



GREETINGS FROM SR. ANN

Here I am, settled into life in Pembroke. I like my new surroundings and am glad to be near my community and family. Thank you for making my retirement day a memorable one – to all who worked behind the scenes to decorate the hall, donate food, clean up, etc. It was all so lovely! Thank you to all who attended and for your greetings, cards, gifts and taking the time to write messages in my Farewell Book.

The people of St. John's will always be dear to me.



Parish Home Catechism Program (PHCP)

is Catholic Religious Education for students who do not attend Catholic Schools. It is mandatory that all children who do not attend Catholic school attend PHCP for two years prior to receiving each sacrament. Students from Grade 1 to 6 meet every two weeks. Students for Grades 7 and 8 meet every week. Classes for all students will begin in September, to be advised.

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year (Grades 1 to 8) is on Wednesday, September 14th, 2011 in the Parish Centre from 6:00pm until 7:30 pm. Registration fee is \$10.00 for one child and \$5 for each additional child. For any questions, please contact the parish office (905) 668-3676.

Also, PHCP is in need of another Grade 7 teacher to assist/rotate. Please consider this important ministry and call the office.



Social Sunday & Ministry Fair September 11, 2011

After 9am or 11am Masses
Join us for refreshments
Each year during Social Sunday in September, it has been our tradition to host the Ministry Fair as a means of

introducing parishioners to the various ministries and encouraging their involvement. Please take the time to visit the ministry displays.

Ministry Fair Sunday, Sept. 11th

In addition to the Ministry Fair, coordinators are encouraged throughout the year to actively recruit new members for their ministry. To assist with ongoing recruitment, Pastoral Council is once again making space available at each Social Sunday for groups to showcase their ministries. A table is made available for you to display ministry material and have a sign-up sheet for new members. If you are interested in reserving space in the Parish Centre for your ministry, please contact the office (905) 668-3676.



Masses For The Week

Sat. Sept 3 – 5:00pm
+Giuseppa Villanti
req. by Ignazio Antonina Giardina
Mon. Sept 5 – 9:00 am
+ Rosa Ridino Cannella
req. by Tony & Rosa Cannella & Family
Wed. Sept 7 – 7:00pm
+Daniel Heffer
req. by Will & Karen Burke & Family
Thur. Sept 8 – 8:20am
+Maurizio Misasi
req. by Anna & Mario Misasi
Fri. Sept 9 – 8:20am
+ Ante Barich
req. by The Barich Family & Friends
Sat. Sept 10 – 5:00pm
+Janez Donko
req. by His Wife & Family

Attention Students requiring Community Service Hours

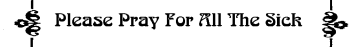
The gardeners of the parish require some help around the flowerbeds. Please call Vicki (905) 668-3676 if you can help.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA is a process for those who are not baptized Catholic or have not been fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Sessions will begin in early Fall. All who are interested, please contact the Parish office NOW! (905) 668-3676

Feed The Hungry

Containers will be available after Mass Sept. 3/4 in the foyer. Prepare the recipe provided and return the frozen meal to the parish center parking lot on Sept 10th at 1pm.



Michael Power

Please contact the office to have names included in the Prayers of the Sick.

St. John the Evangelist Prayer Group

Begins Wed. September 14

Come and join us every Wednesday afternoon from 1pm to 2:30pm in the Parish Centre for a time of much needed prayer for our families, community and the world. The meetings will consist of singing, a short teaching, sharing, thanksgivings and petitions, followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Hope to see you there. For information, call Klara Bari (905) 668-9579



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

September 11, 2011 is Social Sunday and we ask that you consider donating non perishable foods which will be distributed to our needy neighbours. We appreciate all donations; but at this time have a special need for **Cereal - Canned Vegetables – Canned Fruit.**

Altar Servers

Students in grades 5 and up, interested in becoming an Altar Server are asked to contact the office. Training is provided

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Please submit your schedules to the office if you have not already done so.



Looking Ahead

Mon Sept 5 LABOUR DAY
Office Closed, Mass at 9am

Wed. Sept 7

7:30pm Pastoral Council Mtg, PC main

Fri. Sept 9

10am Mass at Fairview Lodge



Knights of Columbus

St John the Evangelist
Council 4895

Regular Meeting

Wednesday Sept 7, 2011

8:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus Hall
133 Brock Street North
Whitby ON

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES: MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Gertrude's Parish, Oshawa

690 King Street E., Oshawa, ON (905)
433-0828

6-week course Saturday evenings from
7pm to 9pm

Classes are: Sept 10, 17, 24,
Oct. 1, 22 and 29.

Cost is \$150 to be paid upon registration.

Theology of the Body Study Group – held on **Monday mornings** at St. Bernadette's Parish Hall, 21 Bayly St. E., Ajax, from 9:30am to 11:30am. starting on Monday Sept. 12th. We are studying Katrina Zeno's *The Body Reveals God* - Katrina examines how is it that we are made in the image and likeness of a Trinitarian God. This study will deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith and profoundly impact your life. All are welcome. Contact: Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or email: gsmlministry@gmail.com

HOLY FAMILY PARISH ADULT FAITH GROUP

Have you ever wished that you had a greater understanding of the Bible? Journey from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation in an easy and clear manner with the guidance of renowned Scripture scholars Jeff Cavis and Scott Hahn as they reveal the treasure that is OUR FATHER'S PLAN. Join the Adult Faith Group which meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m., starting September 13th in the Knights of Columbus Room of the Holy Family Parish located at 91 Ribblesdale Drive Whitby ON, for 13 weeks to find out why understanding God's word is a vital aspect of faithful living.

Continuing & Alternative Education Centre Fall 2011 Course Catalogue

Copies of the Durham Catholic District School Board's Continuing Education Fall 2011 Course Catalogues are located at the back of the Church. Courses are offered in Computers, High School Credit Courses (day/night school and correspondence), English as Second Language, Literacy/Upgrading, and Personal Support Worker. Copies are available in the church foyer.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION PROGRAMS 2011 – 2012

FIRST RECONCILIATION

“Celebrating God’s Love”
&

FIRST EUCHARIST

“Invited to the Feast”
(Grade 2)

Registration (parents only)
**Thurs. Oct 13 at 7:00 pm in
the Church**

(please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate & \$30 for your child's Reconciliation & First Eucharist Workbooks)

CONFIRMATION

“Anointed for Mission”
(Grade 8)

**Registration: (parents and
children)**
**Thurs. Nov. 24 at 7 pm in
the Church**

(please bring a photocopy of your child's Baptism Certificate and a \$35 fee for program expenses)

**Please make sure these dates
are on your calendar. Once
the programs have begun,
new registrations will not be
accepted.**

APPRECIATION NIGHT THURSDAY OCTOBER 6, 2011 7:00PM

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 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 public school children about God with Liturgy? Do you help with initiation of children and adults in the Catholic faith? Do you help prepare families for their child's baptism? 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, Oct 6 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Centre for an evening of Appreciation for all that you do.

**RSVP on or before
Friday, September 30th**
Drop in collection or Rectory Office

Name:

Ministry:

I am able to attend: Y N

Please circle

