

## A Church of Welcome

The Church indicates that the people of God, as represented by the local Church, are responsible for the initiation of new members.

### Who Initiates?

As the baptized, the Church asks us to be fully prepared to give encouragement and assistance to those who are searching for Christ. In our parish, there are adults and young people who join us each Sunday eager to find Christ. When we welcome the stranger, join in the singing and responses, and extend Christian hospitality to others, we are reflecting the path to Christ. Be alert to those around you and look for where you can witness to the privilege and responsibility of being Christian in our community today.

### IMPORTANT ENVELOPE IDENTIFICATION

If you have one of the following envelope box numbers, please contact the office to identify yourself: 131 – 164 - 226 – 453 - 559 – 560 – 600 - 642 – 727 – 729 – 772 – 791 - 808 – 880 – 881

### BUS TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS

Envelopes are available at the back counter for donations to provide the bus transportation for our Seniors. Please remember to indicate your envelope number or name and address.

Thank you for your generosity to this important ministry.

**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 the call to religious vocations is nurtured...***

"To enable the men to have the various dimensions of formation – the human formation, the spiritual formation, the academic and the pastoral formation – that they are receiving right now...that would be very difficult to do without the support of ShareLife."

- Rev. Msgr. A. Robert Nusca, Rector,  
 St. Augustine's Seminary

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final ShareLife Collection is June 7, 2009  
 The last day for donations is July 31, 2009

### SHARELIFE COLLECTION - Week 7

<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$75,386.	\$73,741.
<u>Donors</u>	
354	343

### ✳ EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ✳

Please consider helping the Sunday Home Communion Ministry. We are still in need of Eucharistic Ministers for Seniors and shut-ins after the 9am Sunday Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office (905) 668-3676.

### 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.

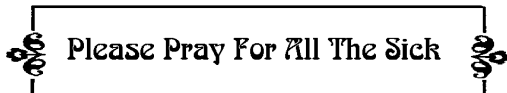
### Nominations for Pastoral Council

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 this weekend. The last day for receiving nominations is Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. The election will take place on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **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](mailto:dtoner2000@rogers.com) or 905-668-9448 by May 24th. Space is limited to just 15 teams/60 golfers so reserve your spot early.



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, RAY CORMIER

### **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Envelopes are available at the back counter for donations to assist our Seniors taking the bus for the 11am Mass. Please remember to put your name or envelope number on the front.

### **Retreats for Single Women**

"Listen, I am Standing at the Door Knocking"  
Single women, 18-39, are invited to one of TWO retreats either May 22 – 24 or June 19 – 21, given by a team of Sisters of St. Joseph.

For information call Sister Dorothy: (416) 927-0720.

### **Toronto Serra Clubs**

The greatest love story that ever happened: God's continuing love for His people. All God asks is "Love one another as I have loved you". The world really needs to see people who are trying to love others with all their hearts. Priests and religious can be excellent examples of this love. If you are willing to answer God's call, call Fr. Liborio 416-968-0997.



### **Masses For The Week**

Sat. May 16 - 5:00pm

**+Vincenza Vella**

*req. by Josephine & John Bonello*

Mon. May 18 – 9:00am

**+Ryan De Vries**

*req. Nettie, Maria & Mary*

Wed. May 20 – 7:00pm

**+ Kathleen Hutchings & Dave Johnston**

*req. by Their Family*

Thu. May 21 – 8:20am

**+Maria & Joseph Byers**

*req. by Their Estate*

Fri. May 22 – 8:20am

**+Joseph Corrigan**

*req. by Ruth McMonagle & Family*

Sat. May 23 – 5:00pm

**+Greg Steffler**

*req. by Kathie Steffler*

### **St. Gertrude's Down-East Steak & Lobster Dinner/Dance**

**Saturday May 23, 2009**

Live music provided by "The Demi-Tones" a six piece classic and contemporary Rock & Roll band. Fun music for everyone. Cocktails 6pm, dinner 7pm. Cost \$40./pp Tickets may be purchases at St. Gertrude's parish office or by calling Denis Genereux (905) 438-9974.

### **Annual Retreat for Ladies at Marylake**

**Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Theme: You Will Be My Witnesses

Transporation provided. To register or obtain further information, contact Liz at (905)723-7629 or Aldith (905)623-6740

### **Annual Retreat for Men at Marylake**

**Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>**

To obtain further information or register contact Ziggy at (905) 728-3112.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Value Store**

79 King St. E. Bowmanville (905) 623-7941

The store will gladly accept gently used furniture, clothing, toys or household items. Pickup of furniture can be arranged.

St. Bernadette's Catholic School in Ajax is being replaced.

An **OPEN HOUSE** is being held on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:30pm – 3:30pm**. Welcome and special introductions at 2:00pm. Please join us for a "stroll down memory lane" and a last walk through the building where so many fond memories were made.

For more information, please contact (905) 683-0571.



### **Looking Ahead**

**Sat/Sun May 16/17**

Sign up for Seniors' Retreat in the foyer after Mass

**Mon. May 18 VICTORIA DAY**

Office closed

Mass 9am

**Thu. May 21**

7:30pm RCIA

**Fri. May 22**

10am Mass at Taunton Mills

**Sat/Sun May 23/24**

5pm, 9am, 11am First Eucharist for students of St. Marguerite d'Youville School

**Sun May 24**

12 noon Senior Youth Group, PC main