

**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

**DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP –**

As the Pastoral Plan continues to be implemented, Cardinal Collins has stated that “devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is to be fostered in every parish.”

It is clear that many parishioners at St. John the Evangelist have a strong devotion to the image of Our Mother of Perpetual Help which has been displayed in the southeast corner of the church for many years already. Therefore, Fr. Damian would like to begin an on-going novena on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with the 7 p.m. Mass.

In 1866, Pope Pius IX appointed the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) as custodians of the 15<sup>th</sup>-century icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help with the mission to “make her known throughout the world.” 2016 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the special Marian mission entrusted to the Redemptorist Order.

The Canadian headquarters for devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is at St. Patrick’s Church in Toronto. Fr. Santo Arrigo, Pastor of St. Patrick’s Church, will be the principal celebrant and homilist at mass on **Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m.** to initiate the novena at St. John’s Church. All are welcome to participate in this special celebration.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

There is a promise of marriage between **Simon Mark Taylor**, son of Geoffrey William Taylor and Jennifer (Hardy) Taylor, and **Irma Lorena Trejo Hernandez**, daughter of Eduardo Trejo Chávez and Irma Hernández Luna.

This marriage is scheduled to take place on June 25, 2016, in the Parish of the Assumption of Maria (**Parroquia de la Asunción de Maria**), in Celaya, Guanajuato, Mexico.

If there is anyone who knows of any reason why this marriage should NOT take place that person is obliged to make such information known to the priest of the parish in which the banns are published, or to the local Bishop (#1069 – The Code of Canon Law).

**HELP WANTED!****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.

**CWL COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

In the church parking lot on May 14, 9:00- 3:00. Reserve a parking space @ \$15.00 to sell your own treasures. Items will be accepted also, for the white elephant area. The \$15.00 donation for a parking space and the proceeds from the white elephant area will go towards supporting The Steubenville Youth Conference and the parish refugee family. BBQ and beverages available. Contact Iris @ 905-668-3218 or Lynne @905-431-6582 to reserve or more info.

**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:  
HOLY DOOR PILGRIMAGE  
ST. PAUL’S BASILICA,  
SUNDAY, MAY 29 @ 1:00  
MARTYR’S SHRINE, SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 20 @ 8:30**

Parish Council invites parishioners to join them in a pilgrimage to St. Paul’s Basilica in Toronto on Sunday, May 29. A bus is being rented to take parishioners to the basilica. The cost is \$10.00/ adults and \$5.00/youth under twelve. It is necessary to reserve seating on the bus by Sunday, May 21. The bus will leave the St. John the Evangelist parking lot @1:15 p.m. and return @ approximately 6:00 p.m. The pilgrimage will include a brief tour and history of the basilica, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, private reflection time. Please direct any inquiries or to reserve a space to either Iris @ 905-668-3218 or Roberta @ 905-430-2978. **Parish council will be selling bus spaces after all masses on May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**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  
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*Additional Information Pamphlets Available  
At The Back of the Church*

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS IN MINISTRY**

*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

**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.*

### ShareLife Total To Date

2016	2015
\$70,270	\$64,996

### Donors

289	258
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### Working wonders for the elderly...

Last year ShareLife-supported agencies provided outreach programs that met the needs of over 2,200 seniors. This year, with your support, we can do more to help the elderly within our archdiocese.

**Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016**

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

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Holy Family Parish

(91 Ribblesdale Dr Whitby ON) will have its next Marriage Preparation course on September 30 (Friday), 7pm to 9pm, October 1 (Saturday), 9am to 6pm, October 2 (Sunday) 9am-5pm. For more information and to register please call Tess at 905-665-6470.

## Doors Open Whitby

Our parish is participating in Whitby's 'Doors Open' tour on Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Pastoral Council and other parish volunteers will conduct tours of our architecturally unique church and provide morning coffee to visitors.

Parishioners are invited to visit our church and other important buildings throughout the town that day.

A limited number of Doors Open brochures are available in the church vestibule, at town offices, the library and also on the town website.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

**MAY 1 – 6, 2016**

### Opening Doors of Mercy

We invited all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2016, which runs from May 1-6. For more than 160 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, nurturing the gifts and talents of every student. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who faithfully journey with our young people each day. For more information about Catholic Education Week, visit [www.goodnewsforall.ca](http://www.goodnewsforall.ca)



*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*

**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 30 - 5:00pm

**+Werner Kuenzle**

*req. by His Family*

Tues. May 3 – 8:20am

**+Elsie Mutch**

*req. by Lorraine Ruscitti*

Wed. May 4 – 7:00pm

**+ Bob Graham**

*req. by Gail Stewart & Family*

Thur. May 5 – 8:20am

**+Carmine Beltrano**

*req. by Anna & Natale Ciardullo*

Fri. May 6 – 8:20am

**+Maurice O'Connor**

*req. by Danny & Collette McFadden*

Sat. May 7 – 5:00pm

**+Benjamin De Baie**

*req. by The Cannella Family*

### National March for Life Ottawa

*Bus tickets to the rally are available.*

*Cost: \$25/adult, \$15/students*

*Candles which will be placed at the*

*Human Rights Memorial may be*

*purchased for \$5.00. Buses leave*

*Holy Family at 6:45am and return at*

*approximately 8:30pm.*

*Tickets:(905) 668-3218 or (905) 666-*

*0259. Be a voice through your*

**presence.**

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

Date	Topic
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