

**DONATION ENVELOPES:** The donation envelopes for 2019 are now available at the entrance of the Church. If you used a set this year, then there should be a box for you there. **If you are currently donating through our PAD program, there is no box of envelopes prepared for you, as they are unnecessary.** This is a good time for everyone to consider the possibility of using Pre-Authorized Donations as a way to ensure the uninterrupted support of your parish. New forms, if you wish, are available for this purpose at the entrance of the Church. If you wish to begin donating through envelopes and have not done so previously, there are boxes with no names printed on them, and you may take one. Please make sure to print your full name and mailing address on the first few envelopes that you use so that we can create a record for you.



The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday—Thursday, 10:00 am. to Noon.

**December 9, 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Available for Purchase in the Office:**

**Hardcover, NRSV of the Bible (Catholic): \$25.00**

This is the same translation we use in Canada at Mass.

**Compendium of the Catechism: \$10.00**

This is a condensed version of the full Catechism of the Catholic Church.

**YOUCAT: \$25.00**

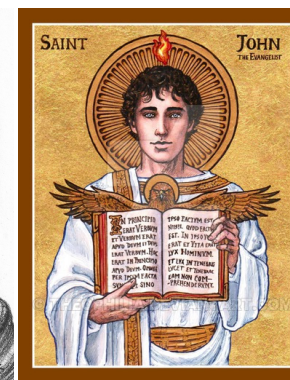
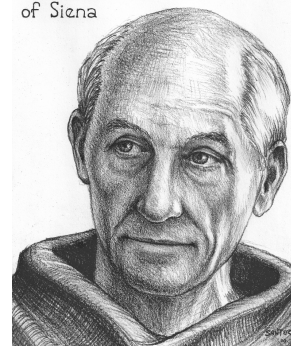
This is a youth oriented version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Age appropriate for Teens.

CATECHISM  
of the  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

These resources are available at cost as a way to make them readily available to Parishioners.

**OUR RAMP PROJECT:** At the time of this printing, we are anticipating the major pour of concrete for the ramp to take place on Friday, which means it should be complete by the time you are reading this. Next week, we expect the contractor will move to the work that needs to be done on the stairs. As previously mentioned, that may require closing off access to the main entrance for one weekend. It certainly will for the weekday Masses. If you see the main entrance is blocked off, please just enter by the side door. We still anticipate the project will be substantially complete by Christmas, although a few items (placing and wiring the sign, landscaping) will be dealt with later on.

St. Bernardine of Siena



**Pastor**

**Fr. Michael Williams**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**RCIA and Pastoral Care**

Marie Bardswich

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Rachel Charette	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

**PRAYER LINE**

Elaine Lamarche	705-693-3339
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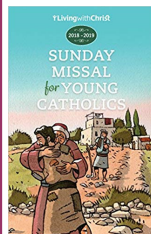
**Parish Contact**

Carole Larrett	705-969-4607
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**Communion to the Sick**

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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**OOPS!** Fr. Michael meant to give a little gift to all the children enrolled in the Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist Program, especially as they are now looking forward to the second part of their program, and following the completion of their first. He forgot. The gift is a copy of the **Sunday Missal for Young Catholics**. He has them in the Sacristy, so parents, please ask him for one before or after Mass, and he will give it to you.



This Sunday Missal will be a useful aid, parents, as you help to prepare your children to approach the Table of the Eucharist.

We are most grateful to Jeannine Longe who once again led the children this Fall through their period of catechesis, leading up to the celebration of Reconciliation. Jeannine has used her faith and excellent teaching skills in this program for many years, and we are thankful to her.

**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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday mornings 11—Noon  
(Use the side entranceway)

**CALL THE PARISH OFFICE (Fr. Michael) 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  
December 10 —December 16, 2018**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 10		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 11	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, December 12	9:30 a.m.	For Pamela Astgen by the Family
Thursday, December 13	9:30 a.m.	For Alice Pennarun by Marie Bardswich
Friday, December 14	11:00 a.m.	Mass at Extencicare Falconbridge
Saturday, December 15 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Jim Kirwan by Sandra Ransom
Sunday, December 16	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, December 16	9:00 a.m.	For Mike Kritz & Matt Huminuk by Jim & Loretta Kritz
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**CWL Advent Project Socks for the Homeless:** We have sent 100 pairs of socks to the Blue Door Café since they were in dire need at this time. **We will be collecting socks this weekend and next weekend.** There is a basket at the back of the Church to gather them. They will be donated to the Samaritan Center to help the needy. We cannot do this without your help. *Bless you for your generosity!*



**ADVENT Garson Community  
Food Bank  
Our Annual Blitz**

Week 4 – December 15/16

**Canned Meat or Fish, Pork & Beans**

*“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”  
John Bunyan*

**COUNTRY TEA:** Seniors Citizens Club in Skead. Sunday, December 9th from 10am—2pm. Lunch Served. \$7/adult; \$5/child; Free for anyone under 6. Crafts/Raffles/Bake Table/Penny Table.




**HEALING SERVICE:**

Tuesday, December 11th at 2pm, here at St. John's Church. This is an ecumenical service of prayer sponsored by the Northeast Pastoral Group (Garson/Falconbridge/Skead/Coniston/New Sudbury and Minnow Lake). There will be the opportunity to be prayed over individually if you wish, although the Sacrament of the Sick will not be offered. After the healing service in the Church, everyone is invited to the hall for a reception.

SUDBURY SINGERS invite you to  
“A JOYFUL ADVENT” concert.

Sunday, December 9th 2:00pm at Christ The King. Admission: Cash Donation.  
Partial Proceeds: Maison Vale Hospice.  
Refreshments to follow

**CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** We gather after the 9:30 Friday morning Mass in the Meeting Room. All topics are open for discussion. Come, participate and sip good coffee. 

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 12th, beginning at 7pm in the Parish meeting room. **All Parishioners are welcome to attend.** Some of our agenda items will include: an update on our ramp project, our 5 year plan (with a focus on Youth Ministry and an update on our new Youth Minister), and Baptism Preparation. There are still positions open on the PPC, and attending the meeting might help you to decide if this is something you want to be involved with as a ministry.

**All PPC members: you should have received your agendas by e-mail.**



Everywhere in the world, Sunday is always a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. That means if anyone intentionally chooses to miss Mass on Sunday, they commit a serious sin. Beyond those 52 Sundays, every National Conference of Bishops establishes what other Holy Days will be followed in their Country. In Canada, two other days have been established: Christmas Day (December 25th), and Mary, the Mother of God (January 1st). In comparison, the American Bishops have established six Holy Days (4 more than in Canada). The reason for making these Holy Days of such significance is to establish, in a sense, the bare minimum required for a Christian to maintain some basic relationship with the Lord. When you think about it, the 54 hours (in Canada) requested each year represents just 0.6% of our life. If we can't give the Lord even that, it speaks volumes about how seriously we take our relationship with Him.



The 2019 Workbook for Lectors is available for pickup in the Sacristy. There is no need to return your old versions—please recycle them in the Blue Box.



**LEARN TO PRAY WITH THE PSALMS:** Continues (part 2) this Tuesday night at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Remember to bring your Bible or Book of Psalms.

**SOME HOUSEKEEPING:** Re: the **GREEN MAIL BOX** in the Sacristy—If you need a folder in this box, please let Fr. Michael know. He will be removing the folders of anyone who is currently there, but who does not wish or need to be.

**YOUR OFFERINGS for December 2, 2018**



**St. John the Evangelist** Envelopes: \$1,608.00      Loose: \$85.35  
Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$787.00  
Bishop's Annual Appeal: \$40.00      **Total: \$2,520.35**

**St. Bernardine of Siena** Envelopes: \$390.00      Loose: \$27.00      **Total: \$417.00**