

**PRAYERS BEFORE MASS:** On **Wednesdays (9:25)**, we will pray a Perpetual Novena to Our Mother of Good Counsel. Please remember to pick up the prayer card as you enter the Church.

On **Thursdays (9:15)**, we will pray Lauds (Morning Prayer). The Christian Prayer Books will be distributed before we begin.

On **Fridays (9:10)**, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It will be a sung version, played over the sound system. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on rosary beads. There will be pamphlets at the entrance of the Church to take home, for those who wish, which describe how to pray the Chaplet, and also how to pray the Novena (which starts on Good Friday).

**RECONCILIATION:** In addition to the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation here at St. John the Evangelist on Friday nights, you may also choose to participate in one of the Reconciliation Services that will be offered in our area:



**St. Andrew the Apostle Parish**, on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm,  
**Holy Redeemer Parish**, on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm.  
**Christ the King Parish**, on Thursday, April 4th from 10-11:45am and 1-3pm.

**Development & Peace Stone Soup Event:** Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. To participate, please bring a cup of vegetables, rice or noodles ready for the communal soup pot and take it down to the kitchen on your way in to Mass that morning. While we worship at Mass, the soup will cook. Our Guest Speaker this year is Dr. Christopher Duncanson-Hales. Come and join us as we gather in community for nourishment of soul, mind and body, living proof of Solidarity in Motion – one with God and Neighbour as we discover how to share the Journey with those who had to flee their homes.

**MARK THE DATE:** Sunday, May 5th will be the next Parish Breakfast, hosted by our Parish Social Committee. Clear your calendar after Mass that day, so you can enjoy this time of food and friendship, with an added dash of fun.



**CALLING ALL SINGERS:** The **Mass of Chrism** will be celebrated at Christ the King Church on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Wanda Sutton, who is responsible for the music, is putting together a special choir for this Mass. She invites anyone who would like to join the choir to contact her at [wanda\\_sutton@hotmail.com](mailto:wanda_sutton@hotmail.com).

There will be three rehearsals held at Christ the King Church at 7:00 pm on the following dates:

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>                      Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>                      Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>

It is important to commit to all three rehearsals if you decide to join the choir. Wanda is looking forward to welcoming many of you. Please contact her if you need any information.

**There will be a rosary rally for the conversion of Canada on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at St. Alexander Parish, 100 Gaudette St., Chelmsford.**

**Everyone is welcome. Let us gather to pray together.**

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**March 24, 2019**  
**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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:** Friday nights 6pm—7pm

**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)

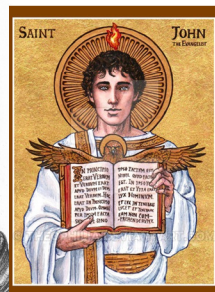
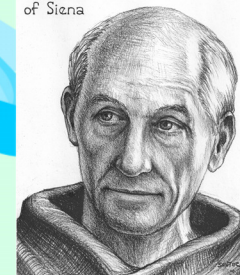
**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday - Thursday**  
**10:00 am. to Noon**



*Lord, you have probed me and you know me. (Ps. 139:1)*

St. Bernardine of Siena



**Mass Schedule**  
**March 25 —March 31, 2019**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 25		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 26	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, March 27	9:30 a.m.	For Mark Kehoe by St. John's CWL
Thursday, March 28	9:30 a.m.	For James Mucklow by Marie Bardswich
Friday, March 29	9:30 a.m.	For Priscilla Egan by Shirley & Bruce Robillard
Saturday, March 30	4:30 p.m.	For Daniel Labelle by Roland Gertrude Labelle
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> Sunday, March 31	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, March 31	9:00 a.m.	For Allan Matte by William Hayes

**CWL Executive Meeting:** Monday, March 25th in the Parish Meeting Room at 1:00pm.

**World Water Day** was on March 22nd. Our National Theme this year is: **“Care for our Common Home”**. A good way to start is by reducing water consumption in our homes. Simply by not letting the tap run while brushing our teeth, or when rinsing the dishes, by fixing leaky faucets, or by running the dishwasher only when full, can make a big difference.



**LENTEN GARSON COMMUNITY FOOD BANK BLITZ    Week 3**

Toilet paper & tissues

*Whatsoever you do to one of your brothers or sisters you do unto me, says the Lord!*

**WE NEED MORE SERVANTS:** As a small faith community, it takes only a few people who are no longer able to actively participate because of health to impact the various ministries we offer at St. John the Evangelist. Every ministry, of course, is always open to new participation. Right now, however, the need for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist** is particularly acute.



Perhaps Lent is an appropriate time to simply ask God for direction in this area—is He calling you to this or another Ministry in our Parish?



Welcoming others is a simple, but powerful, witness to our belief that Christ is present in all we meet. The expression “welcoming angels unaware” comes from Hebrews 13:2, but it points to an even deeper reality that Christ is always present in others, and most especially the poor, the lonely and the outcast.

**CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE:** *Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation in the Meeting Room following Mass. No topic has been suggested, so who knows where the chat will take us this week—come and see.*



**CHRISTIAN SEDER MEAL:** Fr. Michael will host a Christian Seder Meal on Holy Thursday. The cost is \$40.00. A portion of that will be dedicated to sponsoring a child through Chalice this year, in the name of our Parish family. Please see Fr. Michael to reserve your place. **The firm deadline is Sunday, March 31st.** No guests can be accommodated after that date, so please be sure to reserve your place this week if you are interested in participating.



**RECONCILIATION DURING LENT:** During the Lenten Season, Fr. Michael will be available in the Confessional every Friday before we begin the Stations of the Cross, from 6pm to 7pm. Please note that during this time, he will not be available on Saturday mornings. As always, you may contact him for a personal appointment at any time.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent, join us in praying the Stations of the Cross in the Church of St. John the Evangelist.



Parish Council Members will lead us this Friday at 7:00 p.m. as we allow the Lord to speak to our heart. Everyone welcome!

**Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar:** Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace's long-time partner, Caritas Bangladesh, is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingyas! [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)



**YOUR OFFERINGS for March 17, 2019**



**St. John the Evangelist**

Envelopes: \$1,447.00    Loose: \$147.25    Heating: \$125.00  
 Pre-Authorized Deductions: \$682.00    **Total: \$2,401.25**

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Envelopes: \$320.00    Loose: \$37.00    **Total: \$357.00**