



The following is **time sensitive** ... please refer to some of the information below sent by the Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience who advise that, "The Government of Canada is asking for input by **January 27** on their proposal to expand the criteria for euthanasia in Canada so that more people will be eligible."

The Government of Canada is asking for input by **January 27** on their proposal to expand the criteria for euthanasia in Canada so that more people will be eligible. A Quebec Court declared in September that the clause in the federal euthanasia legislation that death must be "reasonably foreseeable" in order for a patient to qualify was unconstitutional. This clause was added to the law when it was passed in 2016 to protect people with disabilities, including those with mental health concerns. Doctors know that often persons with disabilities or with serious mental health concerns consider suicide rather than to face life with a physical or psychological limitation. But with love, a strong support network and proper medical care, many do change their minds and lead their lives with dignity and self-respect. What if that supportive community is not there? What if the government does not provide proper mental health or palliative care supports? What about the stigma and attitudes that consider people with disabilities a burden on society? What about the barriers that currently exist in simple day to day living? Any normal person would get discouraged. Now our government is proposing to offer euthanasia rather than a helping hand. All along, the 2015 legalization of euthanasia (also known as Medical Assistance in Dying) was sold as a solution for the elderly who were near death anyway and who were in intolerable physical pain. Those who were opposed to legalizing euthanasia argued that it was a slippery slope and that vulnerable people, children, those with disabilities, those with mental health concerns, and those with dementia would be put at risk. Now, less than five years later, what was predicted has now happened. And our government, is leading the charge to open euthanasia to more and more people. We know from a report commissioned by the Federal government that they are looking into including children, people whose primary diagnosis is mental illness, and those with advanced directives to be able to be euthanized. That is why we need people to complete this survey.

Members are asked to make their voices heard by filling out the "**Consultation**" (see the link below) to let the federal government know their thoughts on **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)**. **Responses must be completed and sent by January 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.!** Please complete the consultation today and make your voice heard.

<https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide>
<http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

A reminder of the executive meeting on January 27th at 1:00pm in the meeting Room.

The 100th Anniversary CWL Convention is being held in North Bay at the Best Western April 24-26th 2020. If you are planning on attending it is best to book a room as soon as possible. The phone number for the Best Western is 1-705-474-5800.



**WEEK OF PRAYER 2020 FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
EVENT IN SUDBURY**

SUNDAY JAN. 26 at 3 pm

At Anglican Church of the Epiphany, Larch St. Sudbury
 Lots of free parking downtown and behind the Church
 Focus with the Rev. Canon John Guibaut, President of Thorneloe University, International Expert in Christian Unity Efforts.

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.



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

When: Sunday, February 16th **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!)

Donation Receipts: Available this weekend

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.

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



Thank You

YOUR OFFERINGS for January 19, 2020

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$901.00	Loose: \$74.20	
	Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75	Heating: \$30.00	
	Initial Offering: \$18.00	Native Sector: \$175.25	Total: \$2,107.20
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$.00	Loose: \$.00	Total: \$.00

(Due to Weather Mass in Skead was Cancelled)

Mass Schedule
January 27 - February 2, 2020

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, January 27		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, January 28		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, January 29		No Parish Mass
Thursday, January 30		No Parish Mass
Friday, January 31	9:30 a.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Lil & Guy Bergeron
Saturday, February 1 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	4:30 p.m.	For Dave DellaVedova by Diana DellaVedova
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, February 2	9:00 a.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Stan & Rose Rice

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION: Next Sunday, everyone is invited to bring a candle to Mass for the Feast of the Presentation. Your Baptism candle would be perfect, although any candle will suffice. Fr. Michael will bless the candles as a part of this Liturgy commemorating the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. Your blessed candle, throughout the year, will be a sign of His light shining in your home and your heart.



WELCOME to Fr. Jim Hutton who is looking after our Sunday Masses this weekend.

Please note: The office will be closed this Wednesday, January 29th for City Wide Professional Day for Secretaries. Sorry for any inconveniences!



ALPHA: Has started and will continue for the next 8 weeks, the Alpha Course will be offered to everyone in our city. During those 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. This week's session will be at The Anglican Church of the Ascension, 1476 Sparks St., New Sudbury.

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

January 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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:

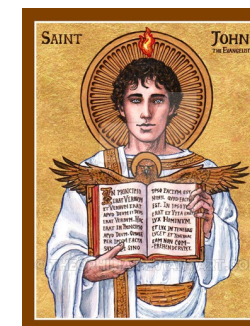
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

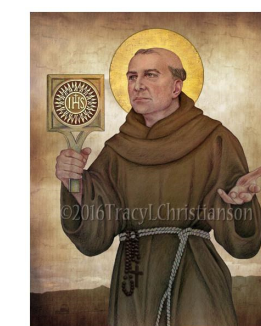
**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

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