


ADOPT A BABY: Over the last year, parishioners adopted, named and prayed for an unborn child, asking that by God's grace, she or he be spared from destruction through abortion. Nine (9) boys and four (4) girls were adopted. Our Sunday morning Epiphany Mass last weekend was celebrated for them, and each of their names was spoken during the Eucharistic Prayer. They are:

Michael George
Abbie
Christina
Ruth Ann
James Michael

Matt
Nicholas
Russell
Chris

Joseph
Chance
Joseph
Mary

New prayer cards are now available in the main entranceway of the Church for those who wish to adopt an unborn baby this year. This is a spiritual response, encouraged by Bishop Fulton Sheen, to one of the greatest evils of our time. Very simply, you pray about and then choose a name for the unborn child you are adopting. Write the name on the left side of the slip of paper: blue paper for a boy and pink paper for a girl. Cut at the dotted line. Return the left side to the Parish Office. Keep the right side, and pray the prayer that is there every day for your adopted child.



ALPHA - COMING SOON: Beginning on January 23rd, and continuing for the next 9 weeks, the Alpha Course will be offered to everyone in our city. During those 10 Thursday nights, we will begin at 6:30pm with a hot meal (no charge!), continue with a half hour video presentation, and conclude at 8pm after a half hour small group discussion. 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.** Registration helps us to prepare the necessary resources and appropriate amount of food. You may register simply by calling or e-mailing the Parish Office with your name. The dates and times of Alpha were distributed at our Christmas Masses, and there are still a number of those information folders available in the Church.

CHIT CHAT AND COFFEE: *Join us in the Parish Meeting Room on Friday, following Mass, for some Christmas hot coffee and conversations!*



St. John's Catholic Women's League will continue to have our Wednesday craft session after morning Mass. Please come and join us for fun, laughter and good conversation.



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: Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish family, through the offering of your time, treasure and talents. Since the government of Canada rewards those who give of their 'treasure', we will soon be issuing receipts you can use to take advantage of this deduction against your taxes, but only for those donations made in 2019. All donations going forward will be acknowledged at the end of 2020.

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 in February, 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.

Thank You

YOUR OFFERINGS for January 1st and January 5, 2020

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$1,792.00	Loose: \$30.00
	Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75	Mother of God: \$1,497.00
Christmas: 150.00	Initial Offering: \$480.00	Total: \$4,857.75

St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$995.00	Loose: \$40.00	Mother of God: \$351.00
			Total: \$1,386.00

Mass Schedule
January 13 - January 19, 2020

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, January 13		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, January 14	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, January 15	9:30 a.m.	For Marie Claire Maheu by St. John's CWL
Thursday, January 16	9:30 a.m.	For Donna Carpenter by Marie Bardswich
Friday, January 17	9:30 a.m.	For Diane McLaughlin by Rob & Lisa Walz
Saturday, January 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, January 19	4:30 p.m.	For Yvonne Fielding by David & Isabel Gobbo
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

St. Bernardine of Siena

Sunday, January 19	9:00 a.m.	For Roland D'Amour by May D'Amour Goudreau
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Thank You

I am grateful to everyone who prayed for me in a particular way throughout this Christmas Season, who enrolled me in various novenas and Mass offerings, and who supported me in ways both little and large. May the peace and joy of Christ reign in all our lives throughout this year. Fr. Michael.



A NIGHT FOR THE GROTTTO Dinner, Music and Friendship
SUDBURY'S GROTTTO 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 GROTTTO 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 Kouzina'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

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
Tuesday - Thursday 10am - Noon

January 12, 2020
BAPTISM 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

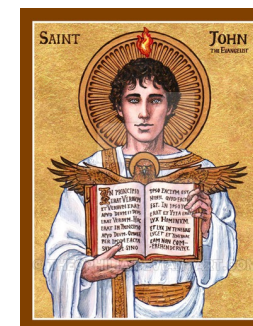
CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

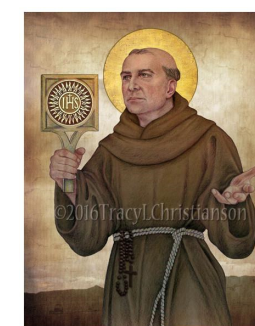
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**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