

Welcome! The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 2nd - 9th

(FIRST) Saturday November 1 ~ All Saints		
SJ	9:00am	Judy McGinnis ~ Jean McShane
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday November 2 ~ The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
SHP	9:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
SB	11:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the repose of all souls
Monday November 3		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday November 4 ~ St. Charles Borromeo		
SB	9:00am	***MASS CANCELLED***
SJ	4:30pm	***MASS CANCELLED***
Wednesday November 5		
SJ	9:00am	***MASS CANCELLED***
Thursday November 6		
SHP	9:00am	Collins Evans ~ Larry & Ann Fillmore
SJ	12:00pm	Art White & Jack Hendry ~ Barbara Hendry
(FIRST) Friday November 7		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Alexandre & Marie Blanche Vaillancourt and Peg O'Connor ~ Lisette Vaillancourt
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday November 8		
SJ	5:00pm	Harold Widenmaier ~ Marg Trombley
Sunday November 9 ~ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
SJ	9:00am	Provost Family ~ Jacques Poulin
SHP	9:00am	Rhonda Shepherd ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Wilbur & Marie Merkley ~ Merkley Family
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3265.

PASTORAL CARE

Any parishioner or family member unable to attend Mass and would like a home visit please call Parish Office at 613-267-1043.

NOTICE

This week, our priests, along with others from across the diocese, are away on their annual Convocation in Gananoque. Let us join together in prayer for them, that this may be a time of rest, renewal, and deep spiritual inspiration through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May they return strengthened in faith and refreshed in their ministry! In the event of an emergency, contact the parish office directly.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS ~ All Souls' Day ~

All Souls' Day invites us into one of the most tender expressions of our faith, the communion of love that binds the living and the dead in Christ. On this day, we pause to remember, pray for, and entrust to God all our beloved departed. It is not a day of sorrow alone, but a day of hope; a quiet confidence that death does not have the last word, because Christ has conquered it.

The Church, like a mother, gathers her children and whispers, "Do not be afraid." For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith are not lost; they are being purified, made radiant in the light of God's mercy. Our prayers for them are not futile gestures but acts of love, the kind of love that bridges heaven and earth. As the Book of Wisdom assures us, "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them" (Wisdom 3:1).

Theologically, this day reminds us of the deep mystery of the Communion of Saints, that the Church is one: the pilgrim Church on earth, the suffering Church in purification, and the triumphant Church in heaven. Our faith tells us that love does not end at the grave.

Every Mass we celebrate, every rosary we offer, every candle we light is an act of communion, a way of saying, "You are not forgotten; you are always loved."

In a pastoral sense, All Souls' Day gently teaches us to see death through the lens of resurrection. Our grief, when united with Christ's cross, becomes hope. Our remembrance becomes prayer. And our love, purified by faith, becomes the bridge that unites us with those who await the fullness of joy in God's presence.

So today, as we pray for our beloved dead, let us also let the commemoration teach us, to live more humbly, love more deeply, forgive more freely, and trust more fully in the God who, in Christ, gathers all His children into eternal life.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

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! Weather permitting, we hope the sale will continue through November.

LifeMatters Presents: 'Dying to Meet You, Preventing Euthanasia and Encouraging Hope': Does life lose its sense in the face of suffering? Or ... is life always worth living? How do you prevent euthanasia and encourage hope? Come and join us on **Sunday, November 16th, at St. John Elementary School in Perth** for the **DYING TO MEET YOU** event by world renowned speaker, Amanda Achtman. Get inspired to encounter, understand, and overcome the euthanasia temptation. Filled with humanizing

storytelling and edifying examples, the afternoon will equip you to better engage in these conversations and experiences in your own life ... because this concerns all of us. **Doors open at 12:00.** A light lunch will be provided, followed by Amanda's presentation, Q & A and mini-Workshop. There is no charge for this event due to the generosity of our sponsors. Registration is recommended to help us prepare for the event. Signup sheets at the back of the church or online at lifemattersnetwork.ca. We hope to see you all there!

St. Mary's of Egypt Refuge | November 19, 2025: Have you lost someone you love to euthanasia? You are invited: Euthanasia Healing Retreats A time for guided sharing, a pastoral talk, memorial service and supper. St. John the Compassionate Mission (155 Broadview Ave Toronto, ON). No cost to attend, though a freewill offering is appreciated. Overnight accommodation is available upon request. Registration required: www.beingwith.org/euthanasia-healing-retreats

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Preparation Classes!
First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:
The next class will be **November 9th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates:
The next class will be **November 16th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

FORGOT TO REGISTER? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ASAP.

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 at 15 Church St.
Open Invitation! Everyone is welcome to attend and explore this journey of faith.

Dear Father Charles, your parishioners would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday this week! We pray that God will bless you abundantly on your special day!



PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Susan MacLellan, Theresa Irvin, Deborah La Riccia, Demetrie Laming, Edith Lepine, Nellie Pajackowski, Marg Trombley, "Nana" Beaudoin, & Barbara Morrison. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Eleanor Walsh. 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

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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 *November 10th @7pm	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting *November meeting cancelled in respect of Remembrance Day*	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm Next meeting Tuesday, December 9th @ 6:30pm
Life Matters Monthly Meeting *Moved to 2nd Wednesday of each month*	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2 nd Wednesday of each month @ 7pm
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting	TBD
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	Next meeting Friday, November 21st @7pm
Life Matters Men's Group – Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

ATTENTION CWL MEMBERS!

CWL Membership dues are \$40.00 and can be placed in the collection basket. Please ensure your name and CWL is on your envelope. Thank you!

CWL Meeting

CWL Meeting Mon, Nov 10th, 7pm at St John Parish Meeting Place, 15 Church St.

We are pleased to have Rob Rainer, Executive Director at "The Table Food Centre" join us. He will enlighten us about their many services, eligibility and community support. All welcome.
Optional blessings accepted of nonperishable food items or (much needed) feminine hygiene products. Our regular meeting will commence following the speaker.