

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

| (FIRST) Saturday May 2 ~ St. Athanasius          |         |   |
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| SJ   | 9:00am  | Ethel Day ~ Brian & Barb Day  |
| SJ   | 5:00pm  | Joe McEachern ~ Marg Trombley   |
| Sunday May 3 ~ 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  |         |   |
| SJ   | 9:00am  | Ed & Evelyn Pennett ~ Pennett Family  |
| SHP  | 9:00am  | Philip & Olive Brady & Family ~ Pat Molyneaux                               |
| SB   | 11:00am | ~ No intention booked ~   |
| SJ   | 11:00am | Mass for the People of the Parish   |
| SJ   | 1:00pm  | First Communion Celebration   |
| Monday May 4                                     |         |   |
| SJ   | 8:30am  | Prayer for the Sick & Suffering   |
| Tuesday May 5                                    |         |   |
| SB   | 9:00am  | ~ No intention booked ~   |
| SJ   | 4:30pm  | Edie Cordick ~ Vivian Kehoe   |
| Wednesday May 6 ~ St. Francois de Laval          |         |   |
| SJ   | 9:00am  | Dave Nitschman ~ Wayne & Kim Kehoe  |
| SJ   | 1:15pm  | St. John Elementary School Mass<br>Edie Cordick ~ Kathy Kehoe               |
| Thursday May 7                                   |         |   |
| SHP  | 10:15am | Combined Daily/Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass<br>Nancy Lesser ~ CDSBEO |
| SJ   | 12:00pm | Wayne Burns ~ Barbara Hendry  |
| Friday May 8                                     |         |   |
| SJ   | 8:30am  | Prayer for the Sick & Suffering   |
| SJ   | 9:00am  | Provost Family ~ Jacques Poulin   |
| SJ   | 9:30am  | Holy Adoration & Benediction  |
| Saturday May 9                                   |         |   |
| SJ   | 5:00pm  | Mass for the People of the Parish   |
| Sunday May 10 ~ 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |         |   |
| SJ   | 9:00am  | Pat & Pete Peterson ~ Jim & Kathy McHale                                    |
| SHP  | 9:00am  | Gertrude Parks Beadle ~ Doris Quinn   |
| SB   | 11:00am | ~ No intention booked ~   |
| SJ   | 11:00am | Joe McEachern ~ Anne Cardinal   |

## PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS ✝

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that are comforting, "Do not let your hearts be troubled... I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:1, 6). While Thomas asks for directions, and Philip asks for proof, Jesus offers neither a map nor a demonstration. Jesus only offers Himself.

**We often want clarity about the future:** Where is my life going? What will happen to my family? What lies ahead for the Church? Jesus does not hand us a blueprint. Instead, He says: walk with Me. Faith is less about knowing the route and more about trusting the Guide.

**Think of a child learning to cross the road.** The child does not study traffic patterns or calculate risk. He simply holds his parent's hand. That trust, that relationship, is what gets him safely across. In the same way, Jesus invites us not into a system, but into communion.

**This is why Jesus says,** "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). God is not distant or abstract. God has a face, the face of Christ: compassionate, patient, and self-giving. When we look at Jesus healing, forgiving, and breaking bread, we see the very heart of God.

**And here comes the promise:** "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do" (John 14:12). This is not an exaggeration; it is a mission. Through the Holy Spirit, the life of Christ continues in us. We become His hands, His voice, His presence in the world.

**All of this leads us here, to the Eucharist.** At this altar, Jesus does not merely show us the way, He becomes our way. He gives Himself as food for the journey, strengthening our trust, deepening our union with Him. The One who says, "I am the way" now comes to dwell within us.

**So today, bring your questions,** your uncertainties, your troubled heart. And receive not just answers, but Him. For in receiving Jesus, we are already on the way, already in the truth, already sharing in the life that does not end.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

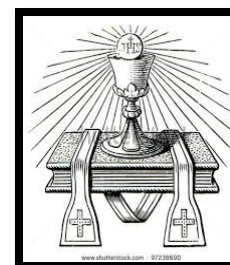
### K of C Fundraising Draw for the Perth Special Olympics

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association have named this year's Catholic Education Week theme as: **Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness.** Beginning on Sunday, May 3, Catholic schools in our parish will be hosting a series of events and activities to celebrate the

ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to find out what is happening through your local schools' social media.



### REMINDER: ANNUAL PRIESTS RETREAT

Fr. Charles & Fr. Anthony will be away the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, on their annual Priests Retreat. **Weekday Masses will be cancelled. Weekend Masses will proceed as usual. May our Priests enjoy a rejuvenating and blessed retreat!**



The 9-day Novena, leading up to the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, begins Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✝ **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!
- ✝ **"Change for Life" Birthright Fundraiser: On Mother's Day weekend (May 9/10),** baby bottles will be 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 make a plan for her future with her child. Thank you in advance and may God bless you for your generous support.
- ✝ **Women & Mother's Retreat:** A retreat for women will be held on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** by a priest from St. Clement Parish. The day will run from 9am-3pm and will include Holy Mass, talks, Adoration, and confession. Location: Saint Francis de Sales Church, 17 Elmsley St N, Smiths Falls. Cost: \$30 (lunch included). If cost is prohibitive, please contact us. For questions, email to francesmgorman@gmail.com. E-transfer can be sent to: mrosarioavellaneda@gmail.com. Please arrange for childcare at home, however babes in arms are welcome. Your registration is complete once payment is received. Please see this weeks' flocknote or contact the parish office for the link to register!
- ✝ **March 4 Life: DON'T MISS THE BUS!** On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, fellow parishioners will be hopping on the bus to attend the National March for Life on Parliament Hill where they will join thousands of other people standing

up for the most vulnerable among us. This is an opportunity to put faith into action! Please see a Life Matters member, posters, display or the website for more information. Register online at <http://lifemattersnetwork.ca/bus> before May 11th. Come join us. You will be glad you did!

## PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czap, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Edith Lepine, Doris Quinn, 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 David Small. 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.

## SACRAMENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate all who are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We thank all those who have been involved in the preparation for, and celebration of, this wonderful sacrament. God Bless!



### Sacramental Preparation

**Reconciliation Dates:**  
Confirmation candidates will have Reconciliation on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.**  
**Ceremony Dates:**  
The First Communion ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1pm.**  
The Confirmation ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm.**

### Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Jeffrey, Augustus, & Guinevere Renaud** into the Catholic Church through Baptism. May God abundantly bless their family!



"The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her

motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord." - [thecatholicstand.com](http://thecatholicstand.com)

### NOTICE OF MASS CHANGE

St. Vincent de Paul Church will resume Saturday 5pm Masses, beginning Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your contributions!  
Regular Sunday Donation \$3790.



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