

**Mass Schedule  
September 28 to October 4, 2020**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, September 28		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, September 29		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, September 30	10:30 a.m.	For Cyril Matthieu by Doreen Merkas
Thursday, October 1		No Parish Mass
Friday, October 2		No Parish Mass
Saturday, October 3 <b>27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday, October 4	4:30 p.m.	For Jeff Timbers by Ann & Myron McCormick
	10:30 a.m.	For Norvel O'Connor by Phil & Shirley Hay
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>		
Sunday, October 4	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners

**'CALLED TO SERVE'**



**NEW EPISODE OF 'CALLED TO SERVE' PROFILES SR. COSTANZA ROMANO, C.S.J.**

Everyone has a story. In this series "Called to Serve" we profile various people who God has called to serve the Church and highlight their journey of discernment and faith in their lives.

In this episode, we profile Sister Costanza Romano, a sister with the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Sr. Costanza shares her own journey of hearing the Lord call her to serve as a Sister, explains the promises she made of poverty, chastity and obedience, and talks about the beautiful history of the Sisters of St. Joseph who have served the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie since 1936.

This episode is available here: <https://youtu.be/UyDC3MG21E0>



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

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 27, 2020  
TWENTY-SIXTH 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**

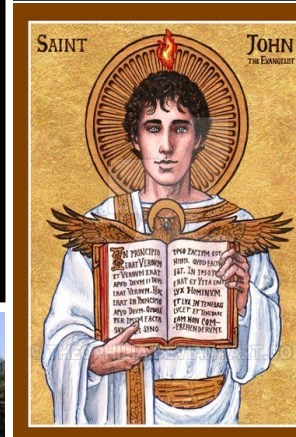
Wednesday at 10:30am

**RECONCILIATION**

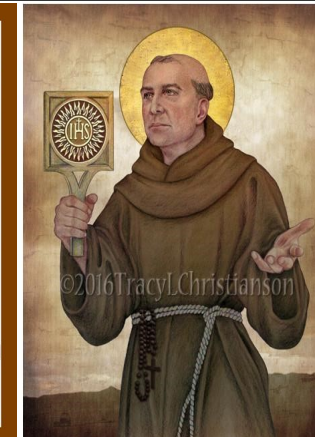
Saturdays: 3:30—4:00pm

**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 week to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.



**PLEASE KEEP OUR HOLY FATHER IN YOUR PRAYERS AS HE DISCERNS WHO THE NEXT BISHOP OF OUR DIOCESE WILL BE.**



## National Catholic Health Care Week

From October 4 to 10, 2020, we celebrate **National Catholic Health Care Week** across Canada.

The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society's most vulnerable.

This year the COVID-19 pandemic transformed our health care landscape and society. In Canada, the pandemic has shone a public light on many important social and ethical issues calling us all to reflect on the importance of human connection, quality of life, and the meaning of well-being—body, mind and spirit. The pandemic has also highlighted the timeless relevance of Catholic social teaching and our collective role in building a Canadian society that reaches out to every person who is suffering from illness, stigma, poverty, or loneliness.

During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times—in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes.

The pandemic calls us all to live the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Holding all those impacted by COVID-19 in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health care and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who care for all in need with compassion and courage.

For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the **Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at [www.chac.ca](http://www.chac.ca)**



**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.

**Sudbury Right to Life** will hold its annual Life Chain on **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Regional Hospital site on the west side of Paris street. Masks and physical distancing are mandatory. Contact: Keith at 705-675-7976 or Mark at 705-525-0756.



### Highlights from the Sudbury Regional Meeting of priests September 17th via Zoom

NET Ministries will not be coming to our region this year, due to the pandemic.

In our Diocese, the ban on the use of parish kitchens continues, there will be no food or drink allowed.

Parishes with small halls may not be used by groups for meetings. Parishes with large halls may be used in certain circumstances.

Some Parishes are printing bulletins (under certain circumstances re: distribution). We will continue with our current practice of not printing a bulletin in this parish, at least for the time being. Father Michael has graciously provided our Parish with a slide presentation prior to Mass with bulletin information for those Parishioners who do not have access to the internet.

The Catholic Bishops of Canada are meeting (September 21-25). They will be discussing various options relating to the celebration of Christmas Masses this year. More will be shared about this as the information becomes available.



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](mailto: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 20, 2020

*Thank You*

#### St. John the Evangelist

Envelopes: \$810.00 Utilities: \$87.00  
Pre-authorized Deductions: \$943.75 Loose: \$5.00  
Needs of the Canadian Church: \$20.00

**Total: \$1,865.75**

#### St. Bernardine of Siena

Envelopes: \$250.00

**Total: \$250.00**