

<b><u>SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS</u></b>	
2015 – 2016	
<b>FIRST RECONCILIATION</b> “Celebrating God’s Love” (Grade 2)	<b>CONFIRMATION</b> “Anointed for Mission” (Grade 8)
<b>CHILDREN’S RETREAT DAY</b> in the Parish Centre (children only) Saturday, November 28 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (A-L) 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (M-Z)	<b>Sessions I – IV</b> Oct 17, 31, Nov 7 & 14 in the Parish Centre 9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)
It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for <b>TWO</b> years prior to receiving each sacrament.	

**FRAGRANCE FREE PEWS**  
 For those parishioners who are sensitive to scents, we have designated and marked 3 pews under the choir galley (centre right rear) as a fragrance free area. Please be considerate to not use these pews if you are wearing cologne, perfume or body scents of any kind. Thank you.



**Prayer Vigil for the Climate Change Conference in Paris (COP21)**  
**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00**  
**St. John the Evangelist Church Parish Centre**

As the COP21 climate change negotiations in Paris approach, people around the world are beginning to mobilize to ask that our world leaders agree to a fair and binding agreement that will limit rising temperatures and help those most impacted by climate change in the Global South to adapt. Pope Francis told us: “humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home”, let us listen to his call and join people around the world in prayer for the success of the negotiations. For more information call: Estela 905-430-7753 or email: emr0001@hotmail.com.

**HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE  
 SUPPORTING THOSE TOUCHED BY  
 A LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS**

A panel discussion hosted by our parish’s Catholic Women’s League

**Date:** Thursday, November 19, 2015  
**Location:** St John the Evangelist church  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

The presentations will include discussion on the following topics: What is quality hospice palliative care? How does hospice palliative care relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for persons who are facing a life threatening illness? What services are available in our area in home, hospital and long term care settings?

Guest presenters include Dr. Gillian Gilchrist and Cheryl MacLeod, leaders in the introduction of hospice palliative care services in Durham Region, Jennifer Tedford, Intake and Referral Coordinator, VON Durham Hospice Services and Jill Moore, Senior Manager Palliative Care team, Central East Community Care Access Centre.

***The evening has been organized to provide background information that will be of assistance to parishioners should they have a current or future need for hospice palliative care services for themselves or a loved ones.***



**Santa Claus Parade  
 Pancake Breakfast  
 Knights of Columbus Hall  
 133 Brock St. North  
 SATURDAY Dec 5, 2015  
 8:00-10:00 AM**

***Everyone is invited to enjoy  
 PANCAKES, SAUSAGES,  
 BACON & EGGS  
 COFFEE, TEA, MILK, JUICES  
 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE  
 DOOR  
 \$5.00 each or \$15.00/family***



**Children’s Nativity Play**

This year children of the parish will perform a brief nativity play before the children’s mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. We are looking for performers between the ages of 5 and 9. There will be a commitment of several rehearsals. If interested, come to the first rehearsal in the church. Rehearsals:  
 Sun Nov 22 2pm – 3:30pm  
 Sun Nov 29 2pm – 3:30pm  
 Sat Dec 5 2pm – 3:30pm  
 Sun Dec 13 2pm- 4pm  
 Sun Dec 20 2pm – 4pm  
 Thu Dec 24 TBA  
 Parents with questions can call Jeff or Julia (905) 430-3093.

**Reconciliation Evening Service**  
**Sunday December 13, 2015 at**  
**7pm in the church.**  
**Several priests available**



**Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!**  
**St. John the Evangelist Parish Youth**  
**Christmas Choir 2015**

We are looking for young people age 12 and up to help lead the singing at our **Christmas Eve 5pm Family mass.**

WHERE? **2 Rehearsals** will be held at St John the Evangelist Parish Centre.

**Sunday DEC. 20 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm Full Choir**  
**Music Ministry at Mass December 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 to 6:30 pm**

Attendance at both rehearsals is necessary for all choir members to learn the music well, and build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together. Please Pre-register by Dec 10<sup>th</sup> to assist with music preparation

**TO REGISTER: Contact Eileen McGowan at 905 668-0959.**  
[ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com](mailto:ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com)



**Masses For The Week**

Sat. Nov 14 – 5:00pm

**+Anna Maggio**

*req. by Lucy Rinaldi*

Tues. Nov 17 – 8:20am

**+Rosina & Antonio Beltrano**

*req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo*

Wed. Nov. 18- 7:00pm

**+Ted Kapuscinski**

*req. by Barb Bristow*

Thur. Nov. 19 – 8:20am

**+Mr & Mrs Edward & Mary Murray**

*req. by Jim & Rose Marie Abdee*

Fri. Nov. 20 – 8:20am

**+Giovanni & Rita Beltrano**

*req. by Natale & Anna Ciardullo*

Sat. Nov. 21 – 5:00pm

**+Deceased Members of the Rodrigues & Luis Families**

*req. by Hyacinth & Cavin Luis*

Father Michael Busch, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral  
 Cordially invites you and your parish families to join us at  
 St. Michael's Cathedral  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
 65 Bond Street, Toronto

Tuesday December 8 or Wednesday  
 December 9  
 10am – 7pm  
 With a Prayer Service at 12 noon daily

You will have an opportunity to participate in a sneak preview of the restoration progress. Come celebrate our faith in the city and meet the Artists who will be showcasing their work.



**The Shepherds' Trust**

There will be a second collection today for The Shepherds' Trust. The mission is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Your generous gift will help our priests to maintain a modest but active and independent lifestyle in their retirement years. For priests who are ill or otherwise infirm, the Trust ensures they have access to nursing home facilities and medical care. Thank you for your support to this important work.

**Looking Ahead**

**Wed Nov 18**

9am – 2pm Confirmation Retreat, (St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other, gr 8) PC all

1pm Prayer Group – St. Joseph's Rm

7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC1

**Thu Nov 19**

9am – 2pm Confirmation Retreat, (St. Luke, gr 8), PC all

6:30pm Theology of the Body, Gr 6,7,8, St Joseph's Room

7pm VON, Durham Hospice Presentation, in Church

7:30pm RCIA, PC1

**Sun Nov 22**

2pm – 3:30pm Nativity Play Rehearsal, in church

**Invitation to St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert from Pastoral Council**

Did you know that the St. Michael's Choir School was founded in 1937, performs internationally and has had audiences with former Popes and former Canadian Prime Ministers?

You and your family are invited to attend the St. Michael's Choir School Christmas Concert at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, on Friday, November 27, 2015 at 7:00 pm in support of the church renovation fund and St. Michael's Choir School.

Tickets are available after Masses in November 2015

Suggested donation in advance is \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Children 12 & under. Suggested donation at the door is \$25 for Adults and \$15 for Children 12 & under

If you wish to serve as a volunteer, provide corporate sponsorship, or purchase tickets, please contact the Parish Office at 905-668-3676, or Iris McNulty [irismcnultyawl@hotmail.com](mailto:irismcnultyawl@hotmail.com); Roberta Deschenes [deschenes.family@sympatico.ca](mailto:deschenes.family@sympatico.ca) and Deidre Newman [dnewman@danewmanlaw.com](mailto:dnewman@danewmanlaw.com).

**Thank you to Our Children and Youth**

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council thanks the children and youth of our Parish for their outstanding service as lectors, greeters, musicians, altar servers and participants in the offertory procession at the youth mass on November 7, 2015 at 5 pm:

Altar Servers: Adrian, Austin and Julian Dychiao

Musicians: Lara and Bianca with Afton Brown under the direction of Chaplain, Eileen McGowan

Youth Lectors -

Announcements: Nathan Auger and Munachim Okpalugo

First Reading: Arianna

Veltri-Sampogna

Second Reading: Adrienne Reilly

Prayers of the Faithful: Zach

Veltri-Sampogna

Offertory Service: Andres Garcia,

Ariana and Jordan O'Neill

Thank you especially to the precious young children who formed the procession giving tins of food to St. Vincent de Paul.

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the next youth mass on December 5, 2015 at 5 pm.