



## NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2020

### The New Evangelization Summit is Back!

You are invited to join us Saturday, April 25th - 8:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. for the New Evangelization Summit 2020 at **St. Benedict Catholic Separate School** 2993 Algonquin Rd, Sudbury, ON.

This year's conference will include 5 world class speakers live-streamed from Ottawa providing inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how we as Catholics & Christians can effectively evangelize.

This FREE event includes lunch and light refreshments. Mass will be offered in the school chapel at 8 a.m. for those wishing to attend.

**Register for the summit on-line at [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca)**

### Ecumenical Association in our Neighbourhood

**St. John's Parish** will be providing lunch for the students of Barrydowne College on **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will once again purchase the meat, cheese, bread, fresh fruit, yogurt, cookies and juice. The students who are enrolled in the Food Preparation Course will prepare the luncheon. If you are able to support this worthwhile endeavour with a monetary donation to help cover the expenses of the food we would ask that you put it in an envelope marked **Barrydowne College Luncheon** in the collection basket the weekend of **March 14<sup>th</sup> or March 21<sup>st</sup>**. If it is more convenient, you may give it to **Mary Albert or Sue Quackenbush**. We thank you in advance for your generosity and caring.



Ladies heads up for **May 2nd. Holy Redeemer CWL** will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. More information to come as the date gets closer. **The Regional luncheon is March 22, 2020 at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00.** No tickets will be sold at the door, if you wish to purchase one call **Sue Quackenbush at 705-693-2467.**

### EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Similar to what we did at Christmas, we are accepting donations towards the purchase of our Easter flowers this year, and we invite Parishioners to donate in the memory of a deceased love one. The names of all those in whose name a donation was made will be published in our Easter Bulletin, and the Easter Sunday Mass at St. John's will be celebrated for them. **Envelopes are available in the main entranceway of the Church for those who wish to make a donation.**

### World Day of Prayer

**Thank you** to everyone who made the **World Day of Prayer 2020** the great experience it turned out to be! The team work was amazing! It was educational to learn how the people of Zimbabwe live and worship. Offerings amounting to \$570.00 was mailed out to WICC to support the World Day of Prayer and provide grants for projects to benefit women touched by injustice. Next year we meet at Grace United Church to pray together again on the first Friday of March 2021.



**Development & Peace Stone Soup Event:** everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, March 29th following 10:30 a.m. Mass.** To participate please **bring a cup of vegetables, rice or noodles ready for the communal soup pot and take it down to the kitchen** on your way in. While we worship at Mass the soup will cook. Our Guest Speaker this year is Tony Chezzi, who teaches at the University of Sudbury, Religious Education. Come and join us as we gather in community for nourishment, living proof of Solidarity in Motion – one with God and Neighbour as we learn how the guardians of the Amazon rainforest care for our common home and **what we are called to do** for Our Common Home.



### A NOTE FROM FR. MICHAEL REGARDING ILLNESS

Our Bishop has encouraged Pastors to enact certain protocols as a response to the COVID-19 coronavirus that is currently spreading around the world, including our own Province of Ontario. In essence, these protocols are the same as the ones used when SARS first appeared 17 years ago.

While respecting the seriousness of any rapidly spreading infectious disease, and especially one which is new and, therefore, unpredictable at this stage, I would like to expand our concern beyond COVID-19 and repeat what is (or should be) simple, common sense advice for everyone: **If you are sick, please stay home. Do not attend Mass.**

Remember, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply when you are ill. There is no sin involved if you miss Mass in that circumstance. In fact, if you DO attend Church when you are sick, you may very well be "in sin" for the simple fact that you have endangered the health of others.

Remember also that there is always a level of risk in sharing Communion from the Chalice. Since there is no obligation to receive from the Chalice, if you choose to do so, you are willingly accepting the risk it entails. No, the alcohol level in the Precious Blood is likely not high enough to kill all bacteria or viruses. No, simply wiping the rim after each person drinks will likewise not remove all infectious agents. And no, God's special grace won't likely protect you from illness at that moment. He DOES give us common sense, however, and everyone is encouraged to use it.

For the time being, I won't remove the option of receiving from the Chalice in either Parish. That may change going forward. Please use your own discretion in making the decision about receiving Communion in that way.

I am the only one who distributes Communion under the Species of Bread, and I can assure you that I wash my hands thoroughly with soap and water before Mass and, as many of you are aware, I do not touch anyone until Mass is complete. I know some of you are upset when I do not shake your hands before Mass, but the only reason for that is because I love and respect all of you, and I do not want to be the one spreading germs from someone's hands to someone else's Food. To me, that's just a basic courtesy to my neighbor.

On the topic of the "Sign of Peace", it is our cultural norm to shake hands at that time. Be aware that there is no Catholic rubric that specifies how that sign is to take place, and in many cultures, it takes the form of a simple bow. You will need to decide for yourself if it's worth the risk shaking someone's hand just before you have a Communion Host placed in that same hand, which you then put in your mouth. I don't shake anyone's hand at that time, preferring instead the bow. If the person close to you chooses NOT to take your hand, please respect that. A bow of the head, a smile, a wave or a wink (be careful with that last one!) will all suffice. Again, awareness, common sense and respect should guide us.

Some infections, like the Flu and COVID-19 hit suddenly, and so we may not know we are sick until we find ourselves out in public. Understandable; but if you ARE sick, again, please stay home until you are well.

**PRAYERS:** Those who are preparing to enter into Weekly Communion with God through Holy Eucharist will begin their final stage of preparation over the next number of weeks. They will gather most Tuesday nights for this, and so we ask that you continue praying for them in a special way.

*Thank You*

### YOUR OFFERINGS for March 8, 2020

#### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1,052.00   Loose: \$47.35   Heating: \$608.00  
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$794.00   **Total: \$2,501.35**

#### St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes: \$265.00   Loose: \$.00  
Heating: \$85.00

**Total: \$350.00**

**Mass Schedule**  
**March 16 - March 22, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, March 16		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, March 17	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Wednesday, March 18	9:30 a.m.	For Fr. Charles Mathieu by Adrienne Demore
Thursday, March 19	9:30 a.m.	For Leonard Frappier by Rob & Lisa Walz
Friday, March 20	9:30 a.m.	For Jeff Timbers by Doreen Merkas
Saturday, March 21 <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Ziggy Fila by Roland & Gertrude Labelle
	10:30 a.m.	For Norval O'Connor by Marie Bardswich
Sunday, March 22		

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, March 22	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
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The Mura: beset by buffaloes, plagued by potash for several years now, the Mura people of Brazil's Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace's partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively. "On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. "

**RECONCILIATION DURING LENT:**

In addition to the Reconciliation Service that will be celebrated at **St. John the Evangelist Church on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm**, the following have also welcomed sinners to attend their Lenten Services:

Our Lady of Hope Church on Tuesday, March 17th at 7pm  
 St. Andrew the Apostle Church on Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30pm  
 Holy Redeemer Church on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm.



**RECONCILIATION**



**Stations of the Cross: Ministers of Eucharist** will lead us this Friday, **March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** as we contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. Everyone welcome!

**LENTEN Garson Community Food Bank**

Week 4 – March 21/22 – dish soap & laundry soap

*Sharing with the less fortunate is walking humbly with our God!*



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**

**March 15, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Pastor Secretary**

Fr. Michael Williams 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
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**Communion to the Sick**

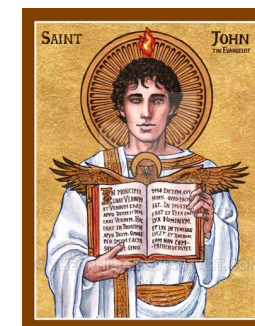
Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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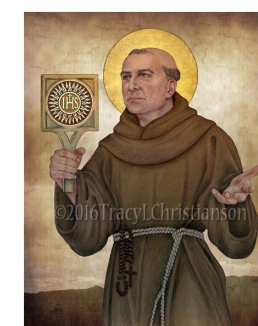
St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine  
Church - Skead



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

**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)