FIRST EUCHARIST

"Invited to the Feast"

(Grade 2)

Celebrations

May 8, June 5

CONFIRMATION

"Annointed for Mission"
Celebrations
May 15 @1pm

– St. Marguerite, St. John, PHCP, Other

May 15 @4pm - St. Luke

Celebration of Memory and Hope

In Memory of Loved Ones We Have

Lost Through Death

Our parish's annual "Celebration of Memory and Hope" will be held on Wednesday May 25th, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the parish centre, following the 7:00 p.m. mass.

This annual prayer service gives members of our parish family an opportunity to come together for an hour of gentle prayer, in remembrance of loved ones that we have lost through death. The celebration is lead by Father Damian and members of our parish's Consolation Ministry team and includes the lighting of candles in memory of loved ones. If you would like additional information please contact Anne-Marie at (905) 666-3860.

We hope that you will accept this invitation to join fellow parishioners for this special service.

HELP WANTED! HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY

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.



<u>DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF</u> 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 15th-century icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help with the mission to "make her known throughout the world." 2016 marks the 150th 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 <u>Simon Mark Taylor</u>, son of Geoffrey William Taylor and Jennifer (Hardy) Taylor, and <u>Irma Lorena Trejo Hernandez</u>, 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).

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

Bus seating for the pilgrimage to St. Paul's Basilica will be sold after all masses next weekend May 14/15. The cost to reserve a space will be \$10.00/adult and \$5.00/youth under 12. Bus spaces must be reserved by May 20th. The program will include passing through The Holy Door, a brief tour and history of the Basilica, the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and private reflection time. The bus will depart the St. John the Evangelist parking lot at 1:00 and St. Paul's Basilica around 5:30. Please join parish council in this pilgrimage to celebrate The Jubilee Year of Mercy. Contact for information or reservations: Iris @905-668-3218 or Roberta @905-430-2978.

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 tp 6pm, October 2 (Sunday) 9am-5pm. For more information and to register please call Tess at 905-665-6470.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 4895
RECYCLING EVENT
USED ELECTRONICS
& USED CLOTHING
MAY 11TH TO MAY 15TH, 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

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 26th
We look forward to seeing you here.
Rev. Fr. Damian Ali, Pastor

SL 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. Click on the ShareLife Campaign Appeal and remember to indicate the donation credited to St. John the Evangelist, Whitby.

ShareLife Total To Date

2016 \$73,970

2015 \$86,518

Donors

307 331

Working wonders for boys with a unique camping experience...

Having completed his teaching degree, Francis is still involved at Camp Ozanam, where he is presently the Director of Counselors. "I still love working here - most of my best friends have come from this community and it's great to introduce my students to Ozanam and see them falling in love with it the way I did. As a former camper and staff member, I feel like I have a complete picture of the camp, and try to make sure today's campers and staff enjoy the same formative experiences that I went through." Last year, ShareLifesupported Camp Ozanam provided a unique camping experience for 600 boys from underprivileged homes in the GTA.

Next ShareLife Sunday is May 29, 2016 Please give generously. You can work wonders!

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.

Seniors' Retreat
A Day of Reflection
& Spiritual Renewal
at Manresa Centre, Pickering, Ontario
Thursday May 26th 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. May 7 - 5:00pm

+Benjamin DeBaie

req. by The Cannella Family Tues. May 10 – 8:20am

Intentions of the Bella Family

req. by Laurentine Bella

Wed. May 11 - 7:00pm

+John & Elizabeth Lescisin

req. by Vivian Lescisin

Thur. May 12 - 8:20am

+Maurizio Misasi

req. by Anna & Mario Misasi

Fri. May 13 – 8:20am

+Jennifer De Lima

req. by Brigit & Mary

Sat. May 14 – 5:00pm

+Sam Saturno

req. by His Wife & Family

⇒AFRICYCLE

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated their

used bicycles, money and time to this great cause for the collection which took place on the morning of Saturday, April 23rd at the Parish Centre area parking lot. We collected a total of 40 bicycles and \$210 in donations. Some locations were continuing to do collections through the week. It means a great deal year after year!! Each contributing person plays an important role in helping people in Malawi which is completely necessary to Africycle's success. The contributions from this collection will help reach the goal of shipping 1200 bicycles from Uxbridge to Malawi by this Fall. The total numbers so far are - 250 Bicvcles Collected. - \$570 Raised. - 350 Bicycles Prepared for Shipment.

Special thanks to members of St. John the Evangelist Council 4895 Knights of Columbus – Ed Schranz, Karoly Bari, Seamus Beattie, Sheldon Schaufler-Biback, Dennis Jay, Daniel Brendan Fitzgerald, Bryan Childerhouse and Don Huppe (who took over as site coordinator in my absence) Their efforts are very much appreciated by all.

Fred Shady. AFRICYCLE Site

Fred Shady, AFRICYCLE Coordinator www.africycle.org

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Some bus seats are still available for the rally in Ottawa on Thursday, May 12. The cost for a bus ticket is \$25.00/adult and \$15.00/students. Buses will depart Holy Family at 6:45 and return around 8:30. Contact: 905-668-3218 or 905-666-0259. Be a voice for life through your presence.

Looking Ahead

Tues May 10

9:15-10:30 Confirmation Rehearsal St. J/M/PHCP/Other

1pm – 2:15pm Confirmation Rehearsal St L

Wed May 11

Knights of Columbus Electronics Collection May 11-15

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

7pm Mass – Fr. Santo Arrigo Presider & Homilist and kick off Novena to O.L.P.H. 7:45pm Pastoral Council Mtg. PC main

Thu May 12

March for Life in Ottawa 7:30pm RCIA, St. Jos Rm

Fri May 13

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat May 14

9am to 3pm Truck Sale – Parish Parking Lot