



**LENTEN GARSON COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK BLITZ**

Special Request for next weekend: Razors (his and hers), shaving cream, shampoo & conditioner. Those who have, sharing with those who have not.

Share Lent in the name of peace: For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine distributed in church today. During this first week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSO, a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity.



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR: This year, this event takes place on Saturday, February 24th. You heard Tristan speak about it. 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
"Giving you a Voice" with Bishop Marcel Dampousse. Young people have an opportunity to speak with our Catholic Bishop about their faith journey and what is important in their lives.
Place: Laughing Buddha, 194 Elgin Street, Sudbury
Date: Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Young people ages 19 to 35 are welcome.

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

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 began 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: 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.

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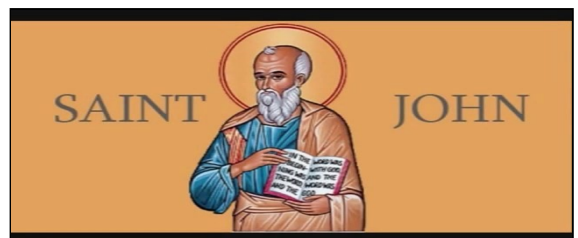
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 18th, 2018



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 | | |
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| February 19—February 25, 2018 | | |
| St. John the Evangelist | | |
| Date | Time | Mass Intention |
| Monday, February 19 | No Parish Mass | |
| Tuesday, February 20 | 9:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of all Parishioners |
| Wednesday, February 21 | 9:30 a.m. | For Bill Bardswich by Marie Bardswich |
| Thursday, February 22 | 9:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of all Parishioners |
| Friday, February 23 | 9:30 a.m. | For Eric Thompson by Marie Bardswich |
| Saturday, February 24 | 4:30 p.m. | For Hector Jalbert by Pearl Jalbert & Family |
| 2nd Sunday of Lent | | |
| Sunday, February 25 | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of all Parishioners |
| St. Bernardine of Siena | | |
| Sunday, February 25 | 9:00 a.m. | For William Bardswich by Jack & Lucille McFarlane |

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.



World Day of Prayer 2018 By participating in this year's World Day of Prayer Service, you are joining in worship with Christians around the world and in almost 2,000 communities across Canada. This year the service is written by women of Suriname for all of us: **everyone should feel welcome and invited to attend and participate – this is not for CWL Members only.** This year's theme is: "All God's Creation is very Good!" **Mark your calendar!** Please plan to join us on **Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. here at St. John's** as we join the Christians of the world in prayer.

Holy Trinity Men's club is having a Porketta Bingo February 23rd @ 6:00pm at the Beef n Bird on Lorne St.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be led on Friday night by the Parish Eucharistic Ministers, 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/>

There is still time to register

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 you are interested, speak to him for details.

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.

Each talk is unique—come to all three.

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

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 11, 2018

St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1,164.00 Loose: \$52.55 Initial \$28.75 Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$858.75
Total: \$2,104.05

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$295.00 Loose: \$12.00 **Total: \$307.00**

Thank You