

FIRST EUCHARIST “Invited to the Feast” (Grade 2)	
<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	<u>CELEBRATIONS</u> Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 pm Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 pm

ATTENTION GARAGE SALE FANS
Spring is on the way! The CWL will be holding a **multi-family yard sale** in the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 14**. Start cleaning out those closets, drawers, garages and set aside any gently used items which you no longer require. You can sell these items at the **multi-family garage sale** by renting a parking space for a nominal fee. There will also be a **white elephant area** to which you can donate the gently used items. Members of the CWL will attempt to sell them in which case the revenues will be kept by the council. Further details will be available next weekend. **Any monies raised will go towards supporting the ongoing projects undertaken by the council.**



STEBENVILLE IS COMING!

Stebenville 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 youth currently in grades 8-12 to be a part of this dynamic; spiritual experience. Registration spaces are limited. Postcards with the date and location are located at the back of the church. Further information and registration forms will be available next weekend. Contact Susan @905-668-3676 or Iris at 905-668-3218 if additional information is required.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
 Bus tickets for the National March for Life, which will take place on May 12 in Ottawa, will be on sale after all masses today. The cost per ticket is \$25.00/ adult and \$15.00/ student. You may also purchase a candle @ \$5.00 to be lit and placed at the Human Rights Memorial. Buses will leave Holy Family at 6:45 a.m. and return around 8:30 p.m. For further details call Iris @668-3218 or Bridget @ 666-0259.

Be a personal witness towards a Culture of Life by your presence at the rally.
Invitation from Pastoral Council to Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace 2016
“One Voice, One Heart, One World” April 16, 2016

Heroic Catholicism

You are invited on **May 28th** to join **Tim Staples** and **Tanya Granic Allen** at the Canada Christian College in Toronto in what is going to be another amazing day filled with prayer, faith and fellowship. In a world where it is increasingly more difficult to practice our faith, the world and the Church requires people to practice heroic Catholicism.

All info and to purchase tickets:
www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/heroic/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

NOTE THE DATE!
Social Sunday
Sunday April 24, 2016
After 9am & 11am masses
Hosted by CWL

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 refugees.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office 905-668-3676, Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com or any member of Pastoral Council.

St. John's Prayer Group Meet Wednesdays at 1pm in the Parish Centre

Date Topic
 Apr 6, 13 *Who Do You Say I Am?*
 Bishop Robert Barron on CD

Apr 20, 27 *Healing the Whole Person*
 Fr. Richard McAlear on video

May 4, 11 *God's Will For The Soul*
 Rosalind Moss on CD

Theology of the Body

Based on the teaching of St. John Paul II held at Emmanuel Reformed Church Hall 401 Rossland Road W., Saturdays Apr 23 - May 28 (excluding May 21) 10am to 4pm. Cost \$35 pp, \$50/couple/families. Children under 18 are free.

Presented by Sr. Helena Burns fsp, a member of Daughters of St. Paul who holds a degree in Theology and Philosophy. This course answers concerns on the human person, sexuality and marriage. Register by email srhelenaburns@gmail.com or call (416) 781-9131 x 226 or email durhamconcernedparents@gmail.com (905) 666-2386.



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 neighbourhoods...

"I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the community of Peel to be a part of the healing journey with Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin (CFSPD). It's a great organization that demonstrates care, support and compassion toward our well-being and healing processes. Since I began with this agency, it has been a transformational experience. I have gained so much knowledge and insight about myself and others and have made great friends and enjoy meeting new people. I would like to thank ShareLife and CFSPD for allowing me this opportunity to be part of their family and am very grateful for all the services they provided for me and the community at large."

—Debbie, a client of the CFSPD sistering program.

Over 39,000 individuals received help in getting their lives back on track through ShareLife-supported family services programs.

Next Sunday, April 17, 2016 is

ShareLife Sunday

Please give generously. You can work wonders!

ShareLife Total To Date

	2016	2015
	\$47,607	\$53,437
Donors	219	239



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.

Save the Date!

St. John the Evangelist Parishioners (55+)

Both Men and Women, are invited to attend A Day of Reflection & Spiritual Renewal at Manresa Centre, Pickering, Ontario

**Thursday May 26th 2016
10am to 3pm**

More details to follow



Masses For The Week

Sat. Apr 9 - 5:00pm

+Oscar Roga

req. by Denise Roga & Family

Tues. Apr. 12 – 8:20am

+Gerry van Hezewyk

req. by St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. John the Evangelist Conference

Wed. Apr 13 – 7:00pm

+Tereso Abaloyan

req. by Nicholas Vallesterio & Family

Thur. Apr. 14 – 8:20am

+Dominic Borg

req. by Doris & Manuel Calleja

Fri. Apr. 15 – 8:20am

+Nelly Patino de Dall'Orso

req. by Pedro & Amelia Lauer

Sat. Apr 16 – 5:00pm

+Domenico Pontarelli

req. by Edward & Christine, Michael & Matthew Lescisin



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

Looking Ahead

Sun Apr 10

1pm – 3pm First Eucharist Family Day for Celebrations April 17 & 24

Tues Apr 12

7pm Ireland Pilgrimage Meeting, St. Joseph's Room

Wed Apr 13

9:15am Mass with St. John's School
1pm Prayer Group, PC main
7:45pm Pastoral Council, PC main

Thu Apr 14

7:30pm RCIA, PC1

Sat Apr 16

2pm Prayer for Peace Ecumenical and Interfaith Service, in the church

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**