

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS

2016

<p>FIRST EUCHARIST "Invited to the Feast" (Grade 2)</p>	<p>CONFIRMATION "Anointed for Mission" (Grade 7)</p>
<p><u>FAMILY DAY</u> (one parent / one child) Sunday, April 10 1:00 – 3:30 pm For children who will be celebrating on April 17 & 24</p>	<p><u>N.E.T. RETREAT</u> Friday, April 1, 9:00 am – 2:15 pm (St. Luke)</p>



SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

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 3rd

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

EASTER DECORATING A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Locatelli family for their generous donation of the 10 beautiful hydrangeas to help adorn the sanctuary. Thank you to our parishioners who donated to help off set the cost for all the beautiful Easter flowers.

I wish to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the following for the generous gift of your time and help during the busy Easter season and throughout this liturgical year: Irena and Boris Stebih, Pat Milburn, Pat Garrard, Gail McMonagle, Aggie Sandrelli, Therese Howard, Christine

Guzman and all the numerous ladies and gentlemen who have pitched in to lend their helping hands when they saw the need. Thank you to Father Damian for your trust, input and guidance. The Liturgical Decorating committee at times have long and awkward hours; changing the colour of altar cloths and banners, the organization of the flowers and decorating the sanctuary and church according to the liturgical calendar. The end results are so rewarding, I invite anyone who may be interested in joining the team to let myself or Father Damian know. All are Welcome! A heartfelt THANK YOU, Margaret Lance



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 in our community...

Terry obtained his Master's Degree in music and philosophy earlier in life and was successful in careers in spirituality with the Carmelites as well as in the hospitality industry. While working, he became addicted to alcohol. Recognizing the seriousness of his problem and in order to return to work successfully, Terry would need to be involved in a long term recovery program. He chose the spiritually enriched

program St Michael's Homes offered and as a result, Terry became focused and deeply connected with the staff at St Michael's and was able to continue on the right path. He looks forward to the day soon when he can confidently leave and be successful once again in the hospitality industry, and an inspiration to those around him. **ShareLife funded agencies like St. Michael's Homes helps many men suffering from substance abuse get their lives back on track through life-changing counselling and extensive support.**

Next ShareLife Sunday is

April 17, 2016

Please give generously. You can work wonders!



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.**

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services - Archdiocese of Toronto
Please remove all wreaths and other articles to which you wish to keep by Monday, April 4th, 2016. Articles and wreaths left at the grave after Monday, April 4th, 2016 will be removed and disposed of by Resurrection Catholic Cemetery.



WANTED - LADIES ONLY - St. John's Ladies Golf League

If you would like to learn to play golf in a welcoming environment and enjoy the company of other parishioners – have we a golf league for you! Our golf league has space available and we invite all ladies of the parish to consider joining us. We play Tuesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Deer Creek Academy, an executive 9-hole course. We have lots of fun and we do improve our game. If you are interested in joining us, please come to our meeting on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the main room of the Parish Centre for our kick-off meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne Childerhouse at 905-431-6582 or lchilderhouse@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH

Steubenville is coming to the UOIT campus, July 22-24. Join thousands of teenagers from the GTA in praising Christ and growing in relationship with him. Experience personal testimonies given by youth, spiritual music by top artists, motivating speakers and interactions with other young people of faith. St. John the Evangelist parish council invites you to be a part of this dynamic; spiritual experience. Registration spaces are limited. For further information contact Iris at 905-668-3218 or Susan at 905-668-3676.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Apr 2 - 5:00pm

+Joan Rundle

req. by Toby Fennessey

**Mass of the Annunciation of the Lord
Mon Apr 4 – 8:20am**

Tues. Apr.5 – 8:20am

+Maurice O'Connor

req. by Frank & Pat Kapuscinski

Wed. Apr 6 – 7:00pm

+Betty Ryan

req. by Bridget Rooney

Thur. Apr. 7 – 8:20am

+Maurizio Misasi

req. by Anna & Mario Misasi

Fri. Apr. 8 – 8:20am

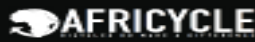
+ Lorrie Riel

req. by Pat Milburn & Family

Sat. Apr 9 – 5:00pm

+Oscar Roga

req. by Denise Roga & Family



RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED

BIKE!

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

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Saturday April 23, 2016

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

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**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

JUBILEE YEAR HOLY DOORS PILGRIMAGE

Pope Francis has declared this year as the Jubilee Year of Mercy. During this year there is an opportunity to receive a special indulgence by fulfilling certain criteria. It includes visiting a site with a Holy Door. This Holy Door is a special door in a cathedral, basilica or a parish of particular significance that becomes a pilgrimage site during a jubilee year. Walking through this doorway during the jubilee year is one of the conditions for receiving an indulgence. The most prominent one is in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. Dioceses throughout the world have designated their own Holy Doors. The GTA has five designated sites hosting a jubilee holy door. Parish Council is providing opportunities to visit some of these churches. Busing is being arranged. Please mark your calendars so you can join in this pilgrimage.

**ST. PAUL'S BASILICA,
SUNDAY, MAY 29 @ 1:00pm**

**MARTYR'S SHRINE,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 8:30am**

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE Thursday May 12, 2016

Please join thousands of Canadians on May 12 on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to show support for protecting life in the womb. Participate with thousands of Canadians for a peaceful and faith-filled event in order to send a clear message to politicians that human life in the womb must be protected. Last year, approximately 23,000 people attended the rally. Among those in attendance were thousands of young people, families, community leaders and a variety of faith groups. While at the rally, you will have the opportunity to:

- hear inspiring addresses by MP's, senators, religious and pro-life leaders
- walk in solidarity with thousands of other Canadians to promote the pro-life message
- listen to personal testimonies of abortion choice in individual's lives
- pray, walk and share fellowship
- experience the exuberance of youth in celebrating life

Ticket sales for the bus will be on sale after all masses on April 9/10th. The buses will leave Holy Family at 6:45 a.m. and return around 8:30 p.m. The cost for the return trip is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. You may also purchase a candle to be lit at The Human Rights Memorial for a cost of \$5.00.

Become an agent of change by turning hearts, minds and souls towards the Culture of Life by attending the rally. If you are unable to attend the rally, you may support it by praying for its success or by sponsoring a youth to attend it.

Looking Ahead

Mon Apr 4

7:30pm SVDP Meeting, PC main

Wed Apr 6

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

6:15pm – 7:15pm PHCP, PC all

7:30pm Ladies' Golf Mtg, PC main

Thu Apr 7

RCIA, PC1

Fri Apr 8

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

5pm Youth Lectors' Practice, in church

Sat Apr 9

5pm Youth Mass