

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

**FIRST
EUCHARIST**
"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

N.E.T. RETREAT
Thursday, March 31, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm –(St. John,
St. Marguerite, PHCP, Other)
Friday, April 1, 9:00 am – 2:15 pm (St. Luke)

For children who will be celebrating on April 17 & 24

SL ShareLife

SHARELIFE

Our 2016 GOAL

\$157,000 & 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 by providing vital
life-restoring needs...**

"Agencies are lifesaving and life-restoring to those who regularly rely on them. Families are working through crises and are healing. People with developmental challenges are supported as they experience a sense of self-worth and fulfillment in their daily activities. Seniors are living independently, yet have access to the social services and care they need. Refugees and new Canadians are guided toward a stable, productive livelihood in their newfound home. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible but, always, they make a tangible difference. Please prayerfully consider today how you can support ShareLife." — *Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

Today is ShareLife Sunday – March 13, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

Make A Joyful Noise To the Lord!

Children and Youth Easter Choir

Young singers, age 8 and up, please come and be Music Ministers, leading the people singing praise to God at Easter Sunday 9 a.m. mass
March 27, 2016

2 Rehearsals will be held at the Parish Centre.

Sunday March 20 - 12:30-2:00 pm
Saturday March 26 - 2:00-4:00 pm

Attendance at **both** rehearsals is necessary for all choir members, so that we learn the music, build a solid team effort with our harmonies, and feel confident and ready to lead music ministry at Mass. For more information or to register please call Eileen McGowan 905 668-0959, or email at eipmccgowan1@rogers.com



PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND –

Please consider joining Fr. Damian on a tour of Ireland and a pilgrimage to sacred sites **from September 25 to October 6, 2016.** There will be an **information meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m.** in the St. Joseph Room. All are welcome.

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 Mar 13 @ 2pm – 4:30pm

Sun Mar 20 @ 2pm – 4:30pm

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

Assisted Suicide – Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! CanadiansforConscience.ca

By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. Cardinal Collins encourages Catholics throughout the archdiocese to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and support the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition represents a group of like-minded partners, including 5,000 doctors across Canada, who are committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Given tight timelines for this legislation, please take action no later than April 1, 2016. Please direct any questions to Marlena Loughheed at (416) 934-3400 x 563.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Mar 12 - 5:00pm
+Mijat & Drago Krajinovic
req. by Kaya Batinic & Family

Tues. Mar 15 - 8:20am
+Marjorie Pierre
req. by The Friday Coffee Group

Wed. Mar 16 - 7:00pm
Intentions of Des & Marjorie Newman
req. by Jim Corrigan & Ann Belej-Corrigan

Thur. Mar 17 - 8:20am
+Maurice O'Connor
req. by The McGreevy Family

Fri. Mar 18 - 7:00pm
+Dominic Borg
req. by Maria Borg

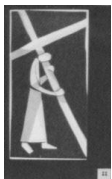
Sat. Mar 19 - 5pm
+Dave Johnston & Kathleen Hutchings
req. by Their Family

National March for Life Ottawa

Thursday May 12, 2016
 Buses departing from Whitby
 Reserved seats \$25
 For more information or to reserve:
 (905) 668-3218 or
 (905) 668-7292

SAVE THE DATE and UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The Catholic Women's League will be sponsoring a trunk sale (garage sale out of your trunk) on Saturday, May 12. It will take place in the church parking lot. There will also be a white elephant area. Trunk spaces can be rented for \$25.00 or items may be donated to the white elephant area. Further details will be provided in the Easter weekend bulletin.



2016 STATIONS OF THE CROSS follow 7pm Mass on Fridays

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



Looking Ahead

Mar 13 **SHARELIFE SUNDAY**
 Wed Mar 16
 1pm Prayer Group, PC main
 7:30pm Baptism Prep, PC1
 7:45pm Pastoral Council Mtg, PC main

Thu Mar 17
 7:30pm CWL, PC main

Fri Mar 18
 10am Taunton Mills mass

Sun Mar 20 **PALM SUNDAY**
 12:30 - 2pm Easter Choir rehearsal, PC main



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOTTLE DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO

March 19th & 20th, 2016

A Charitable Cause of the Knights for over 41 years.

Please bring your empty liquor, wine and beer bottles/cans to the Parish Centre after any Mass that weekend and they will be collected and returned for their deposit.

Cash donation for this cause will also be accepted.

For information call Zach Taylor at
 905-903-5533 or e-mail
 zachtaylor7@hotmail.com

Celebrate Your Marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: April 15-17, 2016
 (Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga)

For more information and application, please go to www.wwme.org or contact: Gerard & Marge McCauley at gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925

St. Vincent de Paul Society Non-Perishable Food Donations

Donations of Canned Fruit

are gratefully requested to supplement the pantry.

Thank you for your continued support!

Invitation from Pastoral Council to Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace 2016 "One Voice, One Heart, One World" April 16, 2016

You and your family are invited to attend the Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace 2016 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm with reception to follow in the Parish Centre, in support of our church sponsored refugee family.

To serve as a volunteer or for further information, please contact Parish Office 905-668-3676, Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com or any member of Pastoral Council.

Thank you to Our Children and Youth

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council thanks the students of All Saints Catholic Secondary School and the children and youth of our Parish for their exemplary service as lectors, greeters, musicians, altar servers, ushers and participants in the offertory procession at the youth mass on March 5, 2016 at 5 pm. We appreciate the support of Chaplain, Eileen McGowan and Principal, Mark McGowan for their kind effort and support.

Thank you to the enthusiastic musicians: Bianco Celestial, Nicole Humphries, Lara Vallesterro, Leah Auger, Gabrielle Fourchet, and Mark McKeown under the fine direction of Eileen McGowan

Thank you to the talented youth lectors:
 Announcements: Alexis Polera
 Thank you: Nathan Auger
 First Reading: Ian Hamilton
 Second Reading: Colleen Roga
 Prayers of the Faithful: Kameron Valdez

Thank you also to the youth who served as ushers and the youth and young children who formed the offertory procession and the procession giving tins of food to St. Vincent de Paul.

The continuing support of Ryan Auger, Iris McNulty and Irena Stebih is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the next youth mass on April 2, 2016 at 5 pm (arrival of youth at the church requested for 4:30 pm).