



## **LENTEN GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK BLITZ**

**Special Request for next weekend:** Toothpaste & tooth brush, deodorant & hand soap. During this Lenten Season, we strive to make a difference in the lives of the needy.



Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family. There is a copy in your bulletin today. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18. Or join your parish's Development and Peace committee. To find out more about Share Lent, please contact **Doreen Merkas** at **705-693-0424** OR [zagoria@sympatico.ca](mailto:zagoria@sympatico.ca)

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR:**

This year, this event takes place on Saturday, February 24th. You heard Tristan speak about it this weekend.



Her team, with Kim Monaghan and other family and friends is called "Gramma's Soup-a-Stars". All funds raised will go to support The Samaritan Center.

**Theology on Tap:** An event for young people, ages 19 to 35. February 22, 2018 7:00 pm, The Laughing Buddha. Guest Speaker: Bishop Damphousse

## **Silent Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola**

**Theme:** *The Name of God is Mercy*

**Dates:** From Friday March 2 (7pm) to Sunday March 4 (1pm) 2018

**Director:** Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J.

**Cost:** \$230.00 live-in/\$130.00 commute

**Registration:** Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or by email at [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca)

**5 WEEK LENTEN MISSION:** The Little Servants of Christ the King Prayer Group are hosting their annual Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Hope Church. It begins on Saturday, February 17th and runs for 5 consecutive Saturdays. Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation between 8-9am. Fr. Patrick O'Kenyi will speak at 9am. Saturday Eucharist will follow. The theme is: "Walking in the Light of Christ".

**ECUMENICAL HEALING SERVICE:** Our Parish continues its ecumenical work by participating in this healing service at St. Stephen's on the Hill Church (1248 Lauzon St.) in New Sudbury, on Wednesday, February 21st at 3pm. Following upon our 2 successful ecumenical worship services last month, we invite everyone to come and receive Grace to deal with physical, emotional and spiritual distress, by the Proclamation of the Word & Laying on of Hands.

**The New Evangelization Summit:** This year, the New Evangelization Summit takes place at St. Benedict's Highschool on April 27-28th. The move from St. Charles College (last year) will allow for more comfortable seating for participants. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register using the online form: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

## The Roman Catholic Parishes of **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson** **ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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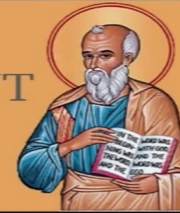
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**Office hours:** Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

SAINT JOHN



### **Pastor**

**Fr. Michael Williams**

## **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

### **Pastoral Support**

Marie Bardswich

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Ivon Chaumont — Chairperson

Mary MacGregor — Secretary

Myron McCormick — Finance

Marie Bardswich, Debi Simone, Sue Quackenbush

## **ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

### **Parish Contact**

Carole Larrett 705-969-4607

### **Communion to the Sick**

Rolande Kehoe 705-969-2838

### **PRAYER LINE**

Elaine Lamarche 705-693-3339

Rachel Corbett 705-693-3241

## **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Sunday, February 11th, 2018**



### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

9:30 am See inside for this week's schedule

### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist

Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

### **CALL THE PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:**

- Home Visit & Communion or Anointing of the Sick
- Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

### **FOR BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any weekend Mass (6 months minimum needed for Marriage)

Mass Schedule February 12—February 18, 2018		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 12	No Parish Mass	
Tuesday, February 13	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
ASH Wednesday February 14	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Thursday, February 15	9:30 a.m.	For Hector Jalbert by Pearl Jalbert & Family
Friday, February 16	9:30 a.m.	For Eric Thompson by Phil & Shirley Hay
Saturday, February 17 1st Sunday of Lent	4:30 p.m.	For Mel Hrytsak By Nelson & Judy Hrytsak; Garry & Linda McIntosh
Sunday, February 18	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
ASH Wednesday February 14	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Sunday, February 18	9:00 a.m.	For Lillian Morin by Ann Matte

### The Catholic Women's League

The weekly CRAFTS group gathers to create their handiworks in the Parish Hall following Mass every Wednesday morning. They continue through lunch and into the afternoon, and are always happy to welcome new participants.

*St. John's CWL wish to thank the 110 persons who signed a Pornography Hurts postcard last weekend at Mass. We must continue to write letters and send Pornography Hurts campaign postcards to our members of parliament and the federal government, expressing our concern for the proliferation of pornography and its harmful effects on society. It's time to stop this indecency and exploitation.*



**Thank you!** We are grateful to the ladies of St. John's CWL who made a generous donation to St. John's Parish in the amount of \$2,000.00. We are touched by their tremendous support in this and the myriad other ways they contribute to our Parish.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will be led on Friday night by the CWL, beginning at 7pm. All are welcome to pray this devotion.

**LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY:** BOTH of the highly acclaimed "Journey Through Scripture" Bible studies by St. Paul Media will be offered for FREE during Lent. Both "The Bible and the Sacraments" and "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" are superb presentations you will not want to miss. You will need to sign up online to follow one or both of these courses. Once you do, 2 lessons (about 30 minutes each) will be e-mailed to you each week during Lent. You can watch and re-watch them when you please over the next 2 weeks. To register for this golden opportunity, go here:

<https://stpaulcenter.com/lent-2018/>

**You will not be disappointed.**

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** May 10th in Ottawa. Interested in going? There are busses that will make the return trip that day. Or, travel with Fr. Michael and have time to smell the tulips. If interested, speak to him.

### PARISH LENTEN MISSION:

**Mark the dates:** Our Parish Lenten Mission takes place this year from February 26-28th. Each day, there will be a mini-conference at Noon, with Mass. Each night, the main conference begins at 7pm in the following locations:

Monday: At Holy Redeemer Church,  
Tuesday: At St. Andrew the Apostle Church,  
Wednesday: At St. John the Evangelist.

The Mission will begin with a Lenten Reconciliation Service at Holy Redeemer Church on Sunday, February 25th, beginning at 5:30pm.

Our Mission Director will be Fr. Robbie McDougall from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. He is a renowned Retreat Director, Singer and Composer. You can read more about him here: [www.adoramus.ca](http://www.adoramus.ca)

Please come, and bring your family and friends to all 3 evenings. Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be taken up each night to help us defray the costs.

### **YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS for February 4, 2018**

#### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1627.00 Loose: \$80.00 Native: \$60.00 Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$858.75  
**Total: \$2,625.75**

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$315.00 Loose: \$20.00 **Total: \$335.00**

*Thank You*