



At our Easter Vigil, we welcomed with great joy **Lydia Viinalass** into our Christian family, through Baptism, Confirmation and the Reception of Holy Eucharist. **Welcome Lydia!** She was sponsored by PJ Millar, and prepared for this day by Marie Bardswich.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL We met on April 10th; the minutes are posted to our website, for those who are interested. Areas discussed and decisions made: new location of our outdoor Parish sign, adoption of a child (Veronica from Bolivia) through Chalice, Fr. Michael's 25th anniversary/ Parish BBQ in June, Cost of devotion candles at the new Divine Mercy Image. Please see our website for the full minutes; other details will be printed in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

**April 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY**

**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
Tuesday—Thursday: 10:00 to Noon**

Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care

Marie Bardswich

Parish Pastoral Council

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| 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

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| Elaine Lamarche | 705-693-3339 |
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ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

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Communion to the Sick

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| Rolande Kehoe | 705-969-2838 |
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The Kingdom of the Divine Will Study and Reflection Group

You are invited to learn about the Divine Will From Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary Through the writings of the Mystic Luisa Piccarreta.

Each Saturday Evening at 7:00 P.M. St. Alexander Church (classroom Office side) 100 Gaudette St. Chelmsford

Father Ken Gauthier, Spiritual Director

Rummage Sale & Raffles
St. Paul the Apostle Church in Coniston

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| Friday | Apr. 26th | 6 pm to 9 pm |
| Saturday | Apr. 27th | 9 am to 3:30 pm |
| Sunday | Apr. 28th | 9 am to 1 pm |

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Share the Journey Solidarity WALK will take place at the Bell Park Boardwalk on Saturday, May 25th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event has 2 purposes: awareness of the plight of refugees being forced to flee their homes and to send a message to the Canadian government. The event will consist of an opening ceremony, a walk, a free BBQ and a closing ceremony. Free will donations will be accepted to raise funds for Development and Peace's community development programs. For more information on the Share the Journey campaign, please go to devp.org/campaign.

Dear brother priests, dear deacons, dear faithful:

Christ is risen! He truly is risen! These words of faith and joy spontaneously surge from within the hearts of Christians on Easter morning. Our conviction today is rooted in the faith lived out and proclaimed by Christians for more than two thousand years. However, for the first disciples who preceded us on our faith journey, it was more difficult to believe that Jesus triumphed over death. On the morning of the resurrection, their faith is shaken and challenged. Peter is filled with remorse for having denied knowing Jesus; Thomas doubts; Mary Magdalene is disheartened; the two disciples on the road to Emmaus are deeply disappointed. With loving kindness, Jesus responds to the specific needs of each person. He offers a word of restoration to those who have fallen, a word of encouragement to those who doubt, a word of comfort to those who are disheartened and a word of hope to those who are disappointed.

Among the apparitions of Christ recounted by the Gospels during the Easter season, the meeting of the risen Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus (Lk 24,13-35) appears particularly relevant for our times. As it was for them, it is sometimes difficult for us to believe that Jesus' passion and death result in LIFE. Do we not ask ourselves, as they did, where is our God in these times when we often feel disconcerted by the situation of the Church and of society? Do we feel our hope weaken when we see our world devastated by hatred, violence and multiple conflicts? And the lack of human and Christian values in many political leaders? And the instability of families where young people feel torn? And the scandals within the Church, etc.? Do we sometimes feel defeated and ask ourselves what is the purpose of our faith when God seems so far removed from us?

And yet, Jesus is truly risen! As it did for the disciples of Emmaus, a new hope can be rekindled in us. Let us remember that Jesus always walks with us, whatever our journey may be. Let us also remember that, through Jesus, life triumphs over death. Easter invites us to relive the experience of the disciples of Emmaus: by opening our heart and being attentive to Jesus who walks with us; by learning to recognize him in his Word and in the Eucharist, by allowing him to fill our hearts with the fire of his love, so that we may proclaim loudly and clearly, here and now, by our words and by our actions: "Christ is truly risen!"

To each and every one of you, I wish the joy and the hope of Easter.

+Marcel Damphousse Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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Mass Schedule
April 22 —April 28, 2019

St. John the Evangelist

| Date | Time | Mass Intention |
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| Monday, April 22 | | No Parish Mass |
| Tuesday, April 23 | 9:30 a.m. | The Intentions of all Parishioners |
| Wednesday, April 24 | 9:30 a.m. | For Past & Present CWL Members by St. John's CWL |
| Thursday, April 25 | 9:30 a.m. | For Ivan Mixemong by Harvey & Sue Quackenbush |
| Friday, April 26 | 9:30 a.m. | For Rita Preseau by Richard & Diane Blais |
| Saturday, April 27 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | 4:30 p.m. | For Herbert Monaghan by Debbie Monaghan |
| | 10:30 a.m. | For the intentions of all Parishioners |

St. Bernardine of Siena

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| Sunday, April 28 | 9:00 a.m. | For Jadwiga Waszczylo by Zbig & Gen Waszczylo |
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DIVINE MERCY: Our Parish will celebrate the Divine Mercy Liturgy on Sunday, April 28th, at 3pm. Since we have just received the Image of Divine Mercy by donation from the CWL, the Image will be blessed during the Liturgy. Additionally, there will be a celebration of the Word, praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Veneration of the Image.



The beauty of the Easter Celebrations are made possible only by the active sharing of many gifts by a variety of parishioners, and we are grateful to them. The Musicians and Singers, the Environment Ministry, the various Liturgical Ministers, and everyone who contributes in large and little ways to glorify God and help raise our spirits to Him—**THANK YOU!** By sharing your time and talents, you have allowed all of us to gain a glimpse into the glory of Heaven.



As Lent was a time of fasting, so now is Easter a time for feasting. Rejoice, for Christ is Risen! Let your song and food and gatherings be uplifting and celebratory. Even Friday this week is a Solemnity within the Octave of Easter—go big on meat, if you so desire!

Catching the Flame: The 5th annual New Evangelization Summit is Back! You are invited to join us **Saturday, May 4th** (8:45am - 4:45pm) at **St. Benedict School**. There are registration forms at the entrance of the Church, and you can return them to the Parish office. No charge!

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 we'll just go with wherever the chat will take us this week—come and see.*



To mark "Foot Health Month", De Simone Centre is launching their annual "Knock your Socks Off" campaign for the homeless. You may bring new socks to their clinic on Lasalle, or Dr. Charette's clinic on Long Lake Rd., from May 1st to the 31st. All donated socks will be distributed through the Sudbury emergency shelters.

We are looking for volunteers at the **Garson Foodbank** on Tuesdays from 12 to 3. Anyone interested may call 705-507-3393.

Fr. Michael will not be available for Reconciliation this Saturday morning. As always, feel free to contact him for a private appointment at any time.



ENROLLMENT FOR HOLY EUCHARIST:

Coming to the end of their formal period of preparation, the thirteen children of our 2 Parishes will be enrolled next weekend (a simple, public ceremony of acknowledgement) and will begin approaching the Table of the Lord in the weeks following. There will be a formal reception for all of them following Mass on May 19th—a celebration to which ALL parishioners are invited.



CWL NEWS: The May General meeting will be for **Birth Right**. Please come and support this good cause.

Friday, April 26th is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The League is sponsoring a Mass on Vision TV, offered for living and deceased members, and spiritual directors. Check local listings for air times.

Please keep in your prayers those attending the Diocesan Convention in Sault Ste Marie next weekend.



Ola Amigos! Dig out your serapes, your maracas and sombrero and prepare for a **"FIESTA BREAKFAST"** as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Much Gracia for buying your tickets early. Adios for now.



YOUR OFFERINGS for April 14, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Envelopes: \$1,692.00 Pre-authorized Deductions: \$957.50
 Share Lent: \$285.75 Loose: \$ 110.30 Heating: \$575.00 **Total: \$3,620.55**

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$325.00 Loose: \$25.00
 Share Lent: \$20.00 Heating: \$90.00 **Total: \$460.00**