

# Welcome! 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday September 27 ~ St. Vincent de Paul		
SJ	5:00pm	Paul Nagle ~ <i>Cathy Fergusson</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Margot Wojciechowski ~ <i>Williamson Family</i>
Sunday September 28		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Jean & Fred Shepherd ~ <i>Gail &amp; Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Harold & Rita Kerr ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	11:00am	Erich & Erika Nitschmann ~ <i>Frank &amp; Jane Nitschmann</i>
Monday September 29 ~ St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>
Tuesday September 30 ~ St. Jerome		
SB	9:00am	Gordon & Catherine McShane ~ <i>Jean McShane</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Int. of Fr. Anthony Dim ~ <i>Your friends of St. John's Parish</i>
Wednesday October 1 ~ St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus		
SJ	9:00am	Gerry Conlon ~ <i>Cavalier Family</i>
Thursday October 2 ~ The Holy Guardian Angels		
SHP	9:00am	Fr. Donsteve Nnagha ~
SJ	12:00pm	Paul Nagle ~ <i>Cathy Merkley</i>
(FIRST) Friday October 3		
SJ	8:30am	<i>Prayer for the Sick &amp; Suffering</i>
SJ	9:00am	Mary & Marvin Beach ~ <i>Frank &amp; Jane Nitschmann</i>
SJ	9:30am	<i>Holy Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>
(FIRST) Saturday October 4 ~ St. Francis of Assisi		
SJ	9:00am	Ken Kerr ~ <i>Brian Brosso</i>
SJ	5:00pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
SVDP	5:00pm	Fr. Donsteve Nnagha ~
Sunday October 5		
SJ	9:00am	<i>Mass for the People of the Parish</i>
SHP	9:00am	Florence Flouffe ~ <i>Gail &amp; Fred Shepherd</i>
SB	11:00am	Int. of Jean McShane ~ <i>St. Bridget's CWL</i>
SJ	11:00am	Loretta McGuire ~ <i>Jim &amp; Fran McGuire</i>

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$2990.

## Congratulations!

Spencer Thom & Evelynne Asselin

are to marry at St. John's Church this weekend. We ask God's blessing upon them for a lifetime of joy & happiness.

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

### "When we open our hearts to others, we open them to God."

Jesus gives us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. One lived in comfort and luxury, the other in hunger and pain. The tragedy is not just that the rich man had wealth, it is that he never noticed the poor man lying right at his doorstep.

A teacher once asked her students to draw a picture of what love looks like. One child drew a door with a person standing outside. "This," he said, "is love, someone opening the door." Sometimes love begins with just noticing who is right in front of us.

Amos warns against complacency, reminding us not to live at ease while others suffer. St. Paul encourages Timothy to "pursue righteousness, faith, love, and gentleness." While Jesus teaches us that our choices in this life shape eternity.

The rich man was not condemned because he had wealth, but because he closed his heart. Lazarus was not saved because he was poor, but because God lifts up the lowly. The parable invites us to open our eyes, to see Christ in those who hunger, struggle, or sit quietly on the margins of our lives.

This week, let us notice who is at our doorsteps, someone in need of encouragement, kindness, or practical help. By opening our hearts to them, we are opening ourselves more deeply to God's love.

Prayer: "Lord, open our eyes to see You in those around us, and open our hearts to share Your love with them."



## Jubilee Celebration!

Thank you to everyone who expressed enthusiasm for our upcoming Jubilee Celebration announced last week. The Parish of St. John the Baptist, together with our entire Deanery, invites you to this special celebration, now rescheduled to **Sunday, October 19th at 3:00pm**.

We are still planning to gather at **St. John's Cemetery** for this occasion. As the weather will be cooler in mid-October, please dress appropriately and bring a lawn chair. If conditions are too chilly, the celebration will be moved into the church (a decision we will make closer to the day).

Highlights of the afternoon include the **recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, and all who participate will receive a Jubilee Indulgence**. This promises to be a beautiful time of prayer and thanksgiving for our parish and deanery.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

✠ **THIS 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

✠ **Life Chain:**

### From Priests for Life Canada:

"Each year on Life Chain Sunday we are united in prayer. We pray to end abortion, to offer each other HOPE and healing to women who regret their abortion. We pray for women considering abortion to have the courage to reach out for a PRO-LIFE option as well as those who are considering euthanasia to find hope and meaning in their circumstances. We pray for a return to laws that protect and defend human life at every stage of development. If you have never participated in a LIFE CHAIN event, Priests for Life Canada encourages you to step out in faith and courage for one hour on October 5. Your witness will build the culture of life and love, which is sorely needed in Canada."

**Locally this year's Life Chains are being held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm on the Gore St. Bridge in Perth and from 10:15-11:15am at Sacred Heart Parish in Lanark.**



## 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:** Completed. If you missed this meeting, please reach out to the parish office ASAP.

**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?** OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation – formerly 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 Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Des McKenna, Claudette Timmerman, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, Gary & Georgette Whyte, Demetrie Laming, Edith Lepine, Nellie Pajackowski, & Marg Trombley. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Seta De Francesco and Mary Moore. 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, October 1st, at 7:00pm @ BVM Hall**

### 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).