

**Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola**  
4951 Long Lake Road

**Theme: They Hummed of Mystery: Re-enchantment of Nature as the Word and Beauty of God.**

Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home, *Laudato Si'*, uses the mystical, wisdom language of the Christian Trinity to attempt a "re-enchantment" of the natural world. The doctrine of the Trinity suggests a provocative language that invites one to engage the profound mystery of creation.

The Trinitarian mystery, as the core of our faith, can instill a spirit of awe, wonder, contemplation, reverence and praise before the word and the beauty of God in all creation. We will explore this deep well of meaning and mystery that we call creation or nature. From this well may flow a deep-rooted care for our common home and a call to action.

**Dates:** From Friday March 13 (7pm) to Sunday March 15 (1pm) 2020  
**Director:** Fr. John McCarthy, S.J.  
**Cost:** \$225.00 live-in/\$140.00 commute  
**Registration:** Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca)



**ALPHA:** This week and continuing for the next 7 weeks, the Alpha Course will be offered to everyone in our city. Christ is knocking at your door. Will you answer Him and let Him in? **Even if you have encountered Him already, you may find in ALPHA a useful means to reach out to others who do not yet know Him. Try it out, and see if it is something you might consider inviting someone to next Fall.** This weeks session, will be at First Baptist Church at 2603 Falconbridge Hwy., in Garson Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.



**A NIGHT FOR THE GROTTA Dinner, Music and Friendship**  
**SUDBURY'S GROTTA** has been recognized as the hidden jewel in the centre of our downtown. This site is majestic with a beautiful fountain and colonnade, a monument of the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and St. Peter's United Church Labyrinth.

**A NIGHT FOR THE GROTTA** is a fundraising dinner to provide funds towards the ongoing maintenance of this spectacular site. This event will celebrate the beauty of the Grotto, and will value the good works of so many people dedicated to making a difference in our community. Come and join us for an evening of music, good food and friendship.

**When:** April 23, 2020      **Where:** Caruso Club      **Time:** 6:00pm  
**Tickets:** \$60/person (available at A&J Home Hardware, Old Rock Café, P&M Kouzzina's and Jett Landry Music)  
**Music Provided:** Jeff Wiseman, Jacinthe Trudeau and Iona Reed (before and during dinner)  
**Hosting the Event:** Lucio Fabris Owner of Med-I-Well Services  
**Major Sponsors:** Autumnwood Mature Lifestyles & Lougheeds



St. John's The Catholic's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of god through ministry and service.  
 General Meeting on February 3rd at 1:30pm in the church hall. Hope to see you there.



**MAINTENANCE MINISTRY:** We are seeking a self starting parishioner to look after the various maintenance needs of our Parish. One of our most dedicated volunteers - Harvey Quackenbush - is 'retiring' after serving in this area for many years.

The parameters of this Ministry are open to negotiation, depending on the needs and abilities of the woman or man who wishes to volunteer. This can be a team Ministry, or a Ministry of one. It can be one that simply organizes, calls forth others, and plans, or it can be hands on and "I'll take care of it myself". If you are intrigued, interested or mildly curious, please speak to Fr. Michael at your convenience.

The Parish Pastoral Council has decided this approach would be the 'ideal' for our Parish. However, lacking a volunteer, the PPC is also open to the possibility of hiring a part time maintenance/care taker for the Parish. This could be an expanded role that includes cleaning the Church and Hall, and even one that includes snow removal and/or grass cutting. All options are open; we will simply adapt what jobs are possible to whoever is interested. Again, please speak to Fr. Michael if this might interest you.

**Donation Receipts:** The remainders that are not picked up will be mailed.

**Financial Report:** As always, your Parish Finance Committee will prepare an annual financial report over the next number of weeks. After it has been reviewed by the Parish Pastoral Council at our meeting on February 12th, it will be published in the Parish bulletin.

**Envelopes:** There are still a few 2020 donation envelopes that have not been picked up. They are in the Parish Office. You can either ask Lisa for your box during office hours, or ask Fr. Michael to retrieve it for you at any other time. For those who wish to switch to automatic donations, there are forms available for that in the entranceway of the Church. For those who wish to begin using weekly envelopes, there are boxes available in the Church - just ask Fr. Michael or a Minister of Hospitality for one.

**ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHICKEN & PENNE SUPPER**

**When:** Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>      **Time:** Doors open at 4:30pm  
**Where:** Church Hall      **Cost:** Adults \$12.00  
 Children under 10 \$6.00



**Tickets:** Available After Mass from Jim Gomm and Marilyn Schroeder  
 Please purchase your tickets early as it will help us to know how much food to buy. Thank you!

*Thank You*

**YOUR OFFERINGS for January 26, 2020**

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes: \$1,549.00	Loose: \$70.00	Heating: \$25.00	
	Initial Offering: \$70.00	Native Sector: \$40.00		
	Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75			<b>Total: \$2,662.75</b>
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes: \$810.00	Loose: \$5.00		
	Native Sector: \$50.00	Heat: \$30.00		<b>Total: \$815.00</b>

**Mass Schedule  
February 3 - February 9, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 3		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 4	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, February 5	9:30 a.m.	For Joe & Priscilla Egan by The Egan Family
Thursday, February 6	9:30 a.m.	For Ray Lachapelle by Debbie Monaghan
Friday, January 7	9:30 a.m.	For Pamela Astgen by The Family
Saturday, February 8 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday, February 9	4:30 p.m.	For Dave DellaVedova by Diana & Santana DellaVedova
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, February 9	9:00 a.m.	For Marty Arcand by Zbig & Gen Waszczylo
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**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION:** If you brought a candle to be blessed this weekend, use it throughout the year, especially on Feasts and special occasions, as a reminder that Christ's light shines in your home and in your heart.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Your Parish Council meets on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 7 pm, in the Meeting Room. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Some of the agenda items are: A financial update, hiring of a Parish custodian, among other items.



**Ecumenical Healing Service**

At First Baptist Church in Garson on **Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**2020 NORTHERN ONTARIO CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The **2020** Northern Ontario Catholic Youth Conference will be held on Saturday, February 29 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. Join youth from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Chris Bray. This year's theme is "unChained" as we reflect on how God can free us from what holds us back in life. Registration fee is only \$20 and includes all meals! The Conference runs from 10am – 8pm, and overnight accommodations are available for travellers. All young people aged 13-19 are invited to register online at [www.holynametalphonsus.com/unchained](http://www.holynametalphonsus.com/unchained), pick up a Registration Form at your church or from your high school Chaplain, or call Fr. Daniele Muscolino at 705-495-1501. This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

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

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK  
Tuesday - Thursday 10am - Noon**

**February 2, 2020  
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Pastor**

Fr. Michael Williams

**Secretary**

Lisa Walz

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**RCIA and Pastoral Care:** Marie Bardswich

**Music Director:** Jeannine Longe

**Parish Organist:** Mariette Hickey/Cecilia Ross

**Parish Pastoral Council**

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

**PRAYER LINE**

Elaine Lamarche	705-693-3339
Rachel Corbett	705-693-3241

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**Parish Contact**

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

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine  
Church - Skead

**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 in side for this week's schedule

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

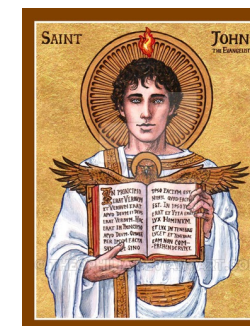
**CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:**

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

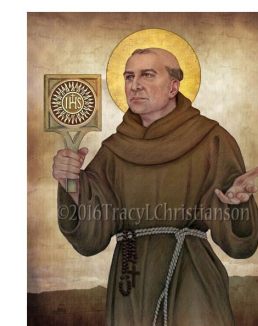
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,  
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena