**HOLY FAMILY HOMELESS MINISTRY THANKS YOU**

Throughout 2017, Holy Family Homeless Ministry has been able to provide hot healthy lunches for over 2,400 people in need and during the winter months, provide the basic necessities to help see those in need through the cold winter months. None of this could have been possible without the kindness, support and generosity that you all have shown. We extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of you and to all the Homeless Ministry Team for an amazing 2017 and for making this ministry what it is today. We look forward to the continuation of serving those in need throughout 2018. We wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year filled with God’s Blessings. Mary Anne Belanger & Alan Perron.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS AND NON-SINGERS!**

No prior experience necessary! Come join our Adult Choir and Youth Choir. The Adult Choir sings at the 11am Mass and the Youth Choir sings at the 12:30pm Mass on Sundays. Please email Alicia alciadelvecchio777@gmail.com for more information or to sign up. Instrumentalists are welcome!

**JOIN US THIS MONDAY!!**

For our next Adult Faith Formation on Oremus: A Guide to Prayer.

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice. This study will take place on Mondays starting on Jan 15th. Choose between Mornings 10:30am or Evenings 7:30pm. Workbooks will be available for $40 at the back of the church after all Masses.

**DISCOVERING CHRIST STARTS THIS TUESDAY!**

Do you have unanswered questions about God, and the meaning of your life? Have you been through Alpha?

Do you desire to go deeper in your faith?

*If you answered “yes” to any of these questions then Discovering Christ is for you!*

In Discovering Christ anyone and everyone is invited to hear the Good News and come to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. This experience helps people to enter into or renew a relationship with Jesus, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Each session starts with a meal, this gives us an opportunity to get to know each other in a casual setting; a short time of prayer follows; then there is a video presentation which simply proclaims the Gospel message and helps us get to know Jesus better; then, finally, there is time for small group discussions, where in smaller groups we have the chance to share with one another our impressions from the presentation. Through this combination of fellowship, teaching and small group discussion over the course of seven weeks, we will be given an opportunity to encounter Christ personally, an encounter that is always life-changing.

*Interested? Come and join us!* Holy Family will be running the Discovering Christ program on Tuesdays starting on January 16th; morning sessions at 10:30am, evening sessions at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in attending the Discovering Christ program, email our Director of Faith Formation, Michael Czesnik at faithformation.holyfamily@gmail.com. We hope to see you!
HOLY FAMILY PARISH APP
Our new Parish App is now up and running. Here are some features that will help you stay connected with our parish:

Daily Messages: Get daily inspirational messages and video teasers from Fr. László and Fr. Matthew. Find out the latest updates from the parish and stay connected with us throughout the week.

Readings: You can get the daily readings from the Canadian lectionary by clicking Parish Info and scrolling down.

Parish Info: Stay in touch via email and phone number with our Priests, ministry coordinators, office staff and our Catholic schools. Fill out the Online Parish Registration Form and New Volunteers Registration Form. Check out the 360 virtual tour of our church.

Giving: Access quick & convenient online giving anytime, anywhere to support our church.

Prayers: Submit prayer requests directly to our Priests. Enjoy a list of different prayers.

Homilies: Read our Sunday Homilies and have the opportunity for deeper reflection and connection to Jesus.

Groups: Connect with the different groups in our parish and have meaningful conversations with other members about your faith, questions about God, life and read resources/readings compiled by Fr. László.

Calendar: See upcoming parish activities, schedules for RCIA, First Communion & Confirmation Preparation Classes.

Catholic TV: Access video of daily Masses. This is great for homebound parishioners.

Kids: Resources for kids are available through Brother Francis videos and activities.

Word on Fire: Bishop Barron’s homilies are available through the Word on Fire website.

ITALIAN DINNER DANCE
Save the date! Saturday Feb 24.
Join us for our Italian Dinner Dance. Ticket sales start on the Jan 27th and go fast!
Lasagna, stuffed chicken legs with prosciutto/provolone cheese sausage and potatoes, green beans, & salad and for desert tiramisu. Coffee, tea, All wine & water included. 50/50 draw and many door prizes Lots of dancing lots of fun $50.00 per person. For further information please call Angie at 905 721-8878.

DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!

Step 1: Download the App
- Either scan the QR code or visit myparishapp.com/download in the web browser on your mobile device.
- Click on “Get the App” Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Step 2: Sign-in
- Open the MyParish app on your mobile device.
Once the app opens, click “skip intro” at the bottom-left corner of the screen. Find Holy Family parish by typing “Whitby” into the search box. Select “Holy Family Parish” from the menu; tap “get started”; you will now be on the main page for our parish’s app. Tap the menu icon in the top-left corner of the screen and select “sign in” from the menu the ‘create an account’ Enter your name, email address, and create a password click “sign in”; then tap “sign-in” You are now logged in.

LIFE TEEN AND EDGE
Life Teen & Edge are back in full swing for the new year! For their first week back, our youth in both ministries had the opportunity to listen to some wonderful guest speakers from RE:Generation. They were talked to about the beauty of chastity, God’s plan for our hearts, and the truth of real love! This week, our teens will be hearing about who the Holy Spirit is, while our EDGE kids will be learning about all the wondrous things Jesus did in public. Please pray for our young people and enjoy a photo of our EDGE group ringing in the new year with happy hearts and silly faces.

STEUBENVILLE
Steubenville is a Catholic Youth Conference for high schoolers happening from July 13-15, 2018 at UoIT! Join a group from Holy Family as we prepare for a weekend full of worship, amazing speakers, and high-energy awesomeness with thousands of other teens! For more information, pick up a registration package at the Youth Bulletin board.

EDGE & LIFE TEEN CAMP
EDGE Camp and Life Teen Camp are opportunities for those involved in EDGE & Life Teen to spend a week with other young people. Experience time to get away, build new friendships, and allow God to be with you on this adventure! Life Teen Camp takes place from August 6-11, 2018, and EDGE Camp will be from August 26-30, 2018! For more information and instructions on how to register, please contact Camille at hfwym91@gmail.com!