

**Mass Schedule
January 10 - January 16, 2022**

St. John the Evangelist

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, January 10		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, January 11		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, January 12	10:30 a.m.	For Souls in Purgatory by Colette Prieur
Thursday, January 13	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
Friday, January 14	10:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers by Diane Henry
Saturday, January 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, January 16	4:30 p.m.	For Gerry Foley by Myron & Ann McCormick
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of all Parishioners
St. Bernardine of Siena		
Sunday, January 16	9:00 a.m.	For Jimmy Kritz by Maurice & Lidia Lefebvre



Resumes this weekend, with the following change: the children will not be dismissed during Mass. Instead, parents should bring them to the Hall before Mass begins. This is to avoid the difficulties of maintaining 2 meter spacing in the congested stairway and hallway areas. Thank you to Mary MacGregor for continuing to provide this important ministry in our parish during difficult times.

OFFICIAL PRAYER OF THE SYNOD



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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**

**January 9, 2022
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Pastor
Fr. Michael Williams**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

RCIA and Pastoral Care: Marie Bardswich

Music Director: Jeannine Longe

Parish Custodian: Sonya Arcand

Parish Musician:

Parish Secretary:

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
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

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 inside for this week's schedule

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:

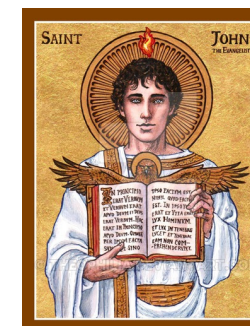
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick

Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

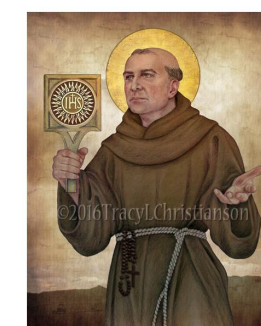
**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

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

SYNODAL PROCESS IN OUR PARISH - PUBLIC MEETING CANCELLED:

Due to the new Provincial regulations pertaining to the pandemic, which limit indoor gatherings to no more than 5 people, we have had to cancel the public consultation meeting originally planned for January 16th. Given the time lines imposed by the whole Synodal process, it is highly unlikely we will be able to re-schedule this meeting at a later date. That leaves only the option of individually participating, for those who choose.

For those who wish to participate individually, you will need to access the online Synod page of the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/synod. Once there, click on "**Link - Questions for the Synodal Process**" and follow it through. This must be submitted online by the end of January.

THANK YOU: I am grateful to everyone who extended Christmas wishes, cheer and blessings to me over the Christmas Season, either in writing or in person. May the God of Peace, Who is with us, give joy to all our hearts this year. Fr. Michael.

**Thank You
So Much!**

COVID-19: UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC ... NEW REGULATIONS

As is well known, the Omicron variant of the Covid virus is currently ravaging our communities and, in response, has required the government of Ontario to issue new regulations. There is no huge difference for Churches between the old regulations and the new. Although capacity is now limited to 50%, we already were restricted by the 2 meter spacing regulation, which would never allow us to reach 50% capacity anyway.

Where we are impacted is the part of the regulation which limits indoor (non-worship related) gatherings to no more than 5 people. Due to this regulation, all committees, groups and other non-worship related gatherings at the Church are bound by this 5 person limit. It is the reason why the CWL is unable to meet, and also why we are no longer able to proceed with the gathering for the synodal process in our Parish, originally scheduled for January 16th.

While these limitations are, of course, most unfortunate and continue to impact our community life in a negative way, we are reminded that the reason for them is to protect the most vulnerable members of our family. As such, being respectful of the regulations is, as Pope Francis reminds us, an act of love and selflessness.

It should be noted that the Ontario Bishop's regulations emphasize that if you have ANY illness, you should not attend Church. Nor should those who are at a higher risk of complications should an infection occur. And please, those who ARE attending, be respectful of the 2 meter spacing regulation. There has been too much complacency around this in our community.



The January General meeting has been cancelled due the high numbers of the virus. Hopefully we can meet in February.

The Ontario Provincial Council News Letter is on line, featuring St. Catherine's Diocese and the OPC Resolution Chairperson and much more.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND: Following the Saturday night Mass this weekend, we will welcome **Kasper Punkkinen**, son of Rebecca and Kory, into our faith community through Baptism. We had hoped to celebrate the Sacrament at the Mass, but current regulations related to the pandemic, and issued by our Bishop, do not allow this.

DONATION ENVELOPES: The 2022 donation envelopes are available to pick up in the entranceway of the Church. If you used donation envelopes in 2021, you automatically have a set issued to you for 2022. After this weekend, the donation envelopes not picked up will be stored in the parish office; to get your set after this weekend, please just ask Fr. Michael for it, before or after any Mass.



If you wish to begin using donation envelopes for the first time, please ask Fr. Michael for a set before or after any Mass. If you would like to begin using Pre-Authorized Deductions for your donations, there are forms for this in the entranceway of the Church. To use Interac e-transfer, please just use the email address of the parish. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Receipts for donations made in 2021 will be printed and made available this month. They will be mailed this year, rather than distributed in the entranceway of the Church.

YOUR OFFERINGS for January 2, 2022

Thank You

<u>St. John the Evangelist</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 1,629.00	Loose:	\$ 40.00
	Heating (2021):	\$ 40.00	E-transfer:	\$ 630.00
	Christmas:	\$ 120.00	PAD:	\$ 759.00
	Bishop's Appeal (2021):	\$ 20.00	Initial:	\$ 320.00

Total: \$ 3,558.00

<u>St. Bernardine of Siena</u>	Envelopes:	\$ 845.00	Loose:	\$ 20.00
	Mary, Mother of God:	\$ 90.00	Christmas:	\$ 5.00
	Initial:	\$ 155.00	Interac:	\$ 250.00

Total: \$ 1,365.00