

LENT APPROACHES: GREAT Lent (as it's called in the East) begins in just over one week from now, with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Mass that day will be moved to the evening in order to allow more Parishioners to participate, and to allow Fr. Michael to lead a prayer service that morning at St. John's School.

As this Holy Season of conversion (plunging more deeply into the Mystery of God) approaches, now is a good time to open our hearts in a simple way to God, asking in what ways our Father desires to move in our lives. A prayer of childlike openness thus made is always honoured and answered by God.

MISSION OF THE REDEEMER MINISTRIES

Michael Dopp, Ottawa, CA; Michele Thompson, Plymouth, UK; Father Jon Bielawski, Plymouth, UK
(As seen at the New Evangelization Summit)

MISSION: POSSIBLE SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS On **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Registration at 8:30 pm Starts: 9:00am to 3:30pm at Pro Cathedral of the Assumption, 480 McIntyre St W, North Bay - Please bring a sandwich (soup is provided)
Register by contacting the Parish Secretary – (705) 472-3970
More Information - Len at lsanthier@gmail.com



Bowling Fundraiser Help us build much-needed additional classrooms at Saint Abel School in Rwanda, Africa. Come enjoy a day of bowling, groups of 6 are encouraged, fun for all ages. There will be pizza, door prizes, and free jukebox music throughout the event. **Family Day, Monday February 17, 2020 - 11am to 5pm at Chico's Bowl & Sports Lounge, 4441 Chenier St, Hanmer**
Cost: \$10/person (includes two games & shoes); Euchre games \$2/game; Face painting \$2 Tickets Available at the door or in Advance Inzira Y'Urumuri, Le chemin de la Lumiere, Marie Ntaganda
chemindelalumiere@gmail.com



COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR 2020

Saturday February 22, Starting at 5:15 pm
GRAMMA'S SOUP-A-STARS will be walking in

the coldest night of the year. This is a Canadian Charity Fundraiser. The Samaritan Centre is who we walk for! Please consider a donation to this worthy cause. Gramma Kim Monaghan and Tristan Serre



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

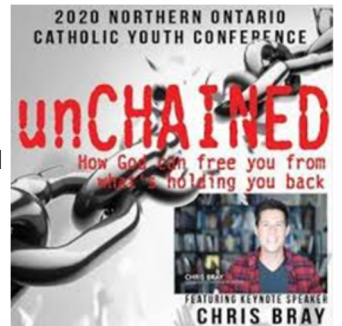


Step Up Program

Exercise Program on **Thursday, February 20, 2020 has been cancelled.** Sorry for the inconvenience. See you next Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Thank you!

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, 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.



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 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 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!



Thank You

YOUR OFFERINGS for February 9, 2020

St. John the Evangelist	Envelopes: \$1,062.00	Loose: \$35.00	Heating: \$675.00
	Native Sector: \$10.00		
	Pre-authorized Deductions: \$908.75		Total: \$2690.75
St. Bernardine of Siena	Envelopes: \$380.00	Loose: \$0.00	Heat: \$115.00
			Total: \$495.00

Mass Schedule February 17 - February 23, 2020		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, February 17		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, February 18	9:30 a.m.	For the intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, February 19	9:30 a.m.	For Leo Monette by St. John's CWL
Thursday, February 20	9:30 a.m.	For Isabelle Lachapelle by Debbie Monaghan
Friday, February 21	9:30 a.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Lil & Guy Bergeron
Saturday, February 22 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	4:30 p.m.	For A Special Intention by Ann & Myron McCormick
Sunday, February 23	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, February 23	9:00 a.m.	For Roland D'Amour by May D'Amour & Family


SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us this Mardi Gras on Tuesday, **February 25, 2020**
Serving: 4:00pm to 7:30pm
At the Church of the Ascension
1476 Sparks Street
Free Will Offering




Shrove Tuesday and Lent
Tuesday 25th February 2020

FAITH IS PERKING (Conversations about big questions for 30+)
Sponsored by Sisters of St. Joseph of SS Marie
Join us for conversation about what is involved in choosing Medical Assistance in Dying and how Ethics is involved in this issue.
When: Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7pm
Where: St. Joseph's Residence, 29 Second Ave South, Sudbury To Register contact S. Diane (705) 560-5334 or email: dianeguertin@gmail.com



The Regional Day of Spiritual Reflection will on **March 15th at 1:30 at Holy Redeemer.**
The Regional Spring Luncheon is on **March 22nd at 1:00pm at the Northbury Hotel.**
Tickets are \$25.00. Anyone wanting tickets please contact Sue Quackenbush at 705-693-2467. They must be purchased before hand, none will be sold at the door. A reminder of the CWL 100th Anniversary Convention in North Bay on **April 24-26th 2020 at the Best Western.** It is best to book your room as soon as possible. The Best Western phone no. is 705-474-5800, be sure to say it is for the CWL Convention.



ADOPT A BABY: 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.

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK
Tuesday - Thursday 10am - Noon

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in 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

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

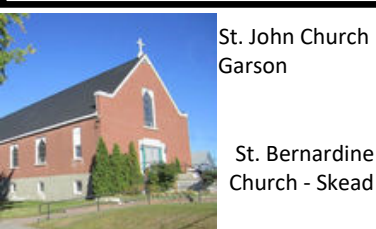
PRAYER LINE

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

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Parish Contact

Carole Larrett	705-969-4607
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838



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

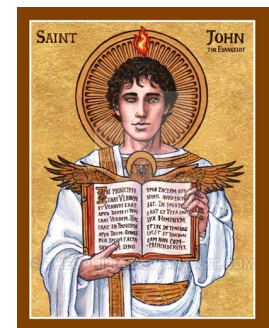
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RECONCILIATION

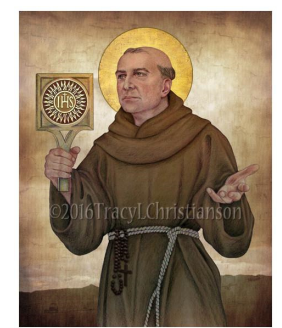
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm

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