

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**  
**First Reconciliation Celebration – Grades 2 & 3**

St. John PHCP	Gr. 2 & 3 Gr. 2 & 3	Thursday	November 19	7:00 pm	Church
St. Marguerite	Gr. 2	Tuesday	November 24	7:00 pm	Church
	Gr. 3	Thursday	November 26	7:00 pm	Church
St. Luke	Gr. 2	Tuesday	December 1	7:00 pm	Church
	Gr. 3	Thursday	December 3	7:00 pm	Church

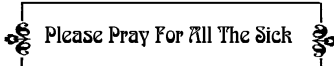


**The Book of Life**

The month of November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls, having at its beginning the two great feasts - All Saints and All Souls.

To commemorate your faithful departed family and friends, you are invited to submit a page for the "Book of Life." This page should be 8 1/2" by 11" and fit into a standard 3-ring binder. On it you may type or print the names of whomever you would like to have remembered in a special way at all of our parish Masses during November.

You may decorate your "Family Page" in whatever way you wish as long as it fits the above requirements. This "Book of Life" will be left in the sanctuary during November to remind us to pray, at church and at home, for our loved ones.



Please remember in your prayers this week, our parishioners and family who are ill, and those who care for them:  
 RAY HAYES, LINA SPENCER,  
 ASHLEY HUININK, FRANK PLUE,  
 MICHAEL LAVIOLETTE, LEONARD CLARKE.

**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY**  
**A 2010 Event at**  
**St. John the Evangelist Parish**  
**903 Giffard Street, Whitby**

- Would you like to know the meaning that the Bible holds for you today?
- Would you like to be more comfortable in discussing the Bible with other Christians?
- Would you like to hear God speaking to your life through the words of the Bible?

Please join us and other members of the parish in a study of the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES for 10 Mondays from

January 11 to March 15, 2010, 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Parish Centre.

The program includes individual study, small group discussions and lectures. Fee \$20 (for Bible Commentary & Study Guide)

Bring your Bible, a notebook and a friend!

To register, call St. John's Parish Office (905) 668-3676

**SOME CHANGES ARE OCCURRING FOR**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

On Thursday, December 24, 2009, Masses for the Vigil of Christmas will be as follows:

**5:00pm, 8:00pm and 11:00pm**



**Masses For The Week**

- Sat. Nov 14 - 5:00pm  
**+Joseph Bone Sr., req. by His Family**
- Mon. Nov. 16 - 8:20am  
**+Helen Lecours, req. by Rita & Dick Hadden & Family**
- Wed. Nov. 18 - 7:00pm  
**+Andi Nadalin, req. by Anna Pilepic & Family**
- Thu. Nov. 19 - 8:20am  
**+Special Intentions, req. by Bonnie Stewart**
- Fri. Nov. 20 - 8:20am  
**+Helen Lecours, req. by Durham Regional Police, 16 Division**
- Sat. Nov. 21 - 5:00pm  
**+Gloria St. Pierre, req. by Alex Brown & Family**

**Looking Ahead**

- Sat/Sun Nov 14/15**  
 Registration for Little Rock Scripture Study  
 SVDP Can Banks available  
 New Missals available \$4.00 each
- Mon. Nov 16**  
 9:45am Mass at St. Luke School  
 7:30pm CWL 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, PC main
- Wed. Nov 18**  
 1:00pm Mass at St. Marguerite School

6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr 7/8, St. Jos/Alb Rms

**Thurs. Nov 19**

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

7:00pm First Reconciliation for Gr 2/3 students of St. John's & PHCP



**ADVENT PRAYER GROUP**

**MONDAY EVENINGS:**  
**November 23, 30,**  
**December 7, 14**  
**7:30 – 8:30pm**

Take some time out for yourself during this busy season. Join us in preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth, and both a beginning and end of the Church's year. We come together to read the Sunday scripture and discuss questions based on their meaning in our life today and to discuss a range of other questions.

"The bible challenges us to persevere in faith and inspires us to understand what God is saying to us here and now."  
 Come to all or any of the four evenings and participate at a level comfortable for you.

*Spiritual Committee, Pastoral Council*

**St. John the Evangelist Choir**  
**presents:**

**"God's Love Streams Down"**

CD release concert  
 Saturday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m.  
 903 Giffard St. Whitby  
 Tickets \$10 each, on sale after Mass this weekend.

Proceeds to Canadian Food For Children  
 Contact Marian 905-432-1173 or [marionduckitt\\_smith@hotmail.com](mailto:marionduckitt_smith@hotmail.com)

**SPREAD THE WARMTH**  
**ADULT SIZED ITEMS DESPERATELY NEEDED!**

The St. John the Evangelist Community Council is excited about their upcoming "Spread the Warmth" campaign. This winter season share the warmth by donating new **adult sized** hats, mittens, scarves, gloves etc. to support Durham Mental Health Services. The Durham group homes greatly appreciate your support as they are in great need at this time of year. Thank you for sharing the gift of providing others with comfort and warmth. Deposit your items under the poster in the bin provided.

**SVDP CAN BANKS**

Can banks can be picked up at the back of the church after Mass this weekend. ***Please return the can bank donations with your name and address or a return address label on the can bank label by December 13<sup>th</sup> in order to receive a 2009 tax receipt.*** Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Polish Dinner & Dance**

Knights of Columbus Hall  
133 Brock St N Whitby ON

**Saturday November 21, 2009**  
Cocktails 6:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm, Dance 8:30pm

**Prizes - Cash Bar**

**Tickets \$20.00 per person**

Contact **Ted & Doreen (905) 668-8667**



**St. John the Evangelist  
Parish Children's  
Christmas Choir**

Calling all young singers age 7 and up!  
You are invited to share your talents as Music Ministers, leading the people in singing praise to God for a **Special Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve 5 P.M. Family Mass.**

**Where:** Rehearsals will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish Centre.

**When:** Sundays: Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM \*

- Please note that the rehearsal on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> will run from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Attendance at **ALL** rehearsals is necessary for all choir members so that we learn the music well, build a solid team effort in harmony, and feel confident and ready to lead song together. Pre-registration is appreciated. Youth leaders are welcome! Please call Mary Lynne Calvert at (905) 666-0433 or Kate M<sup>c</sup>Neil at (289) 314-6944.

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**URGENT APPEAL FOR A LIVER DONOR**

A parishioner of St. John the Evangelist is appealing to fellow parishioners to help her find a living liver donor. Lina Spencer who has Hereditary (familial) Amyloidosis is in need of a partial liver transplant. Her liver no longer is suitable for her and someone else is waiting for her liver. A potential donor should know that the liver regenerates itself and will grow back to its normal size in about 6 weeks after surgery. A match of blood type O is required and the living donor must be between 18 and 60 years of age and in generally good health.

If you or someone you know can help Lina and her family, more information on the screening process is available by contacting Cailin MacLeod RN at Toronto General Hospital (416) 340-4800 x 7594 or email [cailin.macleod@uhn.on.ca](mailto:cailin.macleod@uhn.on.ca) and giving Lina Spencer's name as the intended recipient. Lina and her family thank you for your kind consideration of this request and ask those not able to consider being a living donor due to age or other reason to consider instead signing your organ donor card and discussing these wishes with your loved ones so that you may give a great gift to another person and their family.



**SVDP CHRISTMAS 2009  
MORE SPONSORS ARE NEEDED**

**Please contact Rita**

**(905) 668-1889 or [rhadden@rogers.com](mailto:rhadden@rogers.com) to become a sponsor for a needy family this Christmas**



**SVDP  
"Help is at Hand"**

Parishioners: If you know of a family within the Parish in need of help at Christmas time, or a Senior or a shut-in with little or no family support that would benefit from a Christmas Basket, please call and make us aware of their need of some help. Thank You. Call Rita Hadden 905-668- 1889 or email [rhadden@rogers.com](mailto:rhadden@rogers.com)

**Just For Life**

*Sponsored by Priests for Life*

On the weekend of December 5/6 our parish will be promoting the value of all human life by having a "Just for Life" information event. Information on life and family will be available at the back of the church after each of the masses. There will also be a free draw for a beautiful statue of Mary and the Infant Jesus. This event is sponsored by Priests for Life Canada ([www.priestsforlifecanada.com](http://www.priestsforlifecanada.com)). If anyone is interested in helping out with his event please call Monique DeBrouwer at 905 430 7319.

**Holy Family Parish**

**Part-time Secretary/Receptionist  
2 or more days/week**

Position requires administrative support within the parish. Must be fluent in English and proficient in computer programs such as Office, Publisher, Excel and PowerPoint. Deadline for applications is November 30, 2009. Contact Vicki at the Rectory for a detailed job description. Submit resumes to [holy.family@rogers.com](mailto:holy.family@rogers.com) or fax (905) 665-6651.