

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

"Invited to the Feast"

(Grade 2)

**FAMILY DAY**

(one parent / one child)

Sunday, May 1

1:00 – 3:30 pm

For children who will be celebrating on May 8 and June 5

**CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday, April 24 at 2:00 pm

Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 pm

Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 pm

Dear Friends,

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer for Peace One Voice, One Heart, One World" took place on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm at our church with a reception which followed in our Parish Centre. Spiritual leaders/representatives from the Anglican, Bahá'í, Buddhism, Christian Science, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Unitarian Universalism, and United Church of Canada faiths presented reflections on peace from their sacred texts. Highlights included an aboriginal smudging ceremony by a First Nations Representative, reverential songs, a lighting ceremony, a voluntary collection in support of refugees, and the creation of a Wreath of Peace at the ceremony to be shared with each participating faith community in the intervening year until the Prayer for Peace, 2017 to be hosted by the Hindu temple in Ajax.

Special thanks to all Spiritual leaders/representatives and their communities:

Sandra Campbell, The Rev'd. Claire Wade, Helga Turi, Colleen Coman, Brenda Lengauer, Pandit Rabindranauth Tiwari and his son, Arjuna Tiwari, Javed Akbar, Howard Steinberg, Pastor Brian Birnie, Rev. Jonathan Tait, Rev. Lori Kyle, and Rev. Nettie Hoffman.

Also special thanks to:

Rev. Damian MacPherson, Director, Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs, Archdiocese of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, Whitby Councillor, Chris Leahy, Kevin Dashney, Tak Kwan and our Choir.

All Contributors, Prayer for Peace Planning, Service and Reception including:

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Staff and Congregation, St. John the Evangelist Church including Deacon Anthony Stone, Vicki Morgan, Troy Sabaut

The Pastoral Council gives a very special thank you to Father Damian Ali for his open spirit and hard work.

Respectfully,

Deidre Newman, Chair of Pastoral Council on behalf of Pastoral Council:  
Susan Douglas, Anna Mahura, Michael Cvitkovic, Roberta Deschenes, Silvia Garcia, Jeff Grujcich, David Hickey, Ed Lescisin, Lisa Maltby, Iris McNulty, Phyllis Pereira, Fred Shady and Irena Stebih

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS  
DURHAM WIDE**

Join us in prayer for Vocations  
in front of the Blessed Sacrament  
**FRIDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6PM TO MIDNIGHT**  
In the Church

**SPECIAL DATE!**

Sunday April 24, 2016

**SOCIAL SUNDAY**

Please join us for refreshments after the  
9am or 11am Masses in the Parish  
Centre  
Hosted by CWL

**STUBENVILLE REGISTRATION**

Youth currently in grades 8-12 are invited to consider attending the Steubenville Youth Conference being held July 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available on the salmon coloured sheets at the back of the church.



*The Knights of  
Columbus,  
Council 4895*



*The 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RAY  
HAYES MEMORIAL MUSIC NIGHT  
FOR NATUASHISH*

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**133 Brock St. N. Whitby**

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**

*Doors Open 7:00pm, Performances  
Begin at 7:30pm Snacks - Cash Bar -*

*Tickets - \$20.00 per person*

*Tickets available at Social Sunday  
April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Centre or*

*Contact Mark McGowan*

*905 668-0959 or e-mail*

*dr.mhairc@gmail.com*

**Proceeds to Knights North**

*A multi-year project supporting  
Catholic Missions in Canada and the  
youth of the Innu of Natuashish,  
Labrador*

**HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY  
NEEDS MORE MEMBERS**

Our Home Communion Ministry is looking for new teams of people to assist taking Holy Communion to those not able to come to Mass. Our teams work on a Sunday 5/6 week schedule, after the 9am Mass. Please contact Clark at (905) 434-8121.

**Congratulations to those  
students making their First Holy  
Eucharist in April & May 2016**

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Members of the CWL will be selling bus tickets to the National March for Life at the back of the church. The date for the rally is May 12. Buses will leave from Holy Family at 6:45 a.m. and return about 9:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25.00/adults and \$15.00/students. Candles to be placed around the Human Rights Memorial may be purchased for \$5.00. Now, more than ever before, it is important to show your support of the value we place on all human life. Please consider being a voice to our legislators through your support of the rally. Youth: we truly welcome your presence at the rally!

*In appreciation of your dedication to parish ministry at St. John the Evangelist Church You are cordially invited to attend Annual Appreciation Night Thursday June 2, 2016 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Centre R.S.V.P.*

*Please email or phone the parish office to confirm your attendance at sje.whitby@sympatico.ca or 905-668-3676 no later than Thurs May 26<sup>th</sup> We look forward to seeing you here. Rev. Fr. Damian Ali, Pastor*



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 for our new arrivals in Canada...**

"As an Iraqi Christian, the Office for Refugees (ORAT) has provided me with the opportunity to meet other people who have experienced the same thing that I have. We are able to help support each other in this new journey to Canada and without ORAT, I do not know where I would be today. It is possible I would still be in Jordan, afraid for

my life, unable to practice my religion, and under threat of deportation. The work that ORAT did truly gave me hope and a chance at life free from persecution and fear. ORAT has also invited me to volunteer with them, and I am even able to sponsor a new person or family to come to Canada with their help." — Sara, a Christian refugee from Iraq. Since 2009, ShareLife-supported ORAT has sponsored over 2,500 families to be resettled in the GTA.

**Seniors' Retreat  
A Day of Reflection  
& Spiritual Renewal  
at Manresa Centre, Pickering, Ontario  
Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 2016  
10am to 3pm  
REGISTRATION  
In the foyer May 7/8 after all masses  
Fee \$30 – includes lunch  
Fee is due at registration  
Call Theresa for more details  
(905) 668-0406**



Masses For The Week

Sat. Apr 23 - 5:00pm  
**+Hubert Harrigan**  
req. by John & Jane Harrison  
Tues. Apr. 26 – 8:20am  
**+Martin Doleweerd**  
req. by Beppie & Family  
Wed. Apr 27 – 7:00pm  
**+ Mariel LeCours**  
req. by Knights of Columbus #4895  
Thur. Apr.28 – 8:20am  
**+Gerry van Hezewyk**  
req. by Mary Louise LaBarre & Ken Reilly & Family  
Fri. Apr. 29 – 8:20am  
**+Carmine Baltrano**  
req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo  
Sat. Apr 30 – 5:00pm  
**+Werner Kuenzle**  
req. by His Family

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

Date	Topic
Apr 27	Healing the Whole Person Fr. Richard McAlear on video
May 4,11	God's Will For The Soul Rosalind Moss on CD
May 18	Baptism in the Holy Spirit Fr. Mark Goring on video
May 25	Lectio Divina Meditation on Scripture



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 4895  
RECYCLING EVENT  
USED ELECTRONICS  
& USED CLOTHING  
MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
WED-SAT 9AM TO 5PM  
SUN 9AM TO NOON  
SW CORNER OF SJE PARKING  
LOT**

*(Additional Information Pamphlets Available At The Back Of The Church)*

**CWL  
TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH**

The CWL will be holding its final membership drive after all masses this weekend. A member will be present to take your membership at the back of the church and as well, in the parish centre at Social Sunday. The last date to receive your dues for this year to National is May 31<sup>st</sup>. The primary focus of the CWL is the spiritual development of its members. We are a vocations promoter. The CWL also concerns itself with a wide variety of local, national and international issues ranging from Catholic health care promotion and advocacy to the education of the larger community on crucial topics. The league attempts to support sustainability in developing countries through such initiatives as Save A Family, Feed the Children and the 1% program (D&P). Our organization has its roots in providing support to refugees and we continue to do support refugees and victims of human trafficking. All women of the parish are invited to prayerfully consider becoming a member of this national organization which belongs to the World Union of Catholic Organizations. The success of our League depends on the strength of its membership.

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE**

The CWL will be holding a multi-family yard sale in the church parking lot on Saturday, May 14. Parking spaces can be rented at a cost of \$15.00. There will also be a white elephant area to which you can donate any gently used items. Members of the CWL will sell them and keep the revenues to support the works of the council. Food and snacks will be available. To reserve a parking space or to obtain further details call Iris @905-668-3218.