

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ May 24th - 31st

Saturday May 23		
SJ	5:00pm	Zofia Raczek ~ Daughter & Family
SVDP	5:00pm	For the deceased members of the Williamson family ~ Williamson Family
Sunday May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Eleanor Walsh ~ Doris Quinn
SB	11:00am	Theresa Phillips ~ St. Bridget's CWL
SJ	11:00am	Edie Cordick ~ Marg McMunn
Monday May 25 ~ Blessed Virgin Mary		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday May 26 ~ St. Philip Neri		
SB	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	4:30pm	David Nitschmann ~ Frank & Jane Nitschmann
Wednesday May 27		
SJ	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ LifeMatters Core Group
CcT.	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass Joe McEachern ~ Marie White & Shirley Chaplin
Thursday May 28		
SHP	9:00am	Int. of Camille Bozozuk ~ Bozozuk & Proulx Families
SJ	12:00pm	Margaret Secco, mother of Diana Troup ~ Thursday Bible Study Group
Friday May 29		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Joe McEachern ~ Knights of Columbus 4 th Degree Assembly #2783, Smiths Falls
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday May 30		
SJ	5:00pm	Edie Cordick ~ Ruth Oblinski
SVDP	5:00pm	Margaret Brady ~ Butler Family
Sunday May 31 ~ The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SHP	9:00am	Melanie Leroux ~ Brian & Pat Molyneaux
SB	11:00am	Int. of Maureen Vincentina ~ St. Bridget's CWL
SJ	11:00am	Louis Michaud ~ CDSBEO

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Dear brothers and sisters, Pentecost is not simply an event we remember; Pentecost is a living reality we celebrate today. The same Holy Spirit who descended upon the apostles desires to renew the Church and renew each one of us.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, frightened disciples hiding behind closed doors are transformed into courageous witnesses. The Spirit breaks fear, opens hearts, and unites people of every language and nation. Pentecost is the reversal of Babel: where sin created division, the Holy Spirit creates communion.

Our world today desperately needs this gift of the Holy Spirit. We live in a time of anxiety, polarization, loneliness, and spiritual exhaustion. Many people search for meaning yet feel empty within.

Pentecost reminds us that God has not abandoned His people. The Holy Spirit continues to guide, heal, and strengthen the Church. Whenever there is forgiveness instead of revenge, truth instead of falsehood, compassion instead of indifference, the Holy Spirit is alive and active.

In the Gospel, Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, "Peace be with you." Before sending them on mission, Jesus gives them peace. The Holy Spirit does not remove every struggle but gives the strength to live faithfully in the midst of them. That same Holy Spirit is powerfully present in the Eucharist we celebrate today.

Through the Holy Spirit, ordinary bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and we who receive Communion become one body in Him.

As we leave this Holy Eucharist, may we not remain passive Christians. Let us become Spirit-filled witnesses, bringing hope to the discouraged, unity to the divided, and the fire of God's love to our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

K of C Fundraising Draw for the Perth Special Olympics

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes to be won! Draw to take place 7 pm July 1, 2026, at Conlon Farm in Perth. \$5/ticket. Tickets available through our local Knights of Columbus members. More details to come!



Remember to pray the Rosary daily throughout the month of May!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✦ **This Weekend! St. John's Social Sunday:** Please join us this weekend after each Sunday Mass for the monthly St. John's Church Social! Snacks and drinks provided for everyone's enjoyment!
- ✦ **Foy Hall Garage Sale: Now open for 2026!** Fridays & Saturdays from 10am - 2:30pm! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Come check out new items at great prices! Hope to see you there!
Please note, 2 volunteers are needed to work at the sale one weekend per month. If anyone is interested, please see Louise Vachon or Eadie LaFreniere, or call the parish office.
- ✦ **Next Weekend! Sacred Heart Social Sunday:** Come on out to our Church Rectory and enjoy our Social Gathering following the 9am Mass on Sunday, May 31st. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy Hot & Cold drinks and a variety of goodies.
- ✦ **Annual CWL Potluck: Monday, June 8th** at Theresa Kirkham's cottage. Come join us for great food and socializing. The invitation is opened to Perth, Lanark and Stanleyville. Perhaps you are interested in the CWL, come meet us at the Potluck! If you need a ride, call Colleen or be at the church parking lot before 5:30pm.
- ✦ **SAVE THE DATE! St. John's Annual Parish BBQ:** Join us on Sunday, June 14th, following the 11am Mass, for an afternoon of great food, fellowship, and fun as we gather with our parish family and our brothers and sisters from Sacred Heart Church, St. Bridget's Church, and St. Vincent de Paul Church! If you enjoy baking, we warmly invite you to bring along a favourite dessert or homemade treat to share. Not a baker? Feel free to bring along a favourite snack to share as well! All contributions are most welcome and appreciated, though your presence is what matters most. We look forward to seeing everyone there!
- ✦ **"Change for Life" Birthright Fundraiser: On Mother's Day weekend (May 9/10),** baby bottles were made available to take home to support the moms and babies at Birthright. We encourage you to take home a bottle and fill it with spare change, paper money or a cheque made out to Birthright. Please return the bottles on Father's Day weekend (June 20,21). All proceeds support our work to help any woman who is facing an unplanned or difficult pregnancy plan for her future with her child. Thank you in advance and may God bless you for your generous support.
- ✦ **Archdiocese of Kingston 200th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Join Fr. Justin and Fr. Price on a faith-filled pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 5-15, 2026. Please see the itinerary in the church and this week's Flocknote.
- ✦ **2026 Seminarians Dinner - Celebrate our Seminarians:** Sunday, July 12, 2026. Join us for a 4-course Supreme Chicken Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus of the Archdiocese of Kingston in order to provide financial support towards the training of Seminarians and funds direct to each seminarian to help defray their annual costs. See posters for more information.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Barbara Morrison, Pascal Proulx, Kim Lapointe, Camille Bozozuk, & Christiana Enyinnia. Please remember those who have recently died in your prayers, especially Gilles Proulx, Joan Killeen, & Gisela Seidenbusch. 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.

THANK YOU!

The March for Life Bus was a great success this year. Not only did we fill all the seats with riders from 13 parishes, but we also had 6 priests and 4 children on board! We travelled prayerfully to the Hill where we joined thousands of others standing up for the most vulnerable. We also revealed our new Life Matters Banner on the Hill where it received lots of attention. We're thankful for everyone who joined us this year, and for every prayer and donation we received. Thank you and we'll see you again next year!

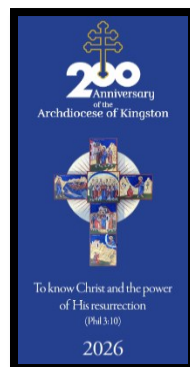
UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
Monday Bible Study Group - Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	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 Thursday, May 28 th	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	TBD
Life Matters Men's Group - Contact Dave Lapointe for details.	3 rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

St. John's Holy Face Group - May

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on Thursday, May 28th, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.



200th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston

The Jubilee Year Begins!

Jubilee celebrations are taking place throughout the year at the Parish, Deanery, and Archdiocesan levels. Keep an eye on the bulletin & Flocknote for parish and deanery events to come! Archdiocesan events can be found in the Fall edition of Journey, which can be found in your church today!