

Welcome! 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ September 13th – 20th

Saturday September 12		
SJ	5:00pm	In thanks to St. Jude ~ <i>Bonnie Switzer</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Nancy Shepherd ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
Sunday September 13		
SJ	9:00am	Vince Boland ~ <i>Merkley Family</i>
SJ	11:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday September 14 ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
Tuesday September 15 ~ Our Lady of Sorrows		
SB	9:00am	White & Niittymaa Families ~ <i>Brenda White & Family</i>
SJ	4:30pm	Gerry & Genina Sherwin ~ <i>Allida Rubino</i>
Wednesday September 16 ~ St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian		
SJ	9:00am	For the protection of all human life ~ <i>LifeMatters Core Group</i>
Thursday September 17		
SHP	9:00am	Roseleen & Louis Weatherdon ~ <i>Gail & Fred Shepherd</i>
SJ	12:00pm	Frances Boznar ~ <i>Mark & Madeleine Boznar</i>
Friday September 18		
SJ	8:30am	Prayer for the Sick & Suffering
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Fr. Anthony Dim ~ <i>Diana Troup</i>
SJ	9:30am	Holy Adoration & Benediction
Saturday September 19		
SJ	5:00pm	Bill Publow ~ <i>Bob & Lois Burgess</i>
SHP	7:00pm	Christopher Riopelle ~ <i>Riopelle Family</i>
Sunday September 20		
SJ	9:00am	Mass for the People of the Parish
SJ	11:00am	Int. of Sabine & Michael Farrell on their 50 th Anniversary ~ <i>Lisette Vaillancourt</i>

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICES

The St. John's Cemetery Mass has been rescheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26th @ 11am.

THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who participated in our annual “**Change for Life**” baby bottle campaign. **We surpassed our goal and raised over \$46,000**, which will help us in our mission to assist women facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies. **Parishioners at St. John the Baptist parish donated \$2327 .00.** We are grateful and blessed with your continued support. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for assisting with distribution and collection of baby bottles.

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

PARTICIPATING IN THE DIVINE NATURE AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

We are called to share in one of the Divine attributes of God – FORGIVENESS. It is part of the human condition to sin, while forgiveness remains a divine attribute of God. To forgive, therefore, is to participate in one of the most important attributes of the nature of God. When one sins, one acts humanly, and when one forgives, one acts divinely. This therefore reminds us that we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. So, to be forgiven, we must first forgive others. This is reflected in the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us “FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US”. Forgiving others therefore becomes a *conditio sine qua non* (an essential condition) for the forgiveness of our own sins. It is pertinent to note that forgiveness is not only about forgiving others, but also about forgiving ourselves for past mistakes that seem to be haunting us, even after receiving forgiveness from God at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Believe and trust in God that whatever He has forgiven is forgiven indeed. May the God of healing and restoration heal our spiritual wounds, restore in us peace and joy, and grant us the grace to be a forgiving people after the mind of Christ. Have a lovely and a grace-filled weekend.
– Fr. Cyprian Ihedoro

PRAYERS

Please remember the sick in your prayers, including Maureen Czop, Jeannette Olivier, Marjorie Facette, Claudette Timmerman, Susan Beaudoin Watson, Pascal Proulx, Camille Bozozuk, Nellie Pajaczkowski, Rita Steele, Edith Clark, Lisette Vaillancourt, & Teresa Donnelly. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Lynne Newman, Paul Pennett, Wayne Kirkham, Stephen McNamee, Mary Rorwick, & Kevin McNaughton. Jesus, I trust in You. **In need of prayer?** Connect with our strong prayer warriors, Father Cyprian, 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 EVENTS

- ✠ **Foy Hall Garage Sale:** Open Fridays & Saturdays from 10am – 2:30pm! There are always amazing deals to be found! 91 Princess St. in Lanark. Hope to see you there!
- ✠ **Catholic Women's League – Fall Retreat:** We warmly invite all women to our Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. Francis de Sales Church and Hanley Hall. We are pleased to welcome Father Justin Pulikunnel as our special guest speaker for a day of faith, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Lunch

and refreshments are included. A free will offering will be accepted. Please RSVP by September 21st by contacting Melanie at 613-326-1003 or cwlsmithsfalls@gmail.com.

- ✠ **Save the Date - Life Chain:** Sunday Oct. 4th, 2-3pm
- ✠ **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.
- ✠ **Join Us in Celebrating Fr. Cyprian!:** Please join us on **Sunday, October 18th**, following the 11am Mass, as we officially welcome Fr. Cyprian to our parish community and celebrate his 60th birthday! We will gather for a potluck celebration in the gym at St. John Catholic Elementary School, 34 Wilson Street East, Perth, immediately following Mass. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy good food and fellowship as we welcome Fr. Cyprian and celebrate this special milestone with him. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Schedule – September 28–October 2

Fr. Cyprian will be away on retreat from **Monday, September 28th through Thursday, October 1st**. As a result, weekday Masses on **Tuesday, September 29th through Thursday, October 1st are cancelled**. Regular Masses will resume on Friday morning, **October 2nd**. We wish Fr. Cyprian safe travels and look forward to welcoming him back!

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation \$3245.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation \$140.

St Bridget's Cemetery General Meeting

Thursday, September 24th at 7:00pm in the BVM Hall.

Pope's Prayer intention for September: For the care of water. *Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it. Amen.*



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SACRAMENTS

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Church - its beliefs and practices - are invited to participate in a series of conversations (formerly RCIA) that will be held at 15 Church St, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, starting September 15th.

First Communion & Confirmation Sacramental Preparation

Registration is beginning for children wishing to prepare for **First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation** to be celebrated in Spring 2027.

A **mandatory parent meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church, Perth**. At least one parent of each child wishing to participate in this year's sacramental preparation classes must attend.

We look forward to welcoming our families as we begin this special year of preparation!



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	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	Friday, September 18th @ 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

Come and Reconnect with St John's CWL!

All women are invited to an evening of faith and friendship at St John's Catholic Women's League meeting on Monday, September 14th at 7pm at 15 Church St.

We'll catch up, share a few laughs, confirm nominations, elect a new leadership team, and gather fresh ideas for a wonderful year ahead.

Curious about joining? Come and see what this joyful sisterhood of faith, service, and social justice is all about- we'd love to welcome you!