

Our **PARISH WEBSITE** is normally the best source of up to date information about Parish liturgies and events. The Parish Bulletin is usually posted there several days before it is available in print form, and under the Calendar Tab, you can find Liturgies and Events posted far in advance. **HINT:** The Christmas Schedule for 2019 is already there! On the Calendar Page, please remember to 'left click' your mouse over the event listed, as that way all the information related to it will appear.



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?:

Speak to Fr. Michael or any other PPC member for more information. There are currently openings for 3 representatives from St. John's and one representative from St. Bernardine's. **Our next meeting date is Wednesday, February 13th at 7pm.** All parishioners are invited to attend. The minutes from our last meeting (December) have been posted to our Parish Website, for those who are interested.



EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: Take a piece of the blessed chalk home. Over the doorway of your house, or of a room frequently used, inscribe **20 + C + M + B + 19**. As a reminder, the first and last numbers are the year we now are in, and the letters are the first initials (by tradition) of the Magi: Caspar of India, Melchior of Persia, and Balthasar of Arabia. Alternatively, they can also represent "**Christus Mansionem Benedicat**" or Christ, Bless this House. You may pray in this way before or after you make the inscription: **Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Your law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell in it, and upon all who visit here. Through Christ our Lord.**

CWL NEWS: Elections for a new Executive will take place at the February General Meeting. There will be nomination sheets and a box to put them in at the back of the church. Please consider letting your name stand if you are nominated for a position. We have a recording secretary and treasurer. If you wish to be on the Executive please call Sue Quackenbush at 705-693-2467.



A THANK YOU from Fr. Michael: I am grateful to everyone who offered prayers for me in a special way during this Christmas Season, for your Mass offerings and for the gifts made to various charities in my name. You are most kind and thoughtful. Thank you.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Parishioners of St. Bernardine's for your gift to me, and while I'm at it, to apologize for my oversight on the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. For the life of me, I have no idea why I neglected to schedule a morning Mass in Skead for January 1st. I'm sorry about that oversight, and promise it will not happen again. In fact (you can check the online calendar) - it's already scheduled for January 1, 2020! Mea Culpa.

Prayer for Christian Unity: Our annual Prayer for Christian Unity will take place this year on Wednesday, January 23rd at The Church of the Ascension on Sparks Street in New Sudbury, beginning at 7pm. More information will be provided about this important ecumenical event.

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January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

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
(Cancelled for this week)

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
January 7—January 13, 2019**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, January 7 — Friday, January 11		No Parish Masses This Week
Saturday, January 12	4:30 p.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday, January 13	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, January 13	9:00 a.m.	For Brenda Humeniuk by Eric & Barb Stuart

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK

CONGRATULATIONS! On Tuesday, January 1st, Fr. Michael was privileged to Baptise and Confirm Jim Mucklow, and to welcome him into full Communion through the receiving of Holy Eucharist. We welcome Jim as a brother in the faith, and continue to wish him well and pray for the healing and strengthening that he so desires.

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. NOT large print.

**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. A great gift idea.

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

GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK



Non-perishable food items are always needed. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Your gifts throughout the past year have been tremendous! The needs continue throughout the year ahead, and so we ask that you remember the poor and hungry whenever you shop for food.

CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:



This activity is cancelled for Friday this week, as well as the Friday following. It will resume on January 25th.

We tend to associate the Feast of Epiphany with the arrival of the Magi in Matthew's Gospel. Traditionally, however, there are two additional Mysteries associated with this Feast Day: The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (with the Divine declaration made by the Voice from Heaven—a Mystery we now celebrate separately next weekend) and the changing of the water into wine at the wedding banquet of Cana (first sign that Jesus performs). All three are events that point to the Mystery of the revelation of God made visible.



YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT: As is our custom, a full financial report for the Parish for 2018 will be published and distributed once it has been prepared by the Parish Finance Committee and reviewed by the Parish Pastoral Council at our next meeting on February 13th. We strive to be as transparent and accountable as possible in these reports, without getting bogged down in details that simply increase the amount of paper used in producing the reports. That said, attending the PPC meeting on February 13th would be one way to learn of more details, if you so desire. You can also get in touch with any member of the Finance Committee, once the report is published, if you want more details than those provided.



FINANCE COUNCIL

BOXED DONATION ENVELOPES: If you did not get a chance to pick up your 2019 boxed set of donation envelopes, they are now (or soon will be) located in the Parish office. If you are unable to get to the office, please just call and request your box be placed on the table in the entranceway, and it will be there for you to pick up the following weekend.



DONATION RECEIPTS:



We are currently working on preparing the receipts for donations made to the Parish in 2018. Once prepared, they will be distributed. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish. Your donations allow us to keep our doors open and provide the services that we enjoy.

YOUR OFFERINGS for December 30, 2018



St. John the Evangelist Envelopes: \$1,469.00 Loose: \$65.10
Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$787.00 Christmas: \$310.00
Initial: \$25.00 **Total: \$2,656.10**

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$375.00 Loose: \$25.00 Christmas: \$100.00
Total: \$500.00