

**Mass Schedule  
September 14 to September 20, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, September 14		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, September 15		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, September 16	10:30 a.m.	For Melina Fraser by Stella Astgen
Thursday, September 17		No Parish Mass
Friday, September 18		No Parish Mass
Saturday, September 19 <b>24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Gail Roach by Don & Yvonne Brown
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, September 20	9:00 a.m.	For Jackie Labatte by Zbig & Gen Waszczylo
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**PLEASE KEEP OUR HOLY FATHER IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE DISCERNS  
WHO THE NEXT BISHOP OF OUR DIOCESE WILL BE.**



**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 Fall.

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. **Please remember that a Sunday Mass intention can only be offered at St. John's if no intention has been requested at St. Bernardine's** (every Pastor must celebrate one Sunday Mass for all Parishioners). No decision has been made at this time re: weekday Masses on days other than Wednesday.

All Mass intentions should be submitted through the collection basket, or by leaving them in the mailbox outside the Rectory (Annex) 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.

The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**THE PARISH OFFICE  
REMAINS CLOSED FOR NOW**

**Pastor**

Fr. Michael Williams

**Secretary**

Lisa Walz

**Custodian**

Sonya Arcand

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**RCIA and Pastoral Care:** Marie Bardswich

**Music Director:** Jeannine Longe

**Parish Musician:**

**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

**September 13, 2020  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**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**

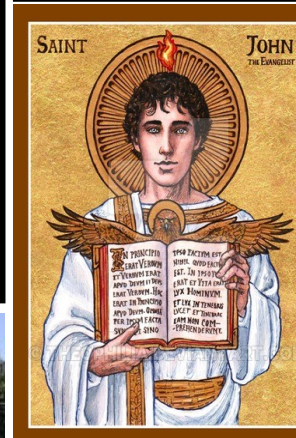
Wednesday at 10:30am

**RECONCILIATION**

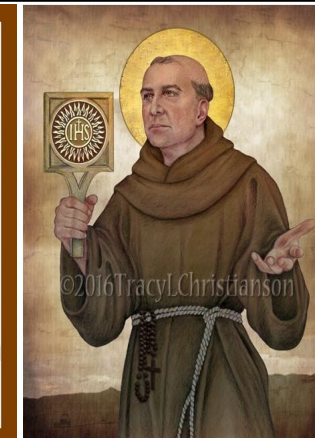
Saturdays: 3:30—4:00pm

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

Please contact Fr. Michael by phone or e-mail.



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Sadie Joly and Liam Halsall-Whitney had been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 30th. It was postponed because of both the pandemic shut down and the departure of our Bishop to Ottawa. Before Bishop Marcel left, however, he granted all priests who had parishioners in this situation the faculty to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on those who had been prepared to receive it.

Fr. Michael gave both Sadie and Liam the option of waiting until a new Bishop was appointed to our Diocese, or to have him give them the Sacrament. Both have chosen to receive the Sacrament through the ministry of Fr. Michael, and the date of **Saturday, October 3rd** has been chosen. Confirmation will be celebrated at the **4:30pm Mass** that day. Please keep Sadie and Liam in your prayers as they prepare their hearts over the next 3 weeks to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

## NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



We hope everyone has had a good summer and kept safe. This pandemic is not over yet; therefore, we will forgo our meetings until it is safe to hold meetings again in person. The Organization Chair, Ann McCormick will be sending out the welcome letter in the near future.

We will keep you posted through the bulletin as to what is happening. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these trying times.

**DIVINE MERCY CANDLES:** If you wish to have a candle burned, please write the intention (optional) on a piece of paper and enclose it, with your donation (\$7.00), in an envelope marked "candle donation". You can place it in the collection basket, or leave it in the outside mailbox at the Annex entrance to the Rectory. Fr. Michael will light the candle for you, and will offer a Mass for your intention at one of his private weekday Masses.



**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** Please note that we are unable to accept any donations for the Garson Food Bank at this time. During the pandemic, the protocol we are asked to follow is that nothing be given out at the Church (that is why no bulletin is being printed) and that nothing be received other than donations to the Church (which we handle very carefully, according to specific protocols). If you bring food donations to the Church, it just creates a whole host of difficulties which we are unable to deal with at this time. You are free to bring your donations directly to the Garson Food Bank on Tuesdays, when they are open. Or, even better, you may mail them a cheque for a cash donation. Please do not leave your cash donations for the Food Bank in the collection basket at the Church - they should be sent directly to the Food Bank, and they will issue you a receipt for income tax purposes.



**SOME NOTES FROM FR. MICHAEL:** With the uncertainty of how things might develop this Fall and Winter around the ongoing pandemic, I am taking a cautious approach for now. Some of the practical consequences of this are:

The Parish office will remain closed. Lisa will take care of the Parish bulletin from home, and we ask that Mass and candle requests continue to be made as described in this bulletin. Fr. Michael will continue to look after the bills and book keeping, as well as any other things that arise. Requests for Sacraments or any other such needs should be made by phone or email. Email, by the way, is normally quicker, as I get those when I am away from the phone.

We will continue with just the Saturday/Sunday and Wednesday Masses for now.

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will not take place this year. In an emergency, Fr. Michael can and will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. So, if someone is in danger of death and wishes to be Confirmed (or Baptised, of course), please contact him for arrangements.

Requests for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession) and Holy Anointing should be made to Fr. Michael. Arrangements are being made for online Baptism Preparation, and that Sacrament will be celebrated as needed throughout the year. Reconciliation and Holy Anointing can be (and are) celebrated in any location that is convenient (including drive by).

As of now, there are no meetings of the CWL planned. As an arm's length organization, they can make their own determinations about this going forward. However, any meetings taking place in the Church must follow the same protocols we use at Sunday worship.

Sonya Arcand is our new Custodian. She is taking on roles previously done by three others: cleaning the Church, looking after repairs, and snow removal from the stairs and ramp. We welcome her.

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



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.

If you wish to donate to St. Bernardine's Parish, we now have the system in place for that. For donations to St. Bernardine's, please use the following e-mail address: [stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca](mailto:stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca)

## YOUR OFFERINGS for September 6, 2020

*Thank You*

### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$1,422.00 Heat: \$290.50  
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$943.75  
Canadian Church \$315.00

**Total: \$2,971.25**

### St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes: \$280.00 Loose: \$20.00

**Total: \$300.00**