



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.

APPRECIATION NIGHT

**RSVP on or before
Friday, May 8, 2009**

Drop in collection or Rectory Office

Name:

Ministry:

I am able to attend: Y N

Please circle



Knights of Columbus

St John the Evangelist
Council #4895

Regular Meeting

Wednesday May 6, 2009 @ 8:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street North
Whitby ON

***HELP
WANTED!!!***

A few Eucharistic Ministers are required for Sunday Home Communion to Seniors and shut-ins after the 9am Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office (905) 668-3676.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS

Saturday, May 9

9am to 12 noon

This is a reminder to all Confirmation candidates that interviews will take place at the Parish Centre on Saturday May 9th from 9am to 12 noon. Please check your classroom bulletin board for your scheduled time.

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
- 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.

**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,

It's a wonder families with relationship difficulties are made whole again....

"I really think if my husband and I hadn't been here, I would have left and given up. I no longer feel overwhelmed. I feel assured that we can solve our problems and get the support we need to be best friends and parents again and a whole family with our 2 children."

-Client, Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin



Today is the 2nd collection for ShareLife

Your support will sustain the work ShareLife agencies do to address the needs of those seeking help and care. Please give generously. You can work WONDERS!

SHARELIFE COLLECTION -**Week 5**

2009	2008
\$58,459.	\$50,588

Donors

305	268
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Senior's Retreat

There will be a day of spiritual renewal for Seniors of St. John the Evangelist Parish on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Manresa Spiritual Renewal Centre, Pickering from 10am to 3pm. For further information, call the parish office (905) 668-3676. Registration will be on the weekend of May 16/17 in the foyer.

Nominations for Pastoral**Council**

Each year you are invited to nominate a member of the parish to sit on the Pastoral Council for a two-year term. Nomination forms are available at the back of the Church on the weekends of May 2/3, 9/10 & 16/17. The last day for receiving nominations is Sunday May 24th at 1:00 pm. Please place the completed forms in the Sunday collection baskets, give it to Sr. Ann or Fr. Anthony, or drop it off at the Parish Office. Each nominee is asked to submit a photograph of themselves to assist with the election process, no later than Wed. May 27th. The election will take place on Saturday June 6th and Sunday June 7th.

Looking Ahead**Mon. May 4**

7:30 GSIC Assoc., St. Joseph's Rm
7:30 - 9:00pm SVDP Mtg, PC#2

Wed. May 6

9:00am - 2:30pm Confirmation N.E.T.
Retreat for students of St. John, St. Marguerite, PHCP & Other, PC all
7:00pm PHCP - Closing Mass, all grades in church followed by Reception in the Parish Centre

Thur. May 7

9:00am - 2:30pm Confirmation N.E.T.
Retreat for St. Luke's School, PC all
7:30pm Living Rosary, PC main
7:30pm RCIA, PC#1

Fri. May 8

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge

Sat. May 9

9am- 12noon Confirmation Interviews,
PC all

Social Sunday May 3

Please join us in the Parish Centre for refreshments after Mass

Feed the Hungry Program

Containers are available for pickup in the foyer after Mass. Please take a container and prepare the recipe provided. Return the FROZEN meal to the parish center parking lot Saturday May 9th at 1pm. The meal will be distributed at St. Vincent's Kitchen that day.

A Second Honeymoon is a perfect way to celebrate a wedding anniversary. Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre offers married couples the privacy, hospitality and program that inspire couples to continue exploring their lives together. Whether it is for yourselves or a couple you know, the next weekend is May 29-31st. For information telephone: 416-694-1742 or register at Queen of Apostles: 905-278-5229.

**Masses For The Week**

Sat. May 2 - 5:00 pm

+Peace in the Holy Land,

req. by John Ecker, KHS

Mon. May 4 - 8:20am

+Philip & Olympe Vachon

req. by The Parrott Family

Wed. May 6 - 7:00pm

+John Groot Zvert ,

req. by William & Agnes Schroer

Thu. May 7 - 8:20am

+Maurizio Misasi

req. by Mario & Anna Misasi

Fri. May 8 - 8:20am

+Maria & Joseph Byers

req. by Their Estate

Sat. May 10 - 5:00pm

+Anne Lescisin

req. by Edward & Christine Lescisin & Family

**THE LIVING ROSARY**

May is the month of Mary and to help

celebrate, the CWL is proud to present the Living Rosary on **Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Centre.** All are welcome: beginners, men, women and especially children gr.3+. All prayers provided. Participants are welcome to say the Rosary in their mother tongue or native language! Come *experience* the Rosary like never before! Colourful ropes, colourful lights, music, coffee/tea and cake! For further details please call Martha at stew.hamilton@sympatico.ca or call 905-430-2444.

Duffers Unite Again!!

Golfers won't want to miss the fourth annual St John's Golf Day. Pastoral Council presents this 9-hole event on Saturday May 30th with the first tee-off at 8:30am. The event once again will be held at the picturesque Spring Creek Golf Club in Pickering. \$40 entry fee. A light lunch will follow. This is a Best Ball tournament format. Teams preferred but singles welcomed. Registration is easy. Just contact Desi Toner at dtoner2000@rogers.com or 905-668-9448 by May 24th. Space is limited to just 15 teams/60 golfers so reserve your spot early.

Praying for the Sick....

Please remember in your prayers this week, our parishioners and family who are ill, and those who care for them:

RAY HAYES

HELEN LECOURS

JANINA MALYJASIAK



*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

John 10:11