

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ June 21st - 28th

Saturday June 20		
SJ	5:00pm	Colleen Mitchell ~ Frank & Florence Mitchell
SVDP	5:00pm	Patricia Ayala Rosenblueth ~ Butler Family
Sunday June 21		
SJ	9:00am	Kevin Sullivan ~ Rob & Maureen Newby
SHP	9:00am	For the deceased members of the LaFreniere family ~ Pat & Eadie LaFreniere
SB	11:00am	For all fathers of the parish, living & deceased ~ Marg McMunn
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday June 22		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday June 23		
SB	9:00am	John Browning ~ Nina Stewart
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ Allida Rubino
Wednesday June 24 ~ The Nativity of St. John the Baptist		
SJ	9:00am	De Francesco & Der Sarkissian Families ~ Bernie De Francesco
CCt.	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday June 25		
SHP	9:00am	~ No Intention Booked ~
SJ	12:00pm	Edie Cordick ~ Jean McShane
Friday June 26		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Joe Carroll ~ St. John's Cemetery Board
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday June 27		
SJ	5:00pm	Mass for the People of the Parish
SVDP	5:00pm	Ted Blank ~ Michael Blank
Sunday June 28		
SJ	9:00am	Barbara Morrison ~ Kathy & Jim McHale
SHP	9:00am	Ruth & Edward Dunnigan ~ Gail & Fred Shepherd
SB	11:00am	Special Intention ~ Jean McShane
SJ	11:00am	Int. of Sister Margo Shafer ~ Shirley Kindellan

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

- St. Patrick's Cemetery:** Saturday, July 11th @ 11am
- Sacred Heart Cemetery:** Saturday, July 18th @ 11am
- St. Columbkil Cemetery:** Saturday, July 25th @ 11am
- St. Bridget's Cemetery:** Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am
- St. John's Cemetery:** Saturday, Sept. 5th @ 11am



Happy Father's Day to all fathers of our parish, living and deceased. We remember them with gratitude and give thanks for those among us today. We also honour our priests, Father Charles and Father Anthony. May God bless all fathers with peace and joy!

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

There is a moment in almost every child's life when shadows seem frightening. A coat on a chair becomes a monster; a dark hallway feels endless. Then someone turns on the light, and nothing has changed except what can now be seen. Fear works like that.

Today's readings invite us to move from fear into trust. **Jeremiah, one of Scripture's bravest prophets**, speaks with striking honesty: "I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around!'" (Jer 20:10). He faces opposition, loneliness, and rejection. Yet he arrives at a deeper conviction: "But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior" (Jer 20:11). Fear is real, but it does not have the final word.

In the Gospel, Jesus repeats three times: "Do not be afraid." Not because disciples will avoid suffering, but because they will never face it alone.

Then Jesus gives one of Scripture's most tender images: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? ... even the hairs of your head are all counted" (Mt 10:29-30). God's care is not distant; it is personal.

Saint Paul explains why we can trust. Through Adam came sin and death, but through Christ came grace in abundance (Rom 5:15). Fear may linger, but grace is greater and has the final word.

A grandmother once told her grandson before school: "Remember, when you walk into the room, Jesus walks in with you." Years later he admitted he had been terrified that day, but those words stayed with him. He still repeats them before difficult meetings, hospital visits, and hard conversations. That is Christian courage. Not pretending to be strong. Not denying fear. But remembering who walks with us.

Jesus' message today is to stop counting reasons to be afraid and start counting the ways God has already been faithful.

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Mary Rorwick, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Christiana Enyinnia, Anne Nagle, Nellie Pajaczkowski, & Father Sebastian Amato. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Joseph Carroll, Wayne Bowes, Barbara Morrison, daughter of Bernie & Carol Boucher of the parish, & Leo McKinnon. 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.



June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Prayer for the 3rd week of June
For Schools & Teachers

Loving heart of Jesus, we pray for our schoolteachers and students. We ask that you encourage the hearts of educators. Remind them that you have called them to serve you by leading and teaching these children. Help them to sense your steadfast love, to see your

new mercies daily, to be satisfied with the good that you give them and be renewed by your redemptive love. May our children who are students grow in your mercy and love. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Have Mercy on us and the whole world. Amen.

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!
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! St. John's Social Sunday:** Please join us next weekend after each Sunday Mass for the monthly St. John's Church Social! Snacks and drinks provided for everyone's enjoyment! See you there!
- ✠ **Knights of Columbus Fundraising Dance:** Postponed to a later date, to be announced.
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit Your Reflection!

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Kingston, we reflect on the gift of faith and our inheritance as Children of God. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston are invited to share brief testimonies or reflections (5-500 words) on **what it means to know Christ and the power of His resurrection**. Subject to light editing and may be shared in a future diocesan publication. Email to communications@archkingston.ca before **July 15, 2026**.

"Change for Life" Baby Bottles

Please remember to return your baby bottles to the bin, located in the Narthex, at Mass this weekend! If you've forgotten to bring yours, please return them to the parish office during weekday office hours or to the church next weekend. God Bless you for your generosity!

Annual Parish Golf Tournament

Registration is now open for the 45th Annual Parish Golf Tournament **SUNDAY AUGUST 16th** at MAPLEVIEW.

Shotgun Start 2:30 PM & Cocktails 5:00 PM

BBQ Dinner 5:30 PM at the Golf Club

\$75 per person (\$45 for Mapleview members), includes 9 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes.

Register as a single, couple, or as a team foursome; bring your friends and relatives. (BBQ Dinner Only: \$21)

Please pay by E-transfer to andywilliamson@shaw.ca (autodeposit, no password required). If you cannot e-transfer, please email to make other arrangements.

See you on the links!

Collection of Used Stamps for the Poor

After many years of generously collecting and transporting used stamps in support of the poor, Gloria and Don Davidson have decided to step back from this ministry. We thank them for their many years of humble service and ask God's blessing upon them. If you or someone you know feels called to continue this worthwhile mission, please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish BBQ - Thank You!

Thank you to our St. John's Parish Council for hosting last weekend's annual BBQ. Thanks as well to the Knights of Columbus, St. John's Elementary School, all who attended, brought treats, or hosted information booths. It was a wonderful success! See you next year!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2 nd Monday of each Month @ 7pm
*Meetings on hold until fall	
Monday Bible Study Group - Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
*Meetings on hold until fall	
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2 nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
*Meetings on hold until fall	
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
*Meetings on hold until fall	
St. John's Holy Face Group Monthly Meeting	Last Thursday of each month, after the noon Mass
*Thursday, June 25 th	
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 - June

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, June 25th**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.