

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

"Invited to the Feast"

(Grade 2)

**CELEBRATION****Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm****CONFIRMATION**

"Anointed for Mission"

(Grade 8)

**CEREMONY****St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP,****Other – Sun. May 24, 2:00 pm****St. Luke – Sun. May 31, 2:00 pm****SESSION V****Saturday, June 13, 10:00 – 11:30  
am in the Parish Centre****NEPAL HUMANITARIAN  
RELIEF****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*

**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 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. The first Pastoral Council Meeting for new members is Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Annual Appreciation Night****Wednesday, May 27, 2015****7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.***in the Parish Centre***Pope Francis Elevates Two  
Palestinian Nuns to Sainthood**

Last Sunday, May 17, at St. Peter's Basilica, in Rome, Pope Francis canonized four religious sisters. Among them were two 19<sup>th</sup> century Arab-speaking Catholic nuns who lived and ministered in the Holy Land. St. Mary of Jesus Crucified (formerly Sr. Mariam Baouardy) founded the Carmelite convent in Jerusalem in 1875 and St. Marie-Alphonsine Ghattas founded the Congregation of Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of Jerusalem in 1883. Pope Francis said the "example of mercy, charity and reconciliation" offered by these religious women should inspire Christians in Holy Land "to look with hope to the future, following the path of solidarity and fraternal coexistence." Many Arab Christians said that the canonization of Sister Mariam and Sister Marie-Alphonsine has brought a ray of hope to the shrinking Christian community in the Middle East. There are now two additional advocates in Heaven praying that peace will finally come to this troubled part of the world. The other two women religious canonized last Sunday were [St. Jeanne Emilie de Villeneuve](#) (French founder of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception of Castres) and [St. Maria Cristina of the Immaculate Conception](#) (Italian founder of the Oblation Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament).

**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**

**Masses For The Week**

Sat. May 23 – 5pm

**+Greg Steffler***req. by Kathie Steffler*

Tues. May 26 - 8:20am

**+Janez Donko***req. by His Wife & Family*

Wed. May 27 - 7pm

**+Bozo Kapular***req. by Family & Friends*

Thur. May 28 – 8:20am

**Special Intention & Thanksgiving***req. by Mary Yearwood*

Fri. May 29 – 8:20am

**+Olga Genik***req. by The Friday Coffee Group*

Sat. May 30 - 5:00pm

**+Alphonse Prieur***req. by The Campbell Family***COME JOIN THE FUN!****Family Fun Day**St. John the Evangelist Parish  
Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

12 noon to 3 pm

FREE BAR-B-Q

Games for all ages,  
Face painting, races,  
jumping castles

And much, much more!

(On the Parish Grounds)

Bring your lawn chairs

**Come & See Weekend  
June 12-14, 2015****St. Augustine's Seminary**

*"The Love of Christ urges us on" to radically respond to His call to follow Him whole-heartily. Jesus is inviting you to spend time with Him so that you may discover His call.*

This will be an opportunity for young men of 18 years or older to spend a weekend with time for time of prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples through the Catholic priesthood.

## 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 [cdykeman.phcp@gmail.com](mailto:cdykeman.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



## THE POOR BOX SPEAKS

"I stand alone at the back of your church ready to greet you, yet many pass me by. You look upon me as just a box of wood, but I have a heart – it is the heart of throbbing humanity. You do not know, will never know, what I accomplish for your unfortunate brethren. I am the antidote for pride; I am he who giveth with simplicity, I am humble and teach my followers to give for the love of God."

"St Paul said 'now there remain Faith, Hope and Charity, these three, and greatest of these is Charity'. I exemplify Charity, and **YOU** can practice Charity through me.

"I make possible the most powerful and the easiest prayer in the world; 'Amen I say to you when you did it to these my brethren you did it unto me'. I keep men from despair. I feed the hungry, clothe the naked. I bring a smile to the worried face, joy to the sad heart – **BUT** –

**"Without you I am helpless".**

**"I AM THE POOR BOX. PLEASE DO NOT PASS ME BY UNHEEDED."**

## Important Reminder from the Durham Catholic District School Board

If you have children who will be attending Kindergarten in September, and you have not yet registered at a school in the Durham Catholic District School Board, please visit our website at [www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca) to complete an online application.

Our school staff is in the process of establishing class lists for September 2015. By registering now, you will ensure that your child's name is on the list to receive important communication about the first day of school over the summer months. Thank you for choosing the Durham Catholic District School Board.

## ShareLife Working wonders for those who need help in our neighbourhood...

"What an ambassador for Mary Centre he was, and Gord was really tickled to be chosen for this role as co-speaker." said Dominic Conforti, retiring Director at Mary Centre. Gord, who is intellectually challenged, shared his story at the 2014 ShareLife Golf tournament about how he and his two brothers came to be part of Mary Centre. He spoke about Christina who helps them during the day involving them in activities in the community and teaching them to do things for themselves. Then there was James who is with them on the weekends and helped them grow a veggie garden every spring and summer and the pride they feel when they pick their vegetables. Last year, over 2,300 people with special needs received the compassion and care they needed to enjoy their life and be productive in their homes and communities.

**Thank You for Your Generosity Together we can work wonders!**

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

Cheques can be post-dated until July 31, 2015. Online donations can be made at [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org).

Click on the ShareLife Campaign Appeal and remember to indicate the donation credited to St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.

## Looking Ahead

### Sun May 24 PENTECOST SUNDAY

2pm Confirmation Celebration – St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other

### Wed May 27

1pm Prayer Group  
7:30 – 9:30pm Appreciation Night, PC main

### Thu May 28

9am – 3pm Seniors' Retreat, @ Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre

### Sun May 31

2pm Confirmation Celebration – St. Luke's School

### Mon Jun 1

7:30pm SVDP Meeting, PC main