

## 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

For children who will be celebrating on April 17 & 24

**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)

### 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](mailto:dnewman@danewmanlaw.com) or any member of Pastoral Council.

**Please note that the next monthly youth Mass will be on April 9, 2016 rather than April 2, 2016.**

We look forward to the participation of all children and youth in the parish for the next youth mass on April 9, 2016 at 5 pm (arrival of youth at the church requested for 4:30 pm).

***Do you speak Syriac or Arabic Language(s)?*** The Project Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee of St. John the Evangelist Parish is in urgent need of any parishioners who can speak and understand the Syriac or Arabic languages. If so, please contact Mark McGowan at [sjerefugee@gmail.com](mailto:sjerefugee@gmail.com) or at 905-668-0959.



**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.

** 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](http://www.sharelife.org). Click on the **ShareLife Campaign Appeal** and remember to indicate the donation credited to **St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.***

### Working wonders overseas through the Pastoral Mission Fund...

"This workshop has helped me to reflect on my priestly call, a privileged service in God's Kingdom; and has reenergized me and my brother priests to be better in our service. Given our rural and remote location, serving people who live in poverty can be draining at times. This workshop and dialogue has made a renewing impact for many of us. It has given us hope and strength to renew our enthusiasm and we do hope it continues in the future. We are deeply grateful and offer our prayers of support to ShareLife who made it financially possible for us to come together."

—St. Justine de Jacobis Pastoral Office,  
Catholic Eparchy of Segenety, Eritrea.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is April 17, 2016**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

### ATTENTION ALL FANS OF VINTAGE ITEMS

The Catholic Women's League will be holding a trunk sale (community garage sale---garage sale out of your trunk) in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 14. Start saving any vintage items which you no longer require to sell at the event. Trunk spaces may be rented. Should you be unable to attend the trunk sale, there will be a white elephant area where you may donate your items and these revenues will go to support the works of our CWL council. A barbecue will be available to feed your palate. Further details will be provided in an upcoming bulletin. Contact 905-668-3218 for further details.

**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

**Assisted Suicide – Protect the vulnerable and those who care for them! [CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://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](http://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 26 - 8:00pm  
**NO INTENTION**

Tues. Mar 29 – 8:20am  
**+Salvatore Scaffidi-Saggio**  
*req. by Tina Saturno & Family*

Wed. Mar 30 – 7:00pm  
**+Dominic Borg**  
*req. by Doris & Manuel Calleja*

Thur. Mar 31 – 8:20am  
**+Maurice O'Connor**  
*req. by Brian & Anne Gallagher*

Fri. Apr. 1 – 8:20am  
**+ Janice Mendes**  
*req. by The McManus Family*

Sat. Mar 26 – 5:00pm  
**+Joan Rundle**  
*req. by Toby Fennessey*



**Easter Monday March 28, 2016**  
**No Mass, office is closed**

**Wed Mar 30**

9:45am Mass at St. Luke's school  
1pm Prayer Group, PC main  
6:15 – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all  
7:45pm Prayer for Peace Meeting, PC1

**Thur Mar 31**

9am – 2:30pm Confirmation (grade 7 St. J/ St M/PHCP/Other) NET Retreat, PC main  
7:30pm RCIA, PC#1  
7:30pm CWL, St. Joseph's Room  
**Fri Apr 1** 9am – 2:15pm Confirmation NET Retreat (Grade 7 St. Luke's)



**Sun Apr 3 Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE**  
**DIVINE MERCY**  
**AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**  
**PARISH**

**Sunday Masses**

**Saturday, April 2, 5:00 p.m.**  
*(Confession 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.)*  
**Sunday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

**Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday,**  
**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**  
**2:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)**  
**3:00 p.m. Holy Mass**  
**4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**5:00 p.m. Closing Prayers & Benediction**

**Divine Mercy Novena Prayers**

**Good Friday, March 25 – 12:00 Noon**  
**Holy Saturday, March 26 – 12:00 Noon**  
**Easter Sunday, March 27 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Monday, March 28 – On your own at home (prayers provided)**  
**Tuesday, March 29 – 8:50 a.m. (after Mass)**  
**Wednesday, March 30 – 7:30 p.m. (after Mass)**  
**Thursday, March 31 – 8:50 a.m. (after Mass)**  
**Friday, April 1 – 8:50 a.m. (after Mass)**  
**Saturday, April 2 – 12:00 Noon**

**All are welcome!**

**The Catholic Women's League** will meet for their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 31 @ 7:30 in the **St. Joseph Room**. The evening will be dedicated to the study of the life of Blessed Mother Teresa and how she demonstrated the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in her daily life. The evening will include a brief overview of

her life, a short video, reflections/quotes/words of Blessed Mother Teresa. There will be an opportunity for small group discussion and charting on how we can incorporate The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy into our own lives. Time for fellowship and refreshments will be form part of the evening. NO business meeting will occur on this evening. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



**RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED BIKE!**

Donate your bike to **AFRICYCLE** and help provide quality, affordable, sustainable transportation to the people of Malawi, Africa.

**Saturday April 23, 2016**

**St John The Evangelist Parish Centre Parking Lot**  
**9:00am- 11:00am**

Make a cash donation of \$20 or more and help ship more bikes to the people of Malawi.

For Information – Call Fred Shady  
At 905 668-1081

[www.africycle.org](http://www.africycle.org)

**ATTENTION YOUTH OF THE PARISH**  
**Steubenville is coming to UOIT, July 22-24.** It is a dynamic gathering of youth for teens currently in grades 8-12 which will be held at the UOIT campus. This year celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gathering. It is a powerful gathering of 2000 teenagers who come together to praise Christ and to grow closer in relationship with him through a weekend of faith, music, sharing, speakers and activities. This year, Joe Zambon will be the guest musician. Registration spaces are almost full. Further information will be provided in an upcoming bulletin. For more information, check out [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com). Please give some thought to attending this life-changing event.

**We invite you to please use the Flower Envelopes provided at the back counter to assist with costs to enhance our Altar at and throughout the Easter Season.**