

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ September 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday September 20 ~ St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chonh Ha-Sang & Companions		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
SVDP	5:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ John & Cathy Conway
Sunday September 21		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Louis & Roseleen Weatherdon ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Anniversary int. of Bill & Lillian Mackler ~ Their Family
SJ	11:00am	Ron Southwell ~ Elizabeth Hogan & Family
Monday September 22		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday September 23 ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina		
SB	9:00am	Paul McShane ~ Jean McShane
SJ	1:15pm	St. John's Elementary School Mass Bob & Jim Schonauer ~ Nina Stewart
SJ	4:30pm	Ken Kerr ~ Harold Brash
Wednesday September 24		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Father Anthony Dim ~ K of C, Council #3531
CCt.	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday September 25		
SHP	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass ~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	12:00pm	Mary Theresa Nagle ~ A Friend
Friday September 26 ~ St. Jean de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Pierrette Poulin ~ Jacques Poulin
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday September 27 ~ St. Vincent de Paul		
SJ	5:00pm	Paul Nagle ~ Cathy Fergusson
SVDP	5:00pm	Margot Wojciechowski ~ Williamson Family
Sunday September 28		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Jean & Fred Shepherd ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Harold & Rita Kerr ~ Jean McShane
SJ	11:00am	Erich & Erika Nitschmann ~ Frank & Jane Nitschmann

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3190.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

“When we let go of lesser things, God fills us with what truly matters.”

**Today’s Gospel** about the dishonest steward can sound confusing at first. Jesus is not praising dishonesty but rather pointing to wisdom in setting priorities. He ends with the reminder: “You cannot serve both God and money.”

**A little story helps.** A grandmother took her grandson to the park. The boy had his pockets stuffed with little stones he had picked up along the way. When they stopped at the ice cream stand, he wanted a cone but couldn’t reach into his pockets, his hands were too full of rocks. Smiling, his grandmother said, “You cannot hold onto everything. To enjoy something better, you have to let go.”

**That’s the heart of the Gospel.** Too often, our lives are weighed down with “stones”: worries about possessions, money, or status. If we cling too tightly, we risk missing the greater treasures, peace of heart, joy in serving others, and closeness with God.

**The prophet Amos warns against letting greed blind us**, while Paul urges us to pray for all people so we may live in peace. Jesus then asks us to be faithful with the little things, acts of honesty, kindness, obedience and generosity, so that God can entrust us with greater gifts.

**This week, let us examine our “pockets”.** What are we clinging to? Can we let go so that God may fill our hands with blessings far richer than we imagine? True freedom comes when our hearts belong fully to Him.

**Prayer: “Lord, free our hearts from the weight of lesser things, and fill our lives with the treasure of Your love and peace.”**



### Jubilee Celebration!

The Parish of St. John the Baptist, together with our entire Deanery, will be hosting a special Jubilee Celebration on **Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Cemetery.**

This beautiful event will take place rain or shine, please dress appropriately for the weather and **bring a lawn chair**. Highlights of the afternoon include the Rosary and Benediction.

All who participate will receive a Jubilee Indulgence!

Don’t miss this special occasion as we welcome Archbishop Mulhall, who will be in attendance.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

✚ **THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale:** The Foy Hall Garage Sale is open every Friday and Saturday throughout the summer, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals!

✚ **Catholic Women’s League - Fall Retreat:** We are happy to welcome Nancy Steele as our keynote speaker to our retreat on **Saturday**

**September 27th, 9am-2pm.** Her talk is entitled "From stumbling blocks to steppingstones. A journey of healing from the inside out. Love defined: discover God's love for you." ALL ladies are invited to this wonderful event. Please contact Ann at 613-868-4090 or annmbjohnson@gmail.com if you plan to attend. A free will offering will be accepted. Please **RSVP by September 22, 2025.** Hope to see you there!

✚ **NEXT WEEKEND! Sacred Heart Parish Social Gathering:** Gathering at our Church Rectory will take place on **Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**, following the 9am Mass, with a great variety of goodies & drinks. Come on out and enjoy hot or cold drinks while mingling with others. Hope to see you there.

✚ **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Fall Retreat 2025:** **Saturday, October 4th**, 9am-3:30pm, St. Michael Catholic High School, 2755 County Rd. 43, Kemptville, ON. Cost (\$50) includes snacks & a delicious lunch. **Please register by Sept. 27th** at [www.womensfallretreat.com](http://www.womensfallretreat.com). The Women’s Fall Retreat Team, Archdiocese of Kingston

✚ **Save the Date. Life Chain: Sunday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm** in Perth and 10:15-11:15am in Lanark.

✚ **15th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Brother André:** Autumn pilgrimage to St. Joseph Oratory in this Jubilee 2025, on **Sunday, October 12, 2025**, from the Archdioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Kingston and Gatineau, and the Dioceses of Pembroke. Contact Mike Budge at 613 224-8110 or Eveline McNeil at 613 543-2662 for more information.



## SACRAMENTS

### Catechism Classes for First Communion and Confirmation

Our new cohort of First Communion and Confirmation candidates will begin catechism classes in October. **Mandatory parent meetings** will take place prior to the start of classes:

**First Communion parents:** Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00pm (at St. John’s Church).

**Confirmation parents:** Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00pm (at St. John’s Church).

### Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Church, including its teachings and practices, are warmly invited to participate in a dedicated series of sessions.

**Session Details...** Tuesday evenings, starting September 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm at 15 Church St. **What to Expect?** RCIA sessions offer an engaging experience that includes viewing videos, participating in thoughtful conversations, and reflecting on various aspects of the Catholic faith. **Open Invitation!** Everyone is welcome to attend and explore this journey of faith.



## PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Des McKenna, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, Gary & Georgette

Whyte, & Demetrie Laming. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Jess Crosbie & Seta De Francesco. Jesus, I trust in You.

**In need of prayer?** Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Charles, Father Anthony, or one of our Parish Prayer teams through the Parish Office (for St John’s Pastoral Care, CWL, or KOC Prayer group). Jesus, I trust in You.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

[St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St, Perth]

**\*Notice: 15 Church Street will be cleaned every Wednesday between 1-3pm. Please do not book any meetings during this time.**

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting	<b>Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> after the noon Mass</b>
Wednesday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Wednesdays @ 7pm
St. John's Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting	Last Thursday of each month, after the noon Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow for details.	Thursdays @ 1pm
Sunday Mass 11am Choir	Thursdays @ 7pm & Sundays @ 10:15am
St. John’s Movie Club	Friday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
Life Matters Men’s Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

### St Bridget's Cemetery General Meeting

**Wednesday, Oct 1st at 7:00pm @ BVM Hall**

### St. John's Holy Face Group - September

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.

### St. John's Movie Club Update

The Saint John's Movie Club will be holding its next meeting on **Friday, October 17th at 7:00 PM**, at 15 Church St. We will watch a short film and there will be a group discussion following. For more information, contact Anthony: [adellazazzera@gmail.com](mailto:adellazazzera@gmail.com).