

FIRST EUCHARIST

"Invited to the Feast"

(Grade 2)

Celebrations May 8, June 5

CONFIRMATION

"Anointed 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.

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.

HELP FOR FORT MCMURRAY

Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto commented on the tragedy: *"The hearts and prayers of the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are with the people of Alberta, especially those in Fort McMurray and the surrounding area. As a former bishop of St. Paul and of Edmonton, I have witnessed the resolve, generosity and faithfulness of Albertans. In the midst of this tragedy, I am confident that all people of goodwill across the country will reach out in a spirit of prayer, compassion and care to support those who are suffering. May God protect and comfort them both now and in the difficult days ahead."*

In an effort to support those people in Alberta who have been impacted by this disaster, the Archdiocese of Toronto is accepting funds that will be channeled through the Canadian Red Cross. The Government of Canada has made an initial commitment to match contributions to the Red Cross to assist people who have been displaced. More information about that commitment will be forthcoming.

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways :

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website:
www.archtoronto.org

By phone through the Development Office – 416-934-3411
Through their parish, making cheques payable to:
St John the Evangelist – Fort McMurray – Disaster Relief

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

Date	Topic
May 18	Baptism in the Holy Spirit Fr. Mark Goring on video
May 25	Lectio Divina Meditation on Scripture
June 1	The Lamb's Supper Scott Hahn on CD
June 8, 15	The Secret of Lasting Change Peter Herbeck
June 22	Last meeting - TBA

SIGN UP TODAY!**JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
HOLY DOOR PILGRIMAGE**

Bus seating for the pilgrimage to St. Paul's Basilica will be sold after all masses this weekend.

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

**Last Opportunity to Register for A Day of Reflection & Spiritual Renewal
At Manresa Jesuit Centre, Pickering,
Thursday May 26th, 2016
10am to 3pm
Parishioners 55 & up,
both Men & Women
Are invited to attend
There is a fee of \$30
which includes lunch.
Call Theresa (905) 668-0406.**

CWL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday May 19, 2016
7:30pm in the Parish Centre main
room
Regular business meeting followed
by a short program.

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.

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*

Looking Ahead

Sun May 15 Pentecost Sunday
1pm Confirmations St John, St.
Marguerite, PHCP, Other
4pm Confirmation – St. Luke

Wed May 18

1pm Prayer Group, PC main

Thu May 19

7:30pm CWL General
Mtg, PC main

Mon May 23

Victoria Day, Office Closed


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	2015
\$ 77,287	\$89,138
310	Donors 352

Working wonders for those who need help in our neighbourhood..

In response to operational challenges and funding cuts, agencies continue to explore creative ways of working together and reaching more clients. The first initiative known as "Shared Services" encourages agencies to share back office functions in the areas of human resources, financial management and information technology. The vision for this effort

is to strengthen the collaboration of agencies guided by the philosophy of working for the common good. Ultimately these administrative and program efficiencies will lead to enhanced organizational capacity, reducing overhead and administrative costs for ShareLife supported agencies.

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

Invitation To All Parish Children and Youth

All children and youth in the parish are invited to the final youth and children's mass for the season on June 4, 2016 at 5 pm (arrival of youth at the church requested for 4:30 pm). There will be a break for the summer and the monthly youth mass will resume in the Fall, 2016.

All children and youth and their parents and teachers who have been involved in the youth and children's mass in the past year are invited to a **pizza party** to follow the Mass on June 4, 2016 in the Parish Centre. Please RSVP to Deidre Newman dnewman@danewmanlaw.com or any member of Pastoral Council.

Thank you to Our Children and Youth

Father Damian and the Pastoral Council thanks the students of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School and the children/youth of our Parish for their excellent service as lectors, musicians, altar servers, ushers and participants in the offertory procession at the youth mass on May 7, 2016 at 5 pm. We appreciate the beautiful artwork contributed by the students and the support of the Principal Mr. Robert Fortin, the Teachers: Ms. Marian Chopik, Mr. Tom Pugliese, and Ms. Wilma Young, and the Parents: Karolina Baker, Julia Donovan, and Ryan Auger.

Thank you to the fantastic choir:
Leah Auger, Sigourney Baker, Axel Baker, Amarie Davidson, Darby Donovan, Colleen Flynn, Kate Flynn, Ardian Gragjevi, Paige Lawrence-Walters, Mark McKeown and all other musicians under the direction of Eileen McGowan. The hard work of Eileen McGowan is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the tremendous youth lectors:
Announcements: Andres Garcia
Thank you: Munakim Okpalugo
First Reading: Michael White
Second Reading: Isabella Sorichetti
Prayers of the Faithful: Nathan Auger

Thank you also to the youth who formed the offertory procession: Madison Roffey, Kirsten Roffey, Eden Roffey and Andres Garcia.
We are grateful for the support of Irena Stebih, Iris McNulty, Silvia Garcia and Jeff Grujich.
Deidre Newman, Chair Pastoral Council



Masses For The Week

Sat. May 14 - 5:00pm

+Sam Saturno

req. by His Wife & Family

Tues. May 17 - 8:20am

+Mary Flora

req. by Pat Michieli

Wed. May 18 - 7:00pm

+Larry Rogers

req. by The LaBarre Family

Thur. May 19 - 8:20am

+Kathleen Kenny

req. by Her Daughter

Fri. May 20 - 8:20am

+Domenico Albis

req. by His Family

Sat. May 21 - 5:00pm

+Francesco & Carmella Princiotta

req. by Tina & Family