

FIRST EUCHARIST

"Invited to the Feast"

(Grade 2)

CELEBRATIONS**Sunday, May 10 at 2:00 pm****Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm****CONFIRMATION**

"Anointed for Mission"

(Grade 8)

PRACTICE**St. Marguerite – Fri. May 15,
9:15 – 10:30 am****St. John, PHCP, Other –
Thu. May 21, 9:15 – 10:30 am****St. Luke – Thu. May 21,
1:00 – 2:15 pm****CEREMONY****St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP,
Other – Sun. May 24, 2:00 pm**
St. Luke – Sun. May 31, 2:00 pm**Nepal Humanitarian Relief**

The Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting financial contributions for humanitarian relief following the catastrophic effects of a serious earthquake on April 24. The earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, and aftershocks have devastated huge areas of the country, with more than 4,000 people reported dead, many more injured and thousands of families displaced from their homes. Contributions can be made through our parishes and through the Archdiocese of Toronto online portal at www.archtoronto.org. Relief workers from the official Catholic relief agency on the ground, Caritas Internationalis, say the victims most need temporary shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies as relief operations gear up. So far, Caritas organizations around the world have pledged \$3.3 million to the relief effort as well as providing 10,000 shelter kits and 3,000 tarps.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

- Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website: www.archtoronto.org
 - By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
 - Through the parish, making cheques payable to:
St John the Evangelist – Nepal Earthquake – Humanitarian Relief
- The parish will forward the funds to the Archdiocese of Toronto*

**Masses For The Week**

Sat. May 16 – 5pm

+Sam Saturno*req. by His Wife & Family*

Tues. May 19 - 8:20am

+Robert Pollock*req. by John & Gracie Worrall*

Wed. May 20 - 7pm

+Michael Hendriks*req. by The LaBarre Family*

Thur. May 21 – 8:20am

+Stefan Hozjan*req. by His Wife & Family*

Fri. May 22 – 8:20am

+Bozo Kapular*req. by Family & Friends*

Sat. May 23 - 5:00pm

+Greg Steffler*req. by Kathie Steffler***Nominations for Pastoral Council**

Each year you are invited to nominate a member of the parish, or yourself, to sit on the Pastoral Council for a two-year term. We will have three (3) openings. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church during May. The last day for receiving nominations is Sunday May 30th at 12:30 pm. The first Pastoral Council Meeting for new members is Wednesday June 10th at 7:45pm. Please place the completed forms in the Sunday collection baskets, or give it to Fr. Damian, or drop it off at the Parish Office.

St. John the Evangelist Seniors
Retreat (55+)**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER****Day of Reflection & Spiritual
Renewal at Manresa Jesuit Centre,
Pickering,****Thursday May 28 2015****10am to 3pm**Manresa Jesuit Retreat Centre,
Pickering, ON

Both Men & Women, 55 years+

Are invited to attend

\$30 fee includes lunch.

For more details, call Theresa

(905) 668-0406

GARDENING ANGELS

We are seeking more 'angels' to help tend the gardens surrounding the parish. The gardeners usually meet weekday mornings. Please call the office (905) 668-3676

***In appreciation of your
dedication
to parish ministry at
St. John the Evangelist Church***

*You are cordially invited to
attend*

Annual Appreciation Night**Wednesday, May 27, 2015****7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.***in the Parish Centre***R.S.V.P.**

*Please email or phone the parish
office to confirm your attendance*

*at sje.whitby@sympatico.ca**or 905-668-3676****no later than Wed, May 20th****We look forward to seeing you
here.**Rev. Fr. Damian Ali, Pastor*

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League invites all women of the parish to their monthly meeting. It will take place on Thursday, May 21 at 7:30. The meeting will begin with a 30 minute presentation by two of our members, on toxins found in common products that we use. They will provide us with strategies and alternatives that we can employ to reduce their impact on us. Both ladies have an interest and background in this area. Following the presentation, there will be a period of fellowship. The meeting will end with a brief update on CWL events in our council as well as the regional/archdiocesan/provincial/national levels. Please come and join us for some learning, socializing and connecting on a wider level concerning the activities of The Catholic Women's League of Canada. You are welcome to contact us should you have any questions or should you require a drive.

**St. Gregory the Great
Healing Mass
194 Simcoe St N., Oshawa**

**Wednesday May 27th @
7:00 p.m. The Celebrant will
be Fr. Robert O'Brien**

**Wednesday June 24th @7:00
p.m. The Celebrant will be
Msgr. John Pilkauskas**

**COMING SOON!
FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday June 14th
Details to come**



**The office is closed
Monday May 18th for
Victoria Day**

PARISH HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM (PHCP)

St. John the Evangelist PHCP provides faith formation for children Grades 1-8 who attend public, private or alternative schools. Our mission is to assist parents in developing the Catholic Faith in their children. The PHCP runs alternate Wednesday evenings, **6:15 – 7:15 p.m.**, September through to May. Classes begin **Wednesday, September 9th.**

Our catechism programs are: **Alive in Christ (Gr. 1-6) and Faith Fusion (Gr. 7&8)**. Both programs are published by Our Sunday Visitor and their curricula are in conformity with the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***.

Registration for the PHCP will take place after all of the Sunday Masses on the weekend of June 6 and 7. The registration fee is **\$40 per child** which includes the cost of the required student workbook. **Please make cheques payable to St. John the Evangelist Church.**

Please Note: Parents are required to provide baptismal records only for their children who are **NEW** to the PHCP and who were **not** baptized at St. John the Evangelist Church.

CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our catechism classes are taught primarily by volunteer catechists dedicated to helping our parish children to discover and experience God's presence in their lives, through on-going religious formation in the Roman Catholic tradition. Currently we are seeking new catechists to complete our team. If you are interested in sharing your time, talents, and the gift of your faith with our children, please contact **Cathy Dykeman, PHCP**

**Coordinator @ 905-668-0724 or
edykeman.phcp@gmail.com .**

High school students looking to complete their community service hours are encouraged and welcome to join our team as well.

*"Young people are the window through
which the future enters the world."*

~Pope Francis

Looking Ahead

Mon May 18

Holiday, office closed

Wed. May 20

9:30am Mass with St. Marguerite School, in church

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC#1

7:30pm Catholic Teacher's Guild, Lecture, PC main

Thurs May 21

9:15am – 10:30am Confirmation

Rehearsal, (St. John/St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other)

1pm – 2:15pm Confirmation

Rehearsal (St. Luke's school)

Fri May 22

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

1pm Mass at St. Luke's school

Sun May 24

2pm Confirmation Ceremony – St.

John's, St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other

SL ShareLife

Working wonders for our new arrivals in Canada...

Within one year of arriving in Canada, large numbers of immigrants who had no prior mental health problems experience mental health challenges that often impede their ability to settle in Canada. In addition, there are few culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services. Last year, ShareLife agencies helped to meet this challenge by providing advocacy programs for more than 40,000 immigrants and refugees in the GTA.

**Thank you for your generosity.
Together we can work wonders!**

2015 GOAL \$155,000 And 750 DONORS	
SHARELIFE COLLECTION	
2015 – Week 11	
2015	2014
\$ 128,187	\$ 103,711
DONORS	
413	327

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.