



With the one bag/week garbage limit beginning in October, we will embark on a renewed effort to reduce our waste, primarily by diverting as much as possible to the Blue Box and Green Bin. Please be respectful of the signs which are posted to indicate the container that should be used. Since the Church does not receive garbage pick up, whatever we produce is discarded with Fr. Michael's pick up. Your assistance in reducing our waste is appreciated.

With the Federal Election coming in October, the Canadian Bishops have written a guide to help Roman Catholics make an informed decision re: voting through the prism of our faith. It does not tell us HOW to vote, but is rather a reflection on how to discern for ourselves how to vote, based on Gospel teachings. The document may be found on the website of the Canadian Bishops: www.cccb.ca

A NEW CHILI COOKOFF IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



The Anglican Church of the Ascension will be hosting a Chili Cookoff at their Church (1476 Sparks St. in New Sudbury) on November 23rd. Everyone is invited to participate; more information will be given as it becomes available.

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

On **Thursdays (9:20)**, we pray Morning Prayer. Please remember to take a copy of the Prayer Book as you enter the Church. The ribbon will be set to the correct page.

On **Fridays (9:15)**, we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We use a sung version, played over the sound system. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on rosary beads. There are pamphlets at the entrance of the Church which describe how to pray the Chaplet. These you may take home.

LAST CHANCE FOR THIS CYCLE: **Registration forms** for the 2019 cycle of preparation for both Confirmation AND Holy Eucharist **are still available**. Those who will be **7 years of age or older** this year may register for the preparation needed to begin receiving Holy Eucharist (includes Reconciliation).

Those who will be **12 years of age or older** this year may register for the preparation leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents, please ask Fr. Michael for a registration form for Reconciliation/Eucharist following any Sunday Mass.

Candidates for Confirmation are invited to approach Fr. Michael for the registration package themselves, following any Sunday Mass.

Please note that the registration forms for both Holy Eucharist and Confirmation need to be **returned to Fr. Michael no later than Sunday, September 29th. That is NEXT WEEKEND.**



The Roman Catholic Parishes of
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge

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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:
The Office is Closed This Week**

**September 22, 2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: *Cancelled for this week. We will continue the week following.*

Pastor

Fr. Michael Williams

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich

Music Director: Jeannine Longe

Parish Organist: Mariette Hickey

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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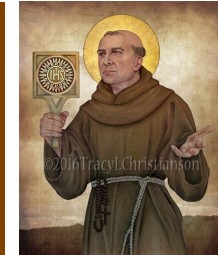
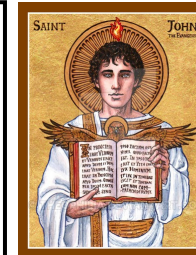
ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

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Communion to the Sick

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

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
September 23 —September 29, 2019**


St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, September 23		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, September 24		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, September 25		No Parish Mass
Thursday, September 26		No Parish Mass
Friday, September 27		No Parish Mass
Saturday, September 28 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time Sunday, September 29	4:30 p.m.	For Verna Thompson by Tom & Lorraine Mei
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, September 29	9:00 a.m.	For Michael Kritz & Matt Humeniuk by Jim & Loretta Kritz & Family
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FR. MICHAEL ON RETREAT: As Fr. Michael will be on his annual retreat this coming week, there are no weekday Masses scheduled in our Parish. While most of the priests attended the retreat North of Elliot Lake in August, Fr. Michael is taking his in Combermere at Madonna House with his brother priests of that community.



ROSARY RALLY: On Sunday, October 13th at 3:00 pm, there will be a Rosary Rally to pray for Canada on this the Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. It is to be held at the Katherine Bell Gazebo, Bell Park, on Paris Street. Everyone is invited to participate in this prayer event.

THE ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

With the closure of our neighbouring Churches over the past number of years, our Parish has broadened its ecumenical partnership to embrace all the Christian Churches in Garson/Skead, Coniston, Minnow Lake and New Sudbury. Our group is known as the Northeast Ministerial Association. In addition to the 5 Roman Catholic Churches in this area, the Association includes First Baptist Church (Garson), Anglican Church of the Ascension (New Sudbury) and St. Stephens on the Hill United Church (New Sudbury). The other Churches of the area, including Grace United, have been invited to participate, but so far have declined, unfortunately. There are a number of activities in which we participate throughout the year, including our Healing Prayer Service, our serving of lunches to the Barrydowne students, ALPHA, and our annual prayer service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We meet regularly in order to share what is going on in our respective communities. More on that on the back page.



COMING SOON TO OUR PARISH! There is an exciting, new opportunity coming to our part of the city, and our Parish will be a key part of it. ALPHA is an international movement for the New Evangelization. This Fall, we will be training leaders for it. In the winter, we will launch. More information will be coming.



THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is available in our Parish. It is a process through which adults can learn about the Catholic faith and decide if it is for them. For more information, please speak to Fr. Michael.

The Spiritual Exercises in daily life at Villa Loyola Orientation meeting for retreatants

You can experience the full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola over the next nine months (from October to early June) with an individual Spiritual Director who will guide you through this profoundly transformative retreat experience. *Through meditation of scripture passages and reflection on daily life, through meeting Jesus in prayer, we foster the bond between life and faith. We have a better view on how God's grace is present and active in our daily life.*

Come and learn more with Fr. Wim Dombret, s.j. during this orientation meeting.

Date: Friday October 4th 2019 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Director:** Fr. Wim Dombret, S.J.
Registration: Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca

THE PASCAL MYSTERY: Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, Anderson Lake, Espanola October 25-27, 2019 Weekend facilitated by Sr. Pat Carter, csj, and Tara Hurford, D&P Animator for Eastern and Northern Ontario, The Fall Campaign

We live our lives in the pattern of the paschal mystery. We are Easter people. There is no true Easter without the whole Paschal Mystery.

Regular Cost: Adults **\$160.00** Students **\$55.00**
Early Bird Cost: Adults **\$140.00** Students **\$50.00**
(Includes registration, six meals and two nights lodging)

To register, please contact: Doreen Merkas zagorja@sympatico.ca



Confession

RECONCILIATION - NEW TIME: Fr. Michael is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday afternoon, from 3:30 - 4:00pm. He will be in the Confessional - if the green light is on, you may simply go inside for the Sacrament. As always, you may also contact him at any other time for this Sacrament.



YOUR OFFERINGS for September 15, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Envelopes: \$1,107.00 Loose: \$41.15 Utilities: \$320.00
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$970.00 **Total: \$2,438.15**

St. Bernardine of Siena Envelopes: \$380.00 Loose: \$42.95 Utilities: \$80.00 **Total: \$502.95**