



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Sun. Nov 29

1:00 – 2:30pm Children's Choir Practice, PC main

Mon. Nov 30

7:30 – 8:30pm Advent Prayer Group, St. Jos. Rm.

Tue. Dec. 1

7:00pm First Reconciliation Service for Gr 2 students of St.

Luke's School

Wed. Dec. 2

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

Thur. Dec. 3

7:00pm First Reconciliation for Gr 3 students of St. Luke's School

Sun. Dec. 6

Social Sunday after Mass

Feed the Hungry Container pickup

1:00 – 2:30pm Children's Choir Practice, PC main

SPANISH LANGUAGE MASS AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 4pm, there will be a Spanish Language Mass here at St. John the Evangelist Church (Confessions in Spanish from 3:00pm to 3:45pm)

This is the first of six monthly Masses to be celebrated in Spanish at St. John the Evangelist Church as a pilot project evaluating the need/desire for Hispanic Ministry in the Durham Region. All are welcome to attend.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
10 Mondays

January 11 – March 15, 2010

7:30 – 9:pm, Parish Centre

Fee \$20 (for books)

Topic: The Acts of the Apostles
BRING: Your Bible, a notebook and a friend!

To register: phone the Parish Office (905) 668-3676

St. John the Evangelist Consolation Ministry

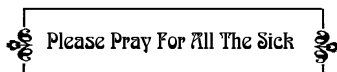
In response to the call of the Beatitudes,

and recognizing our common grief, our parish Ministers of Consolation journey with and offer hope to those who are coping with bereavement.

Ministers of Consolation:

- lead prayers at vigils for deceased members of our parish

- organize an annual parish Celebration of Memory and Hope
- send cards in memory of deceased whom we pray for at Sunday mass
- meet with individuals who request support
- where the grief experience is complex, they assist people in connecting with specialized counseling or other sources of grief support in the community



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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Thursday December 10,
2009 at 7:30pm in the Church, 5 priests

Other Penance Services in Durham:

St. Gregory the Great,
Tuesday December 1st at 7pm, 6 priests
Holy Family
Tuesday December 15th at 7pm, 6 priests and Thursday December 17th
9:30 - 10:30am



ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

MONDAY EVENINGS:

November 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 Commiittee,
Pastoral Council*

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.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

Development and Peace

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Fair Trade Christmas Gift Packs

On December 6th, at Social Sunday in the Parish Centre, come and fill up your own gift pack. We will do the wrapping. We will have coffee, marmalade, chocolate bars, teas and cocoa, all fair trade certified. Give in a socially responsible way.

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. If anyone is interested in helping out with this event please call Monique DeBrouwer at 905 430 7319.


CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Thursday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas 5:00pm
8:00pm
11:00pm

Friday, December 25

Nativity of the Lord 9:00am
11:00am

Saturday, December 26

Feast of Stephen 9:00am
Sunday Liturgy 5:00pm

Sunday, December 27

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph 9:00am
11:00am

Thursday December 31

Seventh Day in the Octave
of Christmas 8:20am
Vigil, Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God 5:00pm

Friday, January 1

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God 9:00am
11:00am

**Masses For The Week**

Sat. Nov 28 - 5:00pm

+Alfred Costar, in Thanksgiving,
req. by Lily D'Cruze

Mon. Nov. 30 - 8:20am

+Renato Dell'Agnese,

req. by Teresa Dell'Agnese & Family

Wed. Dec. 2 - 7:00pm

+Janez Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Thu. Dec. 3 - 8:20am

+Special Intentions,

req. by Bonnie Stewart

Fri. Dec. 4 - 8:20am

+Special Intention,

req. by A Parishioner

Sat. Dec. 5 - 5:00pm

+Maurizio Misasi,

req. by Mario & Anna Misasi

ATTENTION LECTORS

IT IS TIME TO EXCHANGE YOUR LECTOR WORKBOOKS FOR THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR. BRING YOUR OLD WORKBOOK TO THE OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.

**CWL****Christmas Pins**

The CWL will have Christmas Pins on sale in the Parish Centre during Social Sunday. Pins cost \$1.00 and relay the true Christmas message.

2010 Calendars

The CWL is fundraising for our Region and have put together a calendar of the CWL Spiritual Directors in Durham Region. For the cost of a calendar, \$10.00, you can find out which month is our own Father Anthony and get acquainted with some of our region's parish priests. Don't be disappointed, limited supply, buy one at Social Sunday.

Religious Articles

Religious Articles Ministry needs your help!!! A team of parishioners is needed to supply and sell rosaries, holy medals, cards and statues. Without your help the store will close in Dec. 2009. If you feel called to this ministry please call : Mary Louise LaBarre 905-430-1332 e-mail: mlabarre@sympatico.ca

Right to Life Christmas Cards

You can purchase Right to Life cards at Social Sunday in the parish center, or contact Mary Louise LaBarre mlabarre@sympatico.ca

*Knights of Columbus***St John the Evangelist Council**

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**NEW YEARS
EVE PARTY**

December 31, 2009 - 8:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street N

Prizes, Favours Cash Bar,
Late Night Buffet

Tickets: \$60.00 per Couple

(Reserved table with group purchase of 4 or more tickets.) **For Tickets & Information - Contact:**

John or Chris: (905) 668-5608 or

509kent@gmail.com

St. John the Evangelist's 10th Annual Coffee House

Will be held at All Saints C.S.S.

January 16, 2010 at 7pm

Tickets \$10/adult and \$5/youth

Cash Bar

Tickets available At Social Sunday

*December 6th in the Parish Centre and after
Mass December 19/20 & January 9/10 in the*

foyer or by calling Robert D'Cruz

(905) 438-3734.

What is the Coffee House?

The Coffee House is a fun-filled evening for adult and youth displaying various forms of talent from within the parish such as:

Bands and solo performers from a varied genre of music

Standup comedy; Plays: Poetry; Dances

It's the parish's biggest event and we invite all our parishioners to come out and join us!

Lost and Found Items

Have you lost an item in the church or found something and you don't know how to get it back to the owner?

Our lost and found articles box is overflowing with gloves, hats, umbrellas etc. Ask an usher to show you the box of articles.

If you are recently missing jewelry or keys, please contact Vicki at the office. We may have your items!

Lastly, a very important piece of jewelry was lost by a parishioner on Nov 22 at 11am Mass and is desperate to find it. If you have found it and weren't sure how to return it, please contact Vicki at the office (905) 668-3676.



Next weekend is Social Sunday. Please join us in the parish center for refreshments after Mass

FEED THE HUNGRY

Containers available Dec 5/6 after Mass. Prepare the recipe provided and return the FROZEN container to the parish centre parking lot on Saturday December 12th at 1pm.