

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

Once again we are soliciting the help of the families at St. John the Evangelist Church who are well known for their gift of hospitality. Last year four families offered to host the 10 team members for our Confirmation Retreat, and in April 2011 we will be hosting N.E.T. Ministries once again.

NET Ministries is a Catholic evangelistic outreach program located in the Archdiocese of Ottawa. The team is comprised of 10-12 young adults of vibrant faith, who have given ten months of their lives to travel across Canada to share their faith with Catholic youth. Using a retreat format, the team members blend a fun, high-energy experience, with a straightforward and personal presentation of the Gospel message and how Jesus Christ has affected their lives. They use large group presentations, small group discussions, music, games, skits, prayer, personal testimonies, and the Sacraments.

We are looking for homes where these young people can stay, in pairs of either two women or two men, on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6, 2011, with a possibility of one day before and/or after these dates. We will finalize the dates in late March/early April. The teams bring their own sleeping bags and pillows. As a host family you would be agreeing to provide breakfast and dinner, and *possibly* transportation to the Parish Centre for 8:00 a.m. on the mornings of April 6 and 7, although they normally provide their own transportation.

My family would like to host two of the N.E.T. team members.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Pets: _____

Gender Preference:

Female _____

Male _____

Please submit your application to the Parish Office or place it in the Collection basket. Thank you.

ONGOING SACRAMENT PREPARATION

CONFIRMATION

Sessions: February 5-12-26, March 5

FIRST EUCHARIST

Rite of Enrolment March 5/6, 5pm, 9am or 11am

Annual One Day Retreat for Spiritual Renewal

Spiritual instruction for the Layman with **Guest Speaker Archbishop Collins**

Men of all ages are invited to deepen your relationship with the Lord,

Sat February 12: – registration with coffee and snacks 9A.M.

Light Lunch 12:00 (cost \$10.00)
at St. Joseph The Worker Church
1100 Mary St. N Oshawa, Ontario
(at Beatrice and Mary)

Please contact: Wayne Lillie – 905-433-1716 or email wrlillie@sympatico.ca

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

CWL January Meeting

All ladies of the parish are invited to our general meeting on Monday, January 31st at 7:30pm in room 1 of the parish centre. Disbursements and Nominations are the topics for the evening.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Jan. 29 – 5:00pm

+Cecelia Ho

req. by Her Family

Mon. Jan. 31 – 8:20am

+Stephanie Rengel

req. by The Larkin Family

Wed. Feb. 2 – 7:00pm

+Cecelia Ho

req. by Her Family

Thur. Feb. 3 – 8:20am

+Janez Donko

req. by His Wife & Family

Fri. Feb. 4 – 8:20am

+Mollie Hughes

req. by Pat Milburn & Bridget Carolan

Sat. Feb. 5 – 5:00pm

+Casiano Trivino Jr.

req. by George & Astrid Grzybala

TAX RECEIPTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FEB 5/6 & 12/13 AFTER ALL MASSES

St. John the Evangelist's 11th Annual Coffee House

At All Saints C.S.S.

Saturday February 12th at 7pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

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

Cash Bar

Tickets available at the back of the Church Sat/Sun Feb 5/6, or email

Margaret@davidson.ms

Presented by Pastoral Council

Toronto Serra Clubs

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering religious life or priesthood. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park email:

vocations@vocations.ca

Looking Ahead

Jan 31

7:30 – 9pm CWL, PC#1

Wed. Feb 2

1:00 – 2:30pm Prayer Group, PC #1

6:00 – 6:50pm PHCP, Gr1-8, PC all, St.

Jos/Alb Rms

Thu Feb 3

7:30 – 9pm RCIA, PC#1

Sat. Feb 5

9am – 1pm Confirmation Session I, PC all

Coffee House Tickets available after Mass

TAVDA

Have you wondered seriously if you have a vocation to be a sister, brother, or priest? Are you looking for an opportunity to get away for quiet prayer and reflection to explore this more seriously? Set aside a weekend for yourself and make a discernment retreat arranged specifically for this purpose on February 25-27 2011. The retreat will take place at the Scarboro Mission Centre, 2685 Kingston Rd, Toronto. The retreat is intended for persons 18 and older and is sponsored by the Toronto Area Vocation Directors Association (TAVDA). For more information, call (416) 962-4500 Fr. Leonard Altilla, S.J. or Sr. Dorothy Schweitzer, CSJ



SOCIAL SUNDAY

Sunday February 6, 2011

Please join us for refreshments after 9am or 11am Mass.

St. Gertrude's Parish Marriage Preparation Program

All engaged couples are invited to register for the six-week course beginning Saturday February 19th from 7pm to 9pm in the parish hall. Cost: \$150 due upon registration with the parish office. Call Teresa at (905) 433-0828 to register.



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

In Canada, we are fortunate to have access to abundant high quality, affordable water. To say NO to the privatization of water and YES to life before profit, join the DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE campaign. WATER FOR ALL – LET JUSTICE FLOW.



Knights of Columbus
St John the Evangelist
Council

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Regular Meeting

**Wednesday February 2, 2011
8:00 P.M.**

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street North

Feed the Hungry

Containers are available for pickup next weekend. Prepare the recipe provided and return the FROZEN container to the parish parking lot Feb 12th at 1pm.

The Toronto Archdiocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada promotes the Mary Dobell Pro-Life Awareness Essay and Poetry Contest

to support and encourage an awareness and positive attitude toward a broad range of pro-life issues. These address all facets and stages of life development from conception, through childhood, adolescence, adulthood and senior years, to the new life stage after death. Admissions are accepted from grades 7 – 12 and are due February 25, 2011. For more information, please contact Martha

Hamilton, CWL Education Convener at (905) 430-2444.

World Day of Prayer

On Wednesday February 2nd, the Church celebrates World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto we are blessed to have living and serving among us more than 1,100 religious men and women of over 100 different religious congregations. This World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is a wonderful opportunity for us to thank God for the gifts of these religious sisters, brothers and priests and to pray for God's blessing upon them in their efforts to faithfully live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

All are welcome to come to a special Mass today, Sunday, January 30 at 3:00pm at St. Paul's Basilica to celebrate with and pray for these men and women religious who are such a vital and important part of the life and ministry of the Church in our Archdiocese.

CWL The Toronto Archdiocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is offering a scholarship to St. Michael's College.

This scholarship is open to any young woman who is of Catholic faith, who is completing her secondary school education, and who has indicated on her application to the University of Toronto that St. Michael's College is her first college of choice.

The applicant must be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science in one of the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities and Social Sciences or Sciences. For further information, please contact Martha Hamilton, CWL Education Convener (905) 430-2444.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF DURHAM



HEART TO HEART BALL

Our sixth Annual Heart to Heart Ball will take place on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Jubilee Pavilion in Oshawa. Our Guest Speaker will be Elizabeth Pierce, Executive Director of CFSD. Tickets to the ball are \$75 each. The proceeds will be allocated to support the educational agencies and counseling services provided to clients within the

Durham Region. Each year our agency helps over 2,000 individuals, including women and children, who have been subject to domestic abuse and violence. For information and ticket purchase, please contact Dian Nehring. (905) 725-3513 ext 110. d.nehring@cfsd.com or Kate O'Quinn at kmoquinn@rogers.com

Old Dogs

One day an old German Shepherd was chasing rabbits and before long, discovered that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in trouble now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says...

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story... Don't mess with the old dogs., age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!

*Blessed are the poor in spirit:
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 5:3