

Welcome! The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 9th – 16th

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
Monday November 10 ~ St. Leo the Great		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday November 11 ~ St. Martin of Tours		
SB	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	10:00am	St. John Elementary School Mass Ken Kerr ~ Mark & Gina Noonan
SJ	4:30pm	Int. of Fr. Anthony Dim ~ Friends @ SJ
Wednesday November 12 ~ St. Josaphat		
SJ	9:00am	Gerri Conlon ~ Jack & Judy Wood
LL	10:00am	Lanark Lodge Mass
Thursday November 13		
SHP	10:15am	Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass Melanie Leroux ~ Jean McShane
SJ	12:00pm	Robert Schonauer ~ Maurice & Karen Diotte
Friday November 14		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Doris, Stanley, & Lyman White ~ Jim & Fran McGuire
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday November 15		
SJ	5:00pm	In Thanks to St. Jude ~ Bonnie Switzer
Sunday November 16		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Ruth & Edward Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Leo & Aileen Farrell ~ Evelyn Goodfellow
SJ	11:00am	Mary McNamee ~ Shirley Kindellan

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.

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!

ATTENTION ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONERS Church Entrance Renovation

Beginning Nov. 10, new terrazzo floors will be installed in the church entrance. Please use the side entrance while work is underway. Church washrooms will be closed; facilities at 15 Church St. remain open. Thank you for your patience!

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

(Ezekiel 47:1–2, 8–9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9b–11, 16–17; John 2:13–22)

Today we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Pope, the “Mother and head of all churches in the world.” It’s a day to remind us that our faith is not just about buildings of stone, but about the living temple of God built in human hearts.

In the first reading, Ezekiel has a strange but beautiful vision: water flowing from the Temple, bringing life wherever it goes. Trees bloom, fish multiply, deserts blossom. That river is the grace of God’s life flowing from His presence into the world. Whenever we gather in God’s house, to drink from His Word, and receive His Sacraments, we are dipped into that river of life. Then we go out, carrying it to a thirsty world as witnesses.

St. Paul builds on this in the second reading: “You are God’s temple, and God’s Spirit dwells in you.” The Church is not just a sacred building but a sacred people, each baptized person a living brick in God’s house. So, if we truly are God’s temple, maybe our “renovation project” is not finished yet. God is still knocking down walls of our pride, repainting our hearts with mercy, and rewiring our minds with grace.

In the Gospel, Jesus cleansed the Temple. Jesus was not angry because of money itself but because the sacred space had lost its soul. It is a bit like when we clutter our hearts with noise, resentment, or distraction. Jesus walks in, turns a few tables over, and says, “Make room for the Father again.” It is a tough love that restores holiness to the temple, both to the building and to the believer.

So today, as we honor the Lateran Basilica, let us remember: every church we enter points us to the greater temple, you and me, living stones joined to Christ the cornerstone. May the river of His grace flow through our lives and refresh the world around us. And let us keep our “temples” a little tidier, after all, Jesus still does surprise inspections!



Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon

The *Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* will be on display for **six days**, beginning **Saturday, November 8th**, for a time of reflection and adoration.

This initiative, led by the Knights of Columbus Ontario State Council, invites the faithful to draw closer to the merciful love of Christ through prayer before the

Sacred Heart. The icon will journey through select parishes across the province, and we are blessed that **our own St. John the Baptist Church** has been chosen to host it, thanks to the efforts of our local **Council #3536**.

For more information on this meaningful initiative, please visit the Catholic News Agency’s feature article: Knights of Columbus launch new Pilgrim Icon program honoring Sacred Heart of Jesus

UPCOMING EVENTS

✠ **THIS WEEKEND! Foy Hall Garage Sale:** The Foy Hall Garage Sale is open every Friday and Saturday until the end of

November, 10am-2:30pm! Come check out the great deals! ✠ **FRUIT CAKES FOR LIFE!** In collaboration with Campaign Life Coalition, St. John’s lifeMATTERS Group will be taking orders for delicious Christmas Cakes & Treats in the Narthex, beginning November 15th until November 30th. These treats are made using the original recipes of the Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey (formerly Oka) and are perfect for holiday gift-giving. This year, Religious **Advent Calendars are also available** in two sizes, as well as religious Christmas cards ... and whole Bean Coffee! ... so don’t wait to order. All proceeds go towards local pro-life work and the Monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey. Thank you for your support for Life, from conception to natural death. Please see posters in the Church for more information, or call Elaine @ 613-264-4071

✠ **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 12:00pm.** 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! *“Excellent workshop! It has helped me to not be afraid to be a burden!”— Workshop Participant*

Volunteers needed! We are looking for volunteers to assist us for an hour after the 9am Mass November 16th, preparing the lunch for the Dying to Meet You Event and/or by providing baked goods for dessert. Please contact Elaine Cavalier at 613-264-4071 if you can help us.

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Preparation Classes!

First Communion & Reconciliation Candidates:

Class is this weekend, **November 9th**, and begins with the 11am mass, followed by class in the Narthex.

Confirmation Candidates:

The next class is next weekend, **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Month of Remembrance

November is the month we especially remember the holy souls who have gone before us. Throughout this month, we offer prayers for our dearly departed. Please take a moment

to sign the Book of Remembrance in the Narthex so their names may be included in our prayers.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Heather Luft, Demetrie Laming, “Nana” Beaudoin, & Barbara Morrison. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Jim Kelly & 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 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]

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

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.

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Donation \$3635.