

#### NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Unfortunately, due to this COVID pandemic, we are cancelling the Christmas Tea for this year. Without knowing what the fall will be like, we decided it is best to wait until 2021.

Hope everyone is keeping safe and enjoying the warm weather.

**CALLED TO SERVE**: In an effort to reach people discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life online, and to highlight the lives of those who have answered God's call, the Vocations Office is pleased to debut a new online episodic series named "Called to Serve". Each episode will profile someone who has given their life in service to the church - priests, sisters, religious, and lay men and women. Our first episode of "Called to Serve" debuts with our first guest - our past Bishop Marcel Damphousse. The second episode is now online, and features Fr. Larry Rymes.

The videos are available on the Diocesan Vocations website (<u>www.beapriest.ca/</u> <u>calledtoserve</u>) and there is a link provided on our Parish webpage under "links". A new episode will be released every two weeks.



#### A WORD ON MASS INTENTIONS:

With our limited re-opening, Fr. Michael is able to publish Mass intentions once again, and will continue to do so throughout the summer. He will be in touch with those of you who had previously asked for a specific date during the previous 16 weeks, when the Mass could not be celebrated, in order to ask when you would like that Mass celebrated. For those who have a monthly Mass celebrated throughout the

year, he will simply 'double up' on those to catch up.

Fr. Michael continues to celebrate Mass privately each day, and if you would like a Mass intention offered for one of those Masses, just let him know when you submit your request. Otherwise, all intentions will be celebrated on Wednesdays or weekends only.

All Mass intentions should be submitted through the collection basket, or by leaving them in the mailbox outside the Rectory entrance. We are unable to provide envelopes or cards at this time, so please just write your intention down and put it in your own envelope.

For July and August, we will continue with just the Wednesday morning weekday Mass; we will re-evaluate this for September and the months following.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead 255 Church St., P.O. Box 510, Garson, ON P3L 1S6 **Phone:** 705-693-2032 Fax: 705-693-9725 Parish Website: www.stjohnsgarson.org Email: stjohnsgarson@gmail.com THE PARISH OFFICE IS July 5, 2020 **CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER** FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** Pastor Fr. Michael Williams **SUNDAY MASSES** Custodian Secretary Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist **Sonya Arcand** Lisa Walz Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena **ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST** Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich Music Director: Jeannine Longe WEEKDAY MASSES Parish Organist: Mariette Hickey Wednesday at 10:30am **Parish Pastoral Council** RECONCILIATION Mvron McCormick Finance - ex officio Marie Bardswich St. John's Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00pm Rachel Charette St. John's St. John's Sue Ouackenbush FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION, Diane Myre St. John's **CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:** Lisa Walz St. John's St. Bernardine's Trudy Hinds Please contact Fr. Michael by phone or e-mail. **PRAYER LINE** 705-693-3339 Elaine Lamarche SAINT JOHN 705-693-3241 Rachel Corbett **ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA Parish Contact** 705-969-4607 Carole Larrett **Communion to the Sick** 705-969-2838 Rolande Kehoe St. John Church Garson

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Mass Schedule July 6 to July 12, 2020		
St. John the Evangelist		
Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, July 6		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, July 7		<u>No Parish Mass</u> : Intention at Fr. Michael's Mass is For Joe & Priscilla Egan by the Egan Family
Wednesday, July 8	10:30 a.m.	For Leonard Frappier by Rob & Lisa Walz
Thursday, July 9		No Parish Mass
Friday, July 10		No Parish Mass
Saturday, July 11 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, July 12	4:30 p.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
	10:30 a.m.	For Jeff Timbers by St. John's CWL
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, July 12	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners

### PLEASE KEEP OUR HOLY FATHER IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE DISCERNS WHO THE

### NEXT BISHOP OF OUR DIOCESE WILL BE.

## **COVID-19 PARISH LEADERS**

Myron McCormick and Doreen Merkas are serving as our local Covid-19 team for St. John the Evangelist Parish.

Carol-Lynn Jacob and John Robert are serving as our local Covid-19 team for St. Bernardine of Siena Parish.

We are grateful to them for taking on this responsibility. They will help Fr. Michael ensure that best practices are implemented and followed in our Parishes to keep everyone as safe as possible during this pandemic.

For those attending Sunday Mass, if you have any questions or concerns about our protocols, please bring them to their attention, or to the attention of Fr. Michael. We not only want everyone to BE as safe as possible, but we also want everyone to FEEL as safe as possible.

**<u>DIVINE MERCY CANDLES</u>**: We have received a new supply of candles, and so they

are **NOW AVAILABLE** for those who wish to burn candles as both a prayer offering and as alms for the needy. Remember that 100% of your donation (\$7/candle) is given to the poor. The Parish covers the cost of the candle for you. The money first is used to support our adopted child, Veronica. After that, the money is donated to local agencies who serve the poor.



For now, if you wish to have a candle burned, please write the intention (optional) on a piece of paper and enclose it, with your donation, in an envelope marked "candle donation". You can place it in the collection basket, or leave it in the mailbox outside the Rectory entrance. Fr. Michael will light the candle for you, and will offer a Mass for your intention.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**: For those who wish to pray for a priest of our Diocese each day, the calendar for both July and August have now been posted to our website, under the "Bulletin" tab.

# **Online Summer Retreat at Villa Loyola**

<u>Theme</u>: Who is Jesus Christ? Exploration of the 'I am' Sayings of Jesus <u>Dates</u>: August 17-21, 2020

Who is God? When Moses asked that question before the burning bush more than 3000 years ago, the mysterious response was "I AM". A millennium later, that strange name received a face, and that face began to teach. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, left a series of statements about his identity, known as the seven "I am" sayings. Enigmatic yet meaningful, they elaborate the identity, personality, and intention of the God-with-us. Drawing from the natural world and the Old Testament, the seven images offer a rich understanding of the nature of Jesus.

I invite you to join me on Zoom for this five day retreat. Together we will explore all seven of the "I am" sayings, with a daily 9 am conference, Eucharist at 2 pm and time for sharing at 7 pm. Personal direction can be offered through Skype. Following the arc of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the retreat will provide points for meditation, with the goal bringing about our deeper transformation in the light of Christ and into the embrace of our Creator.

**Director:** Fr. John O'Brien, S.J. **Cost:** Free. Tax receipts will be given for donations made to Villa Loyola. **Registration:** by email at <u>loyola@isys.ca</u>

**INTERAC e-transfer**. If you wish to use this method for donating to St. John's Parish, simply log into your bank or credit union account, choose the INTERAC e-transfer option, and

use the Parish e-mail address (stjohnsgarson@gmail.com) as the Donee. We are working on setting this option up for St. Bernardine's Parish as well, and will give notice when this process is complete.

