



## LENTEEN GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Non-perishable food items are  
always needed.

### Solidarity Sunday

We wish to  
thank you for  
your generosity  
on this



Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

*A Journey through Lent*

### The 4<sup>th</sup> annual New Evangelization Summit:

On Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:30pm and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am - 4:30pm the New Evangelization Summit will be live-streamed from Ottawa to Sudbury at **St. Benedict C.S.S.** The move from St. Charles College (last year) will allow for more comfortable seating for participants. This year's conference will include 6 world class Catholic speakers: Sr. Ann Shields, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, George Wiegel, Patrick Madrid and Christy Dupuis, equipping us with the tools for evangelization and Catholicism in our world today.

The cost for the Summit is \$40 and includes lunch and light refreshments. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register at the online form: [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca) drop-down to Sudbury Host Site. **The Parish will reimburse you the cost for attending.**

**A SAFETY AND A PROTOCOL MESSAGE:** Please do not use the Sanctuary as a shortcut to the Sacristy, if you need to go into the Sacristy for any purpose. The Sanctuary is a worship space, and is designed for that purpose only. It is in bad taste to use it as a shortcut. Please use the side entrance. That route is designed for safety, and for regular foot traffic, with stair nosing and a railing.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF A BABY:** To help stop the anti-life push in the world at that time, the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn baby. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life will be spared from abortion and allowed to continue to live. To help accomplish this, it was recommended that an individual say the daily prayer for a period of nine months. If you are interested in taking on this Ministry of Life, please take home one of the blue (baby boy) or pink (baby girl) slips at the entranceway of the Church. Prayerfully consider and choose your baby's name, and then pray for him/her for the rest of this year. Fr. Michael will offer Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents (December 28th) for all of them, naming each one. Please keep the prayer portion of the paper so that you may offer the prayer each day, and return the portion with your child's name, via the collection basket, to Fr. Michael.

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

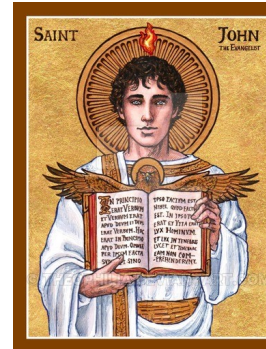
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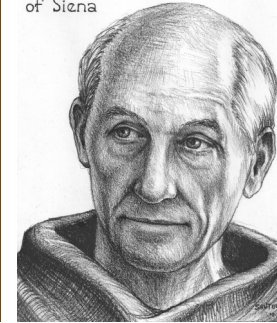
Parish Website: [www.stjohnsgarson.com](http://www.stjohnsgarson.com)

### Office hours:

Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.



St. Bernardine of Siena



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 18th, 2018

### Journey to the Resurrection



*...unless a grain of wheat  
falls into the earth and dies,  
it remains just a single grain;  
but if it dies, it bears much  
fruit.*

### Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### RCIA and Pastoral Care

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** 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 notice is needed for Marriage)

Mass Schedule		
March 19—March 25, 2018		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 19		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 20	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, March 21	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Thursday, March 22		No Parish Mass - Mass of Chrism at 7pm at The Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption in North Bay
Friday, March 23		No Parish Mass
Saturday, March 24	4:30 p.m.	For Claude Monette by St. John's CWL
Passion Sunday		
Sunday, March 25	10:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, March 25	9:00 a.m.	For Patricia Dovigi by Marvin & Marie Miller

### The Catholic Women's League

Join the ladies every Wednesday following the morning Mass, when they gather in the hall to craft their handiworks for the Fall Tea.

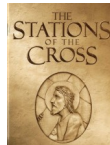


The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to an evening of **Theology Perking** on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Residence, 29 Second Ave. South. The guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Scott, professor of Religious Studies at Thornloe University. His topic will be "Ideas of Love in the Gospel of John".

**Via Crucis—The Way of the Cross in Word and Music:** Sunday, March 25th at St. Patrick's Church with "Kallio Kantors" and organ. A free will offering will be taken.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Sunday, April 8th at St. Christopher's Parish (Whitefish). Led by Bishop Marcel, Reconciliation will be available 1:45—2:45, with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung at 3pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3:30, and a social will follow in the Parish hall. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join us in this devotional prayer on Friday night this week, beginning at 7pm. The prayer will be led this week by the Parish Development & Peace team.



**THIS SUNDAY ... Development & Peace Stone Soup Event:** Everyone is invited to join us in the hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and join us as we gather in community for nourishment, living proof of Solidarity in Motion – one with God and Neighbour. Come learn more about **peace and dialogue** as part of the Share Lent Campaign.



**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FR. MICHAEL:** Until that time when a new Parish secretary is hired (no immediate plans), please use the stjohnsgarson@gmail.com address to contact Fr. Michael by e-mail. He's the only one with access to it, and it makes it a lot easier for him to access all the mail from the same source. Thank you.

**THE PARISH OFFICE:** Will be closed on Thursday this week, as Fr. Michael will be travelling to North Bay for the Mass of Chrism that day. **The Bishop wishes to invite everyone to the Mass of Chrism, which will take place at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption at 7pm.**

**A WORD ABOUT OLD PALMS:** The palms we will use next Sunday to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem are blessed for that purpose. So, if you really want to enter into the spirit of the day, make sure you hold your palm branch above your head and wave it during that commemoration. Once the celebration is done, however, your palm branch will quickly wither. The purpose for which it was blessed has passed, and you may simply discard the branch in your compost heap or garbage. Please do NOT return it to the Church. We have enough of a challenge staying in our 2 bag limit as it is. The analogy here is your food. You bless it (we hope!) before you eat it. However, if that food goes bad, the purpose for which you blessed it has passed, and you throw the spoiled food away. Palms are no different. If you wish to keep it for any purpose—a memory of the day, perhaps—that's fine. But there is no need to do so.

**RECEIVING HOLY EUCHARIST:** With our younger parishioners in the final stages of preparation to begin receiving the gift of Holy Eucharist each week, it might be a good time to remind ourselves of how WE receive this gift each week. Specifically, nobody 'takes' the Eucharist. It is a gift. It is received. Practically, that means the Minister of Holy Communion places the Sacrament on our hand after we respond "Amen" to the "Body of Christ". We then immediately put it into our mouth, or take one step to the side and, facing the Altar, put it into our mouth (NEVER while walking away). It is never appropriate to take the Eucharist from the hand of the Minister, unless there is a medical reason why we cannot receive it in the palm of our hand.

### YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS for March 11, 2018

**St. John the Evangelist** Envelopes: \$1369.00 Loose: \$59.00  
Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$903.75 **Total: \$2,331.75**

**St. Bernardine of Siena** Envelopes: \$335.00 Loose: \$17.00 **Total: \$352.00**

Thank You