

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

**FIRST
EUCCHARIST**
"Invited to the Feast"
(Grade 2)

PARENTS' MEETING in the Church (parents only)
Saturday, January 16, 2016, 10:00 – 11:30 am

CONFIRMATION
"Anointed for Mission"
(Grade 7)

REGISTRATION at the Church (parents & children)
Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm
(please bring a \$35 fee for program expenses
and a **photocopy** of your child's Baptism Certificate)

It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school participate in the Parish Home Catechism Program for TWO years prior to receiving each sacrament.

St. John the Evangelist Communication Survey

As part of a restructuring of Pastoral Council, a communications portfolio has been created to assist the Council in the goal of serving parishioners with their spiritual journey. As part of this transition, the Council is conducting a survey to understand the way our Parish communicates with the community and how our parishioners obtain information regarding our Catholic faith. This confidential survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Please visit www.sjewhitby.ca to complete the survey online. While the Council prefers digital responses for expedited data review, those parishioners that require a paper version, copies are available at the back of the Church. Please complete the survey no later than January 10, 2016. Thank you for assisting Pastoral Council with this important initiative. Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Michael Cvitkovic, Communications, Pastoral Council at mtscvitkovic@gmail.com or 647-965-3499.

TAUNTON MILLS SUNDAY COMMUNION MINISTRY

We are in need of more ministry members to take communion to Taunton Mills Long Term Care on a rotating basis after the Sunday 9am Mass. A detailed description of the ministry is available by calling the parish office. Please consider this important ministry during this Holy Year of Mercy.

FertilityCare Toronto

Are you planning to space your children and feeling unsure with the family planning system you're using? FertilityCare Toronto can help you. www.fertilitycare.ca

Is your family complete and you are wondering what comes next for family planning? FertilityCare Toronto can help you. www.fertilitycare.ca

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

St Bernadette Parish, Ajax
A seminar invitation to all Christians.
January 22 - 8pm to 10pm
January 30 - 10am to 3pm
January 31 - 2pm to 7pm
Various sessions such as:
-Who is Jesus?
-Growing in the Spirit
-Transformation
No fees. Call Fr. Keith Wallace
(905) 683-1533

St Gertrude's Parish Adult Faith Formation

Saturdays - January 9, 16, 23, 30
2:30 to 4:30pm in the office basement
Head, Heart and Hands: A Call to Discipleship
Jim Dunn, from the Archdiocesan Office of Formation for Discipleship, will lead this 4-week program. We will reflect on how our hearts can beat in communion with Christ, allowing us, as did the early disciples, to continue the work of the Master Teacher. Everyone Welcome!



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan 2 - 5:00pm
+Sam Saturno
req. by The Cannella Family
Tues. Jan 5 - 8:20am
+Ted Kapuscinski
req. by Doreen & Family
Wed. Jan 6 - 7:00pm
+Jim Murphy
req. by The Gaboury Family
Thur. Jan 7 - 8:20am
+Judy Hickey
req. by R. Guimond
Fri. Jan 8 - 8:20am
+Adelia O. Wisco
req. by Her Family
Sat. Jan 9 - 5pm
+Michael Catterall & Helen Lecours
req. by Their Family

CALLING ALL WOMEN...

Become part of a global women's Catholic lay organization which holds membership in the World Union of Catholic Organizations. Join the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Through your efforts, prayerful service and the sharing of your unique personal God-given talents you can be blessed with grace-filled moments while, becoming an agent of change. The Catholic Women's League of St. John the Evangelist will be holding their membership drive on the weekend of January 23/24. Please become a member or renew your membership to The Catholic Women's League of Canada

St. John the Evangelist Parish Refugee Sponsorship Initiative

The next Refugee Sponsorship Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Albert Room (above the Sacristy). The goal of this meeting is to complete the formation of our Parish Committee lead team. We need to have this committee in place before we can be assigned a refugee family from the Office of Refugees at the Archdiocese of Toronto. Some of the key roles to be filled by committee members and other parishioners include providing assistance to the refugee family in the following areas: budgeting, housing, employment/volunteering, government documentation, ESL, introduction to Canadian culture, and medical services.

If you are interested in being part of the Parish Refugee Sponsorship Committee, please contact the parish office if you have not already done so.

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group

Wednesdays @1pm, Parish Centre
We resume meeting on January 6th.

Jan 6 , Faithfulness by Fr. Meeks

Jan 13, 20 God's Will for You by
Rosalind Moss

Jan 27 ,Feb 3 The Potter Day of
Discovery Video

Feb 10 Ash Wed Examination of
Conscience by *Sr. Ann Shields*

Kindergarten Registration DCDSB

We welcome families to register their children turning 4 years old as of December 31, 2015 to register.

Step 1. Visit dcdsb.ca from January 11 to 15, 2016 to enrol your child through our online registration process. For registration questions, email

admissions@dcdsb.ca

Step 2. Call your local Catholic school and make an appointment to complete your registration during the week of January 18 to 22, 2016.

Do you have before and after school child care arrangements for September 2016? We offer child care services. Call (905) 576-6150 x 2172.

Durham Catholic District SB Winter/Spring Course Guide

Copies of the Durham Catholic School Board Continuing Education Winter 2015-16 Course Guides are available in the foyer for pickup.

Classes begin January 5, 2016.



Advance Notice Metal & Electronics Recycling Drive

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Save your scrap metal and electronics cast-offs for the St. John the Evangelist Council 4895 Recycling Drive to take place at the Parish Centre parking lot area. Further information will be posted in the April bulletins.

Thanks for your support.

Fred Shady,

Grand Knight – 905 668-1081



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. 6, 2016

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

Looking Ahead

Mon Jan 4

7:30pm SVDP Mtg, PC main

Tues Jan 5

7pm Refugee Sponsorship Mtg, St Albert's Rm

Wed Jan 6

PHCP, PC all, St. Jos/Alb Rms

Thu Jan 7

RCIA, PC1

Fri Jan 8

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Jan 4 SOCIAL SUNDAY, hosted by St. Vincent de Paul, St. Vincent's Kitchen, Funeral Altar Svrs.

2016 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are available for pickup in the parish office.

Friar's Student Writing Award

Open to students 14 – 18 years to write a 500 word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2016. The Theme for this coming year is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God." (1 Peter 2:9). Students should read the Scripture passage 1 Peter 2:1-10 and respond to the following statement in the essay: **Despite division in Christian unity, explain why all Catholics, Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants should still be considered a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.**

1st prize – iPad Pro (32gb)

2nd prize – Kobo Aura

3rd-6th prizes – one year subscription to Catholic Register and other prizes.

Essays will be edited and published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 8, 2016. Email your essay to editor@catholicregister.org or fax (416) 934-3409. Include your full name, email address, phone number and the name of your school on the front page of the essay.

Woman on a Mission ~ A Salt + Light Television documentary

We might be tempted to think the Catholic Church is just another boy's club. But one organization invites us to see things in different light - one where Holy Mother Church is a woman on a mission.

Follow S+L producer, Cheridan Sanders as she joins over 800 women from across Canada for the annual national convention of the Catholic Women's League. Experience for yourself, how 80,000 women are making a world of difference at home and abroad.

This must see documentary will be aired on Salt + Light TV on: Saturday January 2 and Sunday January 3rd. Check your local TV listings for show times in your area. This excellent documentary is also available for viewing on the Catholic Women's League national website at <http://www.cwl.ca/>.