Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ November 1st – 8th

Saturday October 31		
SJ	5:00pm	Zofia & Marian Raczek ~ *Bogumila Matheson*
SHP	7:00pm	Nancy Shepherd ~ *Gail & Fred Shepherd*
Sunday November 1 ~ All Saints Day		
SJ	9:00am	*Mass for the People of the Parish*
SJ	11:00am	Edie Cordick ~ *Jim & Judy Walsh*
Monday November 2 ~ The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)		
SJ	8:30am	*Prayer for the Sick & Suffering*
SHP	9:00am	*Mass for the repose of all souls*
SJ	12:00pm	*Mass for the repose of all souls*
Tuesday November 3		
SB	9:00am	Margaret Brady ~ *John & Cathy Conway*
SJ	4:30pm	Brian Peters ~ *Donna Code*
Wednesday November 4 ~ St. Charles Borromeo		
SJ	9:00am	Provost Family ~ *Jacques Poulin*
Thursday November 5		
SHP	9:00am	Int. and conversion of the Masson family ~ *Gail & Fred Shepherd*
SJ	12:00pm	Int. of Elaine Cavalier ~ *Barbara Hendry*
(FIRST) Friday November 6		
SJ	8:30am	*Prayer for the Sick & Suffering*
SJ	9:00am	Wayne, Marlowe, & Gerard Kirkham ~ *Nina Stewart*
SJ	9:30am	*Holy Adoration & Benediction*
(FIRST) Saturday November 7		
SJ	9:00am	Jayden Dowdall ~ *Jason, Julie, & Justin Dowdall*
SJ	5:00pm	For the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, Council #3531 ~ *KoC Council #3531*
SHP	7:00pm	Eugene Whyte ~ *Georgette Whyte*
Sunday November 8		
SJ	9:00am	*Mass for the People of the Parish*
SJ	11:00am	Dr. Greg Walsh ~ *Arlene Walsh*

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation $2475.
E-Transfer Weekly Donation $315.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for November: For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. ***Amen.***

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

What does it take to be a Saint? **Saints did not live extraordinary lives, but ordinary lives in an extraordinary manner.**
Doing our best in every task elevates our daily activities into holiness. **The call to holiness begins in ordinary life.** Our human weaknesses do not disqualify us from being Saints. Surrendering them to Jesus allows Divine grace to work in us. Saints were not free from errors or mistakes in their lifetimes, but they learned from their human weaknesses and became stronger. St. Paul says, "For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12: 9-10). **When we are weak, the power of God is made strong in us.** The good news of what we celebrate today, All Saints' Day, is the triumph of God's grace in the lives of those who, like us, were once sinners, struggling to navigate the difficulties of human life in search of true and everlasting happiness. **We draw strength, encouragement and inspiration from these men and women who faced their different challenges.** As we strive towards sainthood, let us take time to reflect on the path to sainthood as we read the Beatitudes in the gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5. **The Beatitudes offer us a golden guide for living a life of holiness. Remember, you are a potential saint.** Where they are today, we shall be also. May the grace of God help us to remain His holy people.
Happy All Saints' Day.

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, Teresa Donnelly, Danielle Gervais, Bernie Boucher, Father Moses Nwosu, Andrew Brosso, George Donnelly, & Theresa Kirkham. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Bonnie Sheridan, Helen Merritt, & Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Gutelius. 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.

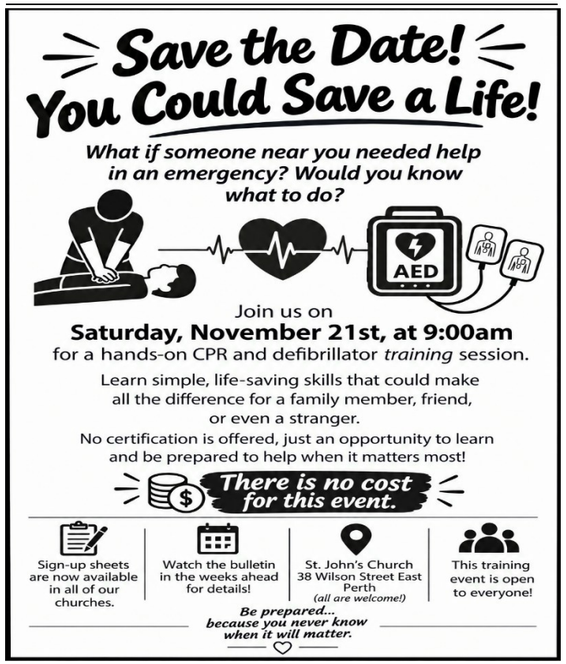
UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***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!
- ***Project Rachel at St. Mary's Refuge Retreat:*** November 13-15, 2026, for women who have been hurt by abortion. You can speak with someone who understands, and you will have a chance to begin healing from loss and grief. Phone 613-473-2679 or e-mail ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org, and visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel.
- ***Is Life Always Worth Living?:*** Many of you will remember Amanda Achtman, Ethics Director at Canadian Physicians for Life, who gave us a presentation/workshop last November at St. Johns. She is providing another workshop on "Is Life Always Worth Living?", on Saturday, November 14th, 2026, from 10am-2pm, at Holy Spirit Parish in Stittsville. Cost: $25 before November 10th, $30 after. Lunch is included. For more information email Deacon James at jgkubina@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CWL Membership for 2027

All women in our parish are warmly invited to be part of the Catholic Women's League in 2027. The annual membership fee is $40 and may be paid by cash or cheque. If you use parish donation envelopes, please use the blue envelope provided for CWL fees. Be sure to include your name and current contact information, especially if you have recently moved or changed your phone number or email address. Cheques should be made payable to The Catholic Women's League (not "CWL"). If you use a regular envelope; please clearly mark it "CWL" on the outside so that your payment is not included with the parish collection. New members are always welcome! If you would like to learn more, please contact Marianne (613) 264-0076 or Marleen (613) 264-0960 or email cwl.stjohn@gmail.com. We would be delighted to hear from you.



Important Information from St. Bridget's Cemetery Committee

1. St. Bridget's Cemetery continues to serve all the Parishioners and Members of the Community. Burials and visits to loved ones are ongoing. **The Cemetery does, however, close from November 15th thru May 1st for**
2. **winter burials.**
3. New volunteer/committee members are needed to assist in various roles. Please contact Diane Quinn (613-267-8081) if you can help in any way.
4. Tenders are being sought for the job of grass cutting for the 2027 season. Contact Diane Quinn with your written quote.



"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind."
MATTHEW 22:37

"Bible Study has given meaning to the readings I have heard in church, my whole life." **— Bible Study Participant**
In Matthew 22:37, Jesus shares the Greatest Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." Loving God with all your "mind" means studying our faith and the truth by reading the scriptures in the Bible and seeking to know more about God through His Word. Join us for Bible Study on Monday mornings, Wednesday evenings or Thursday afternoons as we seek to love God more with our mind. Contact Jenny Salte at 613-264-7794 for details, locations, and times.

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 are held at 15 Church St,
Tuesday evenings at 5pm.

First Communion & Confirmation Sacramental Preparation
Upcoming Classes:
First Communion: Class #2 is Sunday, November 8th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.
Confirmation: Class #2 is Sunday, November 15th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.

Baptismal Congratulations!
We welcome **Colby Kyle** into the Catholic Church through Baptism this weekend. We congratulate his parents and commend them for their commitment to raising their child in the Catholic faith. May God abundantly bless their family!

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.

November: A Month to Pray for the Dead
November is a special time in the Catholic Church to remember our departed loved ones and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. There are many ways we can help them through our prayers and indulgences. For ideas, including an eight-day prayer devotion, visit: www.ncregister.com/blog/here-s-how-you-can-help-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory