

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

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

CONFIRMATION
"Anointed for Mission"
(Grade 7)

FAMILY DAY
(one parent / one child)
Sunday, April 10
1:00 – 3:30 pm

For children who will be celebrating on April 17 & 24

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)

**Lenten Parish Mission at St. John
the Evangelist Parish**

**ENCOUNTERING THE LOVING
AND MERCIFUL FATHER
IN THE YEAR OF MERCY**

WITH FR. WALDEMAR PODLASZ SDS
FEBRUARY 27TH TO MARCH 2ND, 2016

FEB 27/28 FR. WALDEMAR WILL
PREACH AT ALL MASSES

**DAY 1: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29
YEAR OF MERCY – MEANING AND
PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

7pm – Praise and Worship and First
Mission Talk.

**DAY 2: TUESDAY, MARCH 1
SAINTS OF MERCY – EXAMPLES TO
FOLLOW**

8:20am – Mass with homily
(Introduction to evening talk)

7pm – Praise and Worship and
Second Mission Talk - Personal
Testimony by Peggy and Keith

**DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
SACRAMENTS OF MERCY – "FOOD FOR
THE ROAD"**

7pm – Mass and Third Mission Talk
Divine Mercy Devotion and
Veneration of Relics (closing of the
Mission)

**FR. WALDEMAR WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR CONFESSIONS ONE HOUR BEFORE
EACH MASS AND MISSION TALK FROM
MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY.**

SL ShareLife

SHARELIFE

Our 2016 GOAL

\$157,000

And 750 DONORS

*Cheques can be post-dated until July
31, 2016. 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.*

**Working wonders for those in our
community...**

"At Mary Centre, the residents of our homes have developed friendships, yet they maintain their own individuality," says Denise Tremblett, Program Manager, "Although some of their relatives may have passed on, they love to remain active with healthy recreational activities and visiting regularly with the rest of their friends and family members. We enjoy cooking and providing for them so they can remain at home here and enjoy their lives. We are extremely grateful that ShareLife donors have helped to make a difference for these very special people!" **Last year, over 1,500 people with special needs received outreach services from ShareLife-supported agencies.**

Sunday March 13, 2016 is ShareLife Sunday
Please give generously. You can work wonders!

**Evening Reconciliation
Service**

**Sunday, March 6, 2016, 7
p.m.**

Several priests will be available to
hear confessions

**Parish Day of Confessions
Tuesday March 8, 2016**

9:30am to noon
1pm to 4pm
6pm to 8pm

**St. John the Evangelist
Prayer Group**

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

Upcoming meetings:
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

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: 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.
905 668-0959
ejpmcgowan1@rogers.com

**Masses For The Week**

Sat. Feb 27 - 5:00pm
+Mario Bonello
req. by His Family

Tues. Mar 1 - 8:20am
+ Stefan Hozjan
req. by His Wife & Family

Wed. Mar 2 - 7:00pm
+Marion Fitzpatrick
req. by Dave & Mary Chown

Thur. Mar 3 - 8:20am
+Marjorie Pierre
req by Pat Catterall & Lloyd Dunn

Fri. Mar 4 - 7:00pm
+Dominic Borg
req. by Maria Borg & Family

Sat. Mar 5 - 5pm
+Alfred Bonello
req. by His Family

THANK YOU!**Durham Outlook, Operating St. Vincent Pallotti's Kitchen**

Thank you to the parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish for generously supporting the Feed the Hungry Program each month. For many of our patrons, it is the only proper meal they get in the day. Thank you again for your support and please continue to think of us in the future.

Jodi Millen, Executive Director

Looking Ahead

Sat/Sun Lenten Mission – Fr. W.Podlasz celebrates mass
Mon Feb 29
7pm Parish Mission
Tue Mar 1
7pm Parish Mission
Wed Mar 2
1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6pm – 7:30pm PHCP, PC all
7pm Parish Mission, Reception to follow
Thu Mar 3

7:30pm RCIA, St Jos Rm
7:30pm CWL Executive Mtg, PC main

Fri Mar 4
5pm Youth Lectors' practice

Sun Mar 6
7pm Evening of Reconciliation Service, in church, several priests available

Men's Conference

On March 19th join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face.

Info and tickets: www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/info@ServiamMinistries.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2016

Friday March 4, 2016

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

Or

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

2016 STATIONS OF THE CROSS follow 7pm Mass on Fridays**March 4**

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

St Patrick's Pub Night Sat, March 12th

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

March 12, 2016

Doors Open 7pm,
Entertainment 8pm

Tickets: \$25

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

EARLY 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. Thank you for your support.

Fred Shady, Grand Knight
(905) 668-1081

St. Gertrude's Parish Lenten Retreat 690 King St. E., Oshawa

"Repentance and Conversion"
Retreat master – Fr. Thomas Lim

Saturday March 5, 2016

The message of repentance has always played a central role in Jesus' teaching and ministry. Matthew, for example, writes: "From that time Jesus began to preach this message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near'" (Mt. 4:17). What does it mean to repent? Why is repentance necessary? What are the elements necessary for a true and sincere repentance? Is there such a thing as a correct spiritual path that leads to God? Fr. Thomas Lim will discuss these questions and other issues related to Jesus' call of repentance and conversion in our parish's upcoming parish Lenten retreat: "Repentance and Conversion."

Starting with 8 am Mass, breakfast followed by main talk beginning from 9 am. There will be time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction with retreat concluding around 3:30 pm. Bring your lunch.