 Ecumenical Prayer Service Sunday January 25, 2015

Yorkminster Park Baptist Church
1585 Yonge Street
Come and join us in an ecumenical prayer service with His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, and other city-wide Religious Leaders. Parking is available, refreshments to follow. For more info, call the Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs at (416) 934-3400 x 344 or x 527.



PANCAKE and SAUSAGE BREAKFAST Hosted by your

Pastoral Council
 Sunday, February 15, 2015
 after 9 am and 11 am Masses
 in the Parish Centre. \$5 per person
 or \$15 per Family. Includes
 pancakes,
 sausage, tea, coffee or juice
 Tickets available Feb. 7/8
 in the foyer after all Masses.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mark McGowan will present:
 “Two men named Francis:
 A Saint and a Pope
 Thursday January 29, 2015 at 7:30 –
 9:00pm
 in the church.

New Beginnings

Journey through Sorrow to Hope
 January 27, 2015 7pm – 9pm
 Holy Family Church
 91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby
 Speaker: Saly Amaral, M.T.S.

The New Beginnings Program reaches out to those who have experienced a life-altering change through the loss of a loved one or through a separation or divorce. Please note that all who are interested in the topic of loss are most welcome.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan. 17 – 5pm
+Dina Rossi
req. by Maria Detta Colli & Family
 Tues. Jan 20. – 8:20am
+Ross Bongard
req. by Dave & Mary Chown
 Wed. Jan. 21 - 7pm
+Joey Zaremba
req. by Madonna Fraser
 Thur. Jan 22 – 8:20am
In Thanksgiving
req. by Alphonsa Johnson
 Fri. Jan 23 – 8:20am
+Howard Quail
req. by Marjorie Shields
 Sat. Jan 24 - 5:00pm
+Jerry Garrard
req. by The Coffee Group

Marriage Preparation Courses

Holy Family Parish
 91 Ribblesdale Drive, Whitby
 February 20, 2015 7pm to 9pm
 February 21, 2015 9am – 4:30pm
 February 22, 2015 9am – 6pm
 Please contact Holy Family Parish
 (905) 665-6470.



ITALIAN NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015
Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock St. N. Whitby
Cocktails: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm

Dancing to follow - Cash Bar
Tickets - \$25 per person (Reserved tables for group purchases of 6 or more).

For tickets & information contact Gerry or Roberta Deschenes at (905) 430-2978 or deschenes.family@sympatico.ca



GOLF NIGHT

INDOOR TOURNEY at TEES & CUES

In Support of

St. Vincent de Paul

Lower level of the Best Western Hotel at 559 Bloor St. W., Oshawa

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015

Start Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$50 per golfer

Light Snacks will be served.

Contact Gerry or Roberta Deschenes at 905 430-2978 or

deschenes.family@sympatico.ca

Catholic Family Services of Durham - Heart to Heart Gala

Celebrating 10 years, our Heart to Heart Gala will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility. Join us for an elegant evening including a 3-course dinner with wine, dance, silent/live auction, draws. Tickets are just \$100 each. The monies raised allow us to support the members of our community, including victims of domestic violence, with counselling and programs to aid in their psychological, relational, emotional and spiritual healing.

For information and to purchase tickets, please contact Tania McClean at 905-

725-3513, ext. 121 or by email: t.mcclean@cfsdurham.com

St Vincent de Paul Society CHRISTMAS 2014

Through the generosity of the Parish Community of St John the Evangelist, the St Vincent de Paul Society provided Christmas help in the form of toys, gift certificates, clothes and food vouchers to 202 Needy Families within the Parish boundary. The SVDP particularly want to thank the students of All Saint's Catholic High School for sponsoring 25 Families, and the staff for organizing, participating and shopping with the students for gifts. The school also provided food vouchers for Christmas Dinner for all of these families. With the support from St Marguerite d'Youville, St John the Evangelist and St Luke the Evangelist schools, who were given a Special Wish List, SVDP were able to fill 95 Christmas Baskets for single adults and seniors. St John's School also had students participate in a craft day with proceeds of \$800 donated in food vouchers to help the Needy provide Christmas Dinners for their families. We would also like to thank our Parish Sponsors who had a wonderful Christmas SHARING experience, shopping with their families to provide wrapped gifts to 71 Families. SVDP also sponsored 11 families. SVDP members delivered until Christmas Eve, and nobody was turned away. Through monetary, food vouchers, and turkey donations, we were able to provide food vouchers for Christmas Dinner to all 202 Needy Families. Appreciation is expressed for all the knitted items donated for use in the seniors baskets, and to the many volunteer drivers who assisted in the pick up from the schools, all the volunteers who helped in the make up of the baskets and the three elves who gift wrapped all of the 95 Christmas baskets for seniors, and to all the SVDP members who assisted in the distribution of the Christmas toys and gift baskets to all the Needy Families. We truly applaud the Spirit of Generosity from the Parishioners of St John the Evangelist Parish

A Big THANK YOU for making all of the above possible.

Catholic Women's League

ALMOST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND WOMEN CAN'T BE WRONG! The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a unique organization that strives to attain specific goals for God and Canada. **WHO WE ARE:** We are the voice of Catholic women united in faith, promoting Christian values in the home and in the world. **WHAT WE OFFER:** We offer hospitality, friendship, sisterhood, support and affirmation that empowers women to attain their full potential. **WHAT WE DO:** We provide faith based opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership development, many ways to serve our community, to advocate for the disadvantaged, to speak out for social justice. **WHY WE DO IT:** As Catholic women, we are called to stand up and take our place, speak the truth and renew our commitment to the call to holiness through service to the people of God---to strengthen the family, to foster peace and to be the Good News to all. **BECOME PART OF THE ALMOST ONE HUNDRED WOMEN CALLED TO SERVE GOD AND CANADA.** Members will be at the back of the church next weekend to answer any questions you have about the CWL or to provide you with information about some of our activities. Consider becoming a member of a proactive movement.

Looking Ahead

Wed Jan 21

1pm Prayer Group, PC main
 6:15-7:15pm PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms

7:30pm Baptism Preparation, PC#1

Thu Jan 22

7pm RCIA, PC#1

7pm Confirmation Makeup Session, PC#3

Fri Jan 23

10am Mass at Taunton Mills