



**It's a wonder people with special needs can find independence...**

"Before coming to *Mary Centre*, I was with my dad, brothers and sister. This is the first time I have been on my own and I am 41 years old. I am learning to live on my own by following the rules, and learning how to write cheques to pay for my telephone and cable TV as well as how to cook different dishes. I get help from my personal support worker. It is a nice building to live in and I will probably stay here for a long time.

- Rick, resident at a *Mary Centre* residence in Toronto

**2<sup>nd</sup> ShareLife collection is May 3, 2009  
You can work WONDERS!**

**Our 2009 campaign theme is:  
*You Can Work Wonders*  
SHARELIFE GOAL \$139,000  
750 DONORS**

Together, we can respond to the challenge and reach our goals!

All cheques should be made payable to:  
ShareLife - St. John the Evangelist Church  
You may submit post-dated cheques for your donation,

**SHARELIFE COLLECTION - Week 3**

<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>\$53,906</b>	\$44,988

**Paul: A Genius for Our Time  
Monday April 27, 2009 7:30pm**  
Parish Centre

*A lecture by Mark McGowan on St. Paul*

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE**

Fair trade Coffee & Chocolate is available from Mark McGowan (668-0959). He'll even deliver it!

**Looking Ahead**

**Mon. Apr 20**

9:45am Mass at St. Luke's school  
7:00pm Development & Peace, PC#2  
7:30 – 9:00pm CWL, PC#1

**Wed. Apr 22**

12:45pm Mass at St. Marguerite School  
6:00 – 7:00pm PHCP, Gr 7/8, St. Jos/Alb Rms.  
7:30 – 8:30pm Celebration of Memory & Hope, PC main

**Thu. Apr 23**

9:15am Mass in church with St. John's school

**Fri Apr 24**

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

**Sun. Apr 26**

11:00am First Eucharist for students of St. Luke's school

**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 April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, starting at **7:30 p.m. in the parish centre.**

*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 Anthony 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.



**Masses For The Week**

Sat. Apr. 18 - 5:00 pm

**+Joseph Bene,**  
*req. by Barbara Bene & Family*

Mon. Apr 20 – 8:20am

**+Veronica Skinner-Petre,**  
*req. by Jim McGreevy & Family*

Wed. Apr. 22 – 7:00pm

**+Fred Parrott,**  
*req. by His Family*

Thu. Apr.23 – 8:20am

**+Gino Carcich,**  
*req. by Carcich Family*

Fri. Apr. 24 – 8:20am

**+Maria & Joseph Byers,**  
*req. by Their Estate*

Sat. Apr. 25 – 5:00pm

**+George Lescisin,**  
*req. by Edward & Christine Lescisin & Family*

**Italian Earthquake Relief**

The ShareLife office is accepting donations to support disaster relief efforts in Italy, assisting in the provision of food, shelter, clean water and medical assistance. Working through the Catholic Church's official relief body, funds will be channeled through our partners to Caritas Italiana.

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

- Online through ShareLife's website [www.sharelife.org](http://www.sharelife.org)
- By phone through the ShareLife office 1-800-263-2595 or (416) 934-3411

- Through the parish, making cheques payable to: **ShareLife – St. John the Evangelist Church – Italian Earthquake Relief**

We offer our prayers for the thousands of families affected by this natural disaster. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to serve those in need, both here at home and around the world.

Be assured that ShareLife does not apply any administrative fees to humanitarian relief contributions, ensuring as much money as possible is directed toward assistance of those in crisis.

**St. Mary of the People  
CWL Spring Fling Card Party  
Monday April 27, 2009 @ 7:30pm**

Parish Hall – 532 Stevenson Rd N Oshawa  
Tickets \$6/pp and may be reserved by calling (905) 728-1874 or (905) 240-2512. Evening includes progressive euchre with cash prizes.  
Light lunch served.

**Theology of the Body: Discovering The Master Plan for Your Life Conference**

The “Theology of the Body” is Pope John Paul II’s integrated vision of the human person – body, soul, and spirit.

Presenter, Christopher West, is a widely sought after speaker and best selling author of many books on the “Theology of the Body”. Through theological reflection, humour and our everyday experiences, Christopher West will unpack for you the message of the Theology of the Body in a language that everyone can appreciate.

The conference takes place on October 16 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm and October 17 from 8:00am – 4:30pm at the Canada Christian College, 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto, ON (Don Mills Road & Eglinton Ave.). Registration is \$30 before July 1 and \$40 after. Register on our website: [www.godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com](http://www.godsexmeaningoflife.homestead.com) or by email at [stbreg@gmail.com](mailto:stbreg@gmail.com) or by phone at (416) 481-5465.



*Knights of Columbus*

St John the Evangelist Council  
**Executive Meeting**  
**Wednesday April 22, 2009 @ 7:30 P.M.**  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
133 Brock Street North

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!**



Do you sing in the choir, facilitate First Communion, Confirmation and Parish Home Catechism classes, or host the Net Retreat Team? Do you proclaim the Word or distribute Communion at Sunday or weekday Mass? Do you prepare the altar linens or work with bus or car transportation? Do you tend the parish gardens or feed the hungry? Are you on a finance or pastoral council? Do you work with children and liturgy? Do you provide goodies for funeral receptions? Do you bring communion to our seniors’ at home or help bring Fairview Lodge or Taunton Mills residents to Mass on Fridays? Do you support the grieving? Do you process the offertory collection? Do you screen our ministers? Do you teach our children about God with Liturgy? Do you provide religious articles for parishioners? Do you help with initiation of children and adults in the Catholic faith? Do you help prepare families for their child’s baptism or a young couple for marriage? Do you work on the ShareLife team? Do you help the less fortunate at St. Vincent’s kitchen? Do you keep the parish computers and web sites up-to-date? Do you welcome people as they enter the church and usher them to their seats? Do you visit the patients at the Mental Health Centre? Do you work with our youth? Etc.,etc.,etc. If you can say yes to any of these ministries, please join us on Thursday, May 14 from 7:30-9:30 pm in the Parish Centre for an evening of Appreciation for all that you do.

Toronto Serra Clubs

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest or religious. Call Fr. Liborio 416-968-0997. email [vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca)



The second annual **CWL Mary Mathews Public Speaking Contest** (gr. 7 & 8) was held on Sunday February 22, 2009. The top 3 participants from each school were:

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School:

Kenady Ellenson, Jessica Cerqueira, Brandon Giambattista  
St. Marguerite d’Youville Catholic School: Maria Byrdine, Sarah Currie, Robyn Scott

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School: Sarah Hamilton  
The 2008 winner was Kenady Ellenson, runner-up Robyn Scott.

The **CWL Mary Dobell Pro-Life Essay and Poetry Contest** (gr. 7-12) for our parish was finalized and the winner of the Intermediate (gr 7&8) Essay portion was Mary Hamilton and the winner of the Poetry portion was Troy Sandrelli, both from St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. There were no Senior Essay or Poetry entries.

Congratulations to all of the participants!