

ADVENT RETREAT: Theme: *Preparing for the Lord Within Ourselves*

This Advent retreat at Villa Loyola will be a time to prayerfully reflect on this peaceful season of our liturgical calendar, and to ponder on questions like:

If we believe we are made in the image of God, what difference does this make in our attitudes and lives? Can we allow ourselves to be more fully immersed in the true spirit of this Advent Season? If we believe we share Jesus' Good News by using the gifts that God gave us, what are the practical implications of this belief? How do the Advent and Christmas seasons help us appreciate God's desire that we share His love with others?

Dates: From Friday November 30 (7pm) to Sunday December 2 (1pm) 2018

Director: Fr. Trevor Scott, S.J.

Cost: \$220.00 live-in/\$130.00 commute

Registration: Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca

Barrydowne College Luncheon: Along with other Churches in our area, St. John the Evangelist has been providing lunch for the students of Barrydowne College once a month for the past few years. This month, we have committed to bring the lunch on **Wednesday, October 17th**. The students who are enrolled in the Food Preparation Course will prepare and serve the food that we donate. We will provide the meat, cheese, bread, yogurt, juice and granola bars. If it is more convenient, you may enclose a monetary donation in the envelopes provided at the entranceway of the Church. The envelope may be given to Mary Albert or Sue Quackenbush, or put into the collection basket. Please ensure it is marked "Barrydowne College". There is also a sign up sheet in the entranceway where you can sign for the other needed items. We trust that again this year, our parishioners will be supportive in this worthwhile endeavour. Thank you, in advance, for your caring and generosity. **Please note: Due to an allergy, we are asked to not bring anything with banana or nuts in it.**



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PRAY THE ROSARY: This month, our Holy Father wishes to remind us of the powerful prayer that is the Rosary, and he encourages the faithful to offer this prayer every day in a special way in October, asking our Blessed Mother to protect us from the attacks of the Evil One. We made add to our prayer: "*Under your protection, we seek refuge O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our supplications for we are facing trials, but free us from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*". He also encourages us to offer the Prayer to St. Michael every day.

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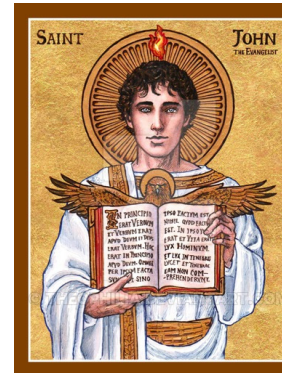
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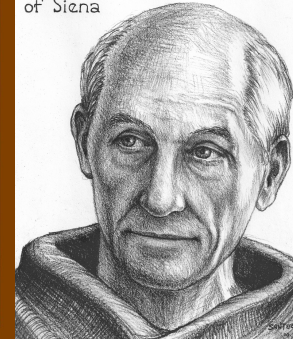
OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday—Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

October 14, 2018
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Bernardine of Siena



Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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

WEEKDAY MASSES: See inside for this week's schedule

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE REGARDING:

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

FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:

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

**Mass Schedule
October 15—21, 2018**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, October 15		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, October 16	9:30 a.m.	For Jim Kirwan by Jim Lashuk & Loraine Adrain
Wednesday, October 17	9:30 a.m.	For Alex Bellrose by St. John's CWL
Thursday, October 18	9:30 a.m.	For Claudette Zahra by Marie Bardswich
Friday, October 19	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Saturday, October 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, October 21	4:30 p.m.	For John Kirwan by Marion & Kevin Dwyer
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, October 21	9:00 a.m.	For Francoise Hayes by Ann & Gino Contini
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Attention all women: Are you nervous about speaking in public? Do your knees knock? Come out and learn effective public speaking techniques in a safe, supportive and fun environment on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Christ the King Parish Hall (handicap accessible), 21 Ste. Anne Road. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be available throughout the day. This interactive workshop is sponsored by the Sault Ste. Marie Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Hosted by Christ the King CWL. All women are welcome. For more information and to register please call Sue at 705-693-2467 (*pre-registration not mandatory). Hope to see you there!

Members of the Knights of Columbus are reminded of our "Day of Reflection" on Wednesday, October 17th at St. Anthony's Church. The Spiritual Leader will be Father Vince Fiore, with Father Marian assisting. It begins at 9:30am, with Mass at 11am, lunch at 12pm and finishes at 2:20pm. Cost is \$10.00 to cover the food from The Caruso Club.



"Sharing the Journey" A Development and Peace-Caritas Canada Social Justice Weekend - is being held Friday evening through Sunday noon, October 19, 20, 21, 2018 at the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, Anderson Lake Rd., Espanola. The retreat will be facilitated by Dr. Christopher Duncanson-Hales and Rose-Marie Valade. The weekend will focus on the forced migration of millions displaced children, women, and men throughout the world who are yearning to return home to a secure place of peace. Cost (includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging): Adults / \$140 (\$155 after Sept. 30) Youth (Grade 10 and up) \$50 (\$55 after October 5). Registration forms are now available at the parish (entranceway). For further information contact Doreen Merkas at 705-693-0424 or zagorja@sympatico.ca.



Our Children's Liturgy Program has begun. As in previous years, Fr. Michael will call the children forward at the start of Mass, and bless them as they go forth to hear the Word of God proclaimed to them.

CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: Although nobody took up Fr. Michael's offer to submit topics for discussion over coffee, he was inspired by the recent theological conundrums posed on "Young Sheldon". From the speculative "How would Jesus save an intelligent species of Octopus in another part of the Universe?", to the more poignant "How can a loving God allow innocent people to suffer?". Although these questions may not tickle your query bone, we're still going to launch a new Ministry called "Chit Chat and Coffee". It's very informal. It will take place in the Parish Meeting Room after Mass on most Fridays, beginning on October 26th. We'll supply the coffee pods (or bring your own, if you have a favourite), the milk and the sugar. We can talk about anything you like. No subject is out of bounds. Or we can just drink coffee and tell stories. It's all good.



FINANCE COMMITTEE—NEW MEMBER: Fr. Michael is pleased to announce that Dion Dumontelle has accepted to join Myron McCormick as a member of our Parish Finance Committee. Thank you, Dion, for accepting this call to Ministry.



Host Homes needed for NET

The National Evangelization Team in Canada, made up of young Catholic adults is coming to Sudbury from October 24 to November 2nd. The young adult team members are in need of a place to sleep and meals during their stay. If you can welcome two of them into your home or have any questions, please contact Fr. Sam D'Angelo, the coordinator of NET for Sudbury, at standrewpriest@gmail.com or by phone at 705-566-1876. Your help will make it possible for the NET team to proclaim the Gospel to the youth in our schools and churches.

WELCOME LETTER: Fr. Michael is in the process of creating a 'welcome package' for new Parishioners. This will replace the old parish registration forms, which we no longer use. If any group, organization, committee or ministry wishes to include something in this welcome package, please forward it to Fr. Michael. It may be a letter, an information pamphlet, or a simple welcome note. All of the parish groups and ministries will be listed in the package, but this is your chance to provide a little more information about yourselves.

YOUR OFFERINGS for October 7, 2018

Thank you!

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$1,747.00	Loose: \$91.00
	Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$983.75	
	Needs of the Church in Canada: \$30.00	Total: \$2,851.75
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$390.00	Loose: \$65.00
	Needs of the Church in Canada: \$40.00	Total: \$495.00