

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

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

CONFIRMATION
"Anointed for Mission"
(Grade 7)

RITE OF ENROLMENT
at the Church (children & families)
Saturday, February 20 at 5:00 pm **OR**
Sunday, February 21 at 9:00 am **OR**
Sunday, February 21 at 11:00 am

Sessions I – IV
Jan 30, Feb 6, 20 & 27 in the Parish Centre
9:00 am – 10:30 am or 11:00 am – 12:30 pm (as scheduled)

SHARELIFE 2016 CAMPAIGN

Together we are continuing to work wonders...

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." Matthew 5:7 (NRSVCE) Our Lord encourages us with a timely reminder about what our actions truly should be – to show mercy to others. Does showing mercy mean to take the time delivering food for the local food bank in our neighbourhood? Do we have time to help by serving on a weekend in the soup kitchen in our city or praying for a family who is dealing with a personal crisis? Or maybe the refugee family who needs some volunteer help resettling their family to a new life here in Canada. In essence, ShareLife becomes that connective bridge between the pulpit and the street. When we are called to action in the Catholic community, we know of so many ways we can make a difference by working together in the lives of those in need. Annually, we share in helping over 114,000 individuals, thanks to the support received through our collective efforts.

SHARELIFE SUNDAY

Sunday March 13, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders

Office of Vocations,

Office of Vocations is hosting a *Come & See Weekend* at St. Augustine's Seminary from Friday February 26 at 7pm to Sunday February 28 at 1:30pm. This provides time to pray, to learn what seminary formation is about and time to interact and socialize with the Seminarians & Priests of the Seminary. The weekend offers opportunities for Communal Prayer, Mass, Adoration & Confession. For more information, call (416) 968-0997 or email vocations@archtoronto.org



St Patrick's Pub Night

Join your friends at the
Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock St N Whitby ON
For dancing to the live music of
THE USUAL SUSPECTS

**Doors Open 7pm,
Entertainment 8pm**

Tickets: \$25

Contact Tony Tyms (905) 493-1480
rosetyms@hotmail.com



**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
ON FAMILY DAY MONDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH**

From Pastoral Council

Thank you to all from the Parish for your presence and support of the Pancake Breakfast hosted by Pastoral Council on February 7, 2016.

We are grateful for the kind effort of Lisa Maltby and her team including Al Sinclair, Anna Mahura, Roberta Deschenes, Michael, Shelby and Brooke Cvitkovic, Malcolm Chartrand, Iris McNulty, Irena Stebih, Silvia Garcia, Ed Lescisin and Susan Douglas, to host this delightful, traditional event.

Thank you to Our Children and Youth

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council thanks the children and youth of our Parish for their superb service as lectors, greeters, musicians, altar servers, ushers and participants in the offertory procession at the youth mass on February 6, 2015 at 5 pm.

Thank you to the great musicians: Bianco Celestial, Nicole Humphries, Lara Valletero under the fine direction of Eileen McGowan

Thank you to the excellent youth lectors: Announcements: Andres Garcia
First Reading: Adrienne Reilly
Second Reading: Ian Hamilton
Prayers of the Faithful: Zach Veltri
Sampogna

Thank you also to the talented youth who served as ushers and the young children who formed the offertory procession and the procession giving tins of food to St. Vincent de Paul. We appreciate the support in planning this mass from Ryan Aunger, Irena Stebih, Silvia Garcia and Iris McNulty.

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group

Meet every Wednesday at 1pm
In the Parish Centre
All are welcome!

Upcoming meetings:

Feb 17, Feb 24, Mar 2

– Divine Mercy Station of the Cross
Meditation

March 9, March 16 – Six Miracles of the
Crucifixion *on video*

Attention Youth ages 10 and up

Youth are invited to participate in the
Stations of the Cross, performed by the
Parish Youth on Good Friday March 25th at
7pm.

Rehearsals are:

Sun Feb 21 @ 2pm to 4:30pm

Sun Feb 28 @ 2pm – 4:30pm

Sun Mar 6 @ 2pm – 4:30pm

Sun Mar 13 @ 2pm – 4:30pm

Sun Mar 20 @ 2pm – 4:30pm

For details please call Jeff or Julia (905)
430-3093

next youth mass on March 5, 2016 at 5 pm (arrival of youth at the church requested for 4:30 pm).

**Catholic Women's League
General Meeting
Thursday February 18**

The program will include:

- League updates
- Prayer service in recognition of Human Trafficking
- Letter writing to government officials re: palliative care services
- Refreshments and fellowship

Please come and join us at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Be apart of a national movement of women working towards creating awareness on current topics and aiming to improve healthcare for all Canadians.

Invitation to Youth Singers

Singers from Grade 7 -12 are invited to share your musical talents and join the monthly Youth Mass music ministry at Saturday 5 pm mass. Practices will be held at 3:30 in the Parish Centre

on the first Saturday of each month:
Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4.

Please contact Eileen McGowan to sign up and ensure there will be a music folder for you.

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2015 TAX RECEIPTS will be distributed this weekend after all masses . After that time, they will available for pickup in the office. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday 9am to 5pm and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9am to 8pm

FAMILY OF FAITH DONATIONS

If you have made a 2015 donation to the Family of Faith campaign, please note that your tax receipt will be sent to you directly by the Family of Faith campaign office in February. Thank you for your continued support of this important campaign!

Lenten Coins for Life

Coins for Life boxes will be handed out at the back of the church on Feb 13/14, the first Sunday in Lent. This project helps continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 12, 2016. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. God's preborn children in the womb have no voice but ours. The coin boxes will be collected March 13/14. Thank you for your support!



Masses For The Week

Sat. Feb 13 - 5:00pm
+Edward Conboy
req. by Toby Fennessey & Family

Tues. Feb 16 – 8:20am
+Margaret McKenna
req. by Josephine Hadden

Wed. Feb 17 – 7:00pm
+Ted Kapuscinski
req. by .Doreen & Family

Thur. Feb 18 – 8:20am
+Marjorie Pierre
req by Mary & Dave Chown

Fri. Feb 19 – 7:00pm
+Samantha Goodwin
req. by Gail & Leanne Stewart

Sat. Feb 20 – 5pm
+Joel Abaloyan
req. by Nicholas Vallesterio & Family

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

Friday March 4, 2016

at 2pm Christ the King Lutheran Church
1825 Manning Ave
(east of Thicksen)

Or

At 7:30pm St. John's Anglican Church,
150 Victoria St. E.
Whitby

**2016 STATIONS OF THE CROSS follow
7pm Mass on Fridays**

February 12

The Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori
(Sacred Spaces Liturgical Design Inc., Alexandria, Virginia, 2011)

February 19

The Way of the Cross: Pro-Life Meditations (Francis James McManamy, 2010, Toronto: *The Interim*)

February 26

Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross With conversations from the Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska (Opus Bono Sacerdotii, Oxford, MI)

March 4

A Family-Centered Way of the Cross (Michael A. Diebold, 1998: Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications)

March 11

Development & Peace Presentation of the Way of the Cross

March 18

Mary's Way of the Cross (The Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers of the Baltimore Province, 1984: Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third

Publications)

March 25

Good Friday – Way of the Cross by the Parish Youth

**A Big THANK YOU from St. Vincent de Paul Society
CHRISTMAS 2015**

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 165 families within the Parish boundary.

The St. Vincent de Paul particularly want to thank the students of All Saint's Catholic SS for their magnificent effort to sponsor 20 families, also 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 support from St. Marguerite d'Youville, St. John the Evangelist and St. Luke the Evangelist schools, SVDP were able to fill 75 Christmas baskets for single adults and seniors. St. John's school also organized a craft day for students and the proceeds of \$720 were given in food vouchers to help provide Christmas dinner for these 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 70 families. SVDP members delivered until Christmas Eve, no one was turned away. Through cash donations, food vouchers, and turkey donations, we were able to provide food vouchers for Christmas dinner to all 165 families in need. Appreciation is expressed for all the knitted items donated for use in the seniors' baskets, also to the many volunteer drivers who assisted in the pickup from the schools , all the parishioners who helped make up the Seniors' baskets, and to the four Christmas elves who gift wrapped all of the Christmas hampers, to all of the SVDP members who assisted in the distribution of the Christmas toys and gift hampers to the families. We truly applaud the spirit of generosity from the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Thank you for making it all possible!

Looking Ahead

Wed Feb 17

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6:15-7:15pm PHCP, PC all

7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC#1

Thu Feb 18

7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

7:30pm CWL Meeting, PC main