Welcome! 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule for St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Bridget Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish ~ October 25th – November 1st

Saturday October 24		
SJ	5:00pm	Frank McGuire ~ *Jim & Fran McGuire*
SHP	7:00pm	Florence Weatherdon ~ *Gail & Fred Shepherd*
Sunday October 25		
SJ	9:00am	Wayne Kirkham ~ *Kevan Family*
SJ	11:00am	*Mass for the People of the Parish*
Monday October 26		
SJ	8:30am	*Prayer for the Sick & Suffering*
Tuesday October 27		
SB	9:00am	Sean O'Grady ~ *Butler Family*
SJ	4:30pm	Brian Peters ~ *Jadzia Lemonye*
Wednesday October 28 ~ St. Simon & St. Jude		
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Lianne Kevan ~ *Jim & Susan Watson*
CCt	2:15pm	Carolina Court Mass
Thursday October 29		
SHP	9:00am	Helen Cameron ~ *Gail & Fred Shepherd*
SJ	12:00pm	Wayne Kirkham ~ *Barbara Hendry*
Friday October 30		
SJ	8:30am	*Prayer for the Sick & Suffering*
SJ	9:00am	Int. of Theresa Kirkham ~ *Jim & Susan Watson*
SJ	9:30am	*Holy Adoration & Benediction*
Saturday October 31		
SJ	5:00pm	Zofia & Marian Raczek ~ *Bogumila Matheson*
SHP	7:00pm	Nancy Shepherd ~ *Gail & Fred Shepherd*
Sunday November 1 ~ All Saints		
SJ	9:00am	*Mass for the People of the Parish*
SJ	11:00am	Edie Cordick ~ *Jim & Judy Walsh*

Thank you for your contributions! Regular Sunday Weekly Donation $3010
E-Transfer Weekly Donation $200.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for October: For mental health ministry. *Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.* ***Amen.***



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

PARISH FEATURE & FOCUS

Jesus gives us the two dimensions of love: the vertical love of God and the horizontal love of neighbour. A close look at Jesus' response today reveals that Jesus presents us with the vertical dimension of love: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul….and your neighbour as yourself".

Through Moses, God warns us: "You must not oppress the stranger or molest him…nor be harsh with the widow or with orphans". God hates oppression and injustice, especially against the weak, the poor, and the defenseless.

God reminded his people to be conscious of their past experiences so that history would not repeat itself. They were not to forget the experience of being a minority without power in Egypt. They should therefore not oppress the stranger, because they were once strangers in the land. They must plead the cause of the underprivileged because they were once underprivileged, and, having felt the pain of injustice and oppression themselves, they must not inflict such pain on others.

In the second reading, Paul reminds the Thessalonian community of their former status as pagans and how they were liberated through the power of the Good News. Their liberation was a sign of God's love for them. They reciprocated God's love by their acceptance of the Good News.

The big challenge this poses for us today is that if we choose to live in peace, we must help our neighbours to live in peace. If we choose to live well, we must help others to live well too. For the value of one's life is measured by the lives it touched positively. May the love of God, which surpasses all human understanding, continue to reign in our hearts.

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. **Please remember those who have recently died** in your prayers, especially Suzanne Luciano, 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!
- ***40 Days for Life:*** Some parishioners will be travelling to Ottawa after the 9am Mass on Wednesday for the 40 Days for Life witness. If you would like to join us, please contact Dave Lapointe at 613-267-1246.

A Heartfelt Thank You

My sincere thanks to everyone who joined us last weekend as we celebrated my 60th birthday and welcomed me to the parish community. It was a wonderful afternoon, and I was truly touched by the kindness, generosity, and warm welcome shown to me.

A special thank you to our Parish Pastoral Council for organizing such a lovely celebration, to all the volunteers who helped make everything run so smoothly, to St. John's Elementary for sharing their facility and assisting us, and to the many parishioners who generously prepared and brought food to share. So much work and thought went into making the day a success, and I am deeply grateful to everyone who played a part.

Most of all, thank you for making me feel so welcome. It is a blessing to be part of this parish family, and I look forward to the journey ahead as we continue to grow together in faith and serve the Lord.

May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity. With gratitude and prayers, Fr. Cyprian.

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 #1 is Sunday, October 25th, beginning with the 11:00am Mass.

Baptismal Congratulations!

We welcome **Westyn Hurley** 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!

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.

Save the Date! You Could Save a Life!

What if someone near you needed help in an emergency? Would you know what to do?

Join us on Saturday, November 21st, at 9:00am for a hands-on CPR and defibrillator training session. Learn simple, life-saving skills that could make all the difference for a family member, friend, or even a stranger. No certification is offered, just an opportunity to learn and be prepared to help when it matters most! Sign-up sheets will be available soon. Watch the bulletin in the weeks ahead for details! This training event will take place in the St. John's Church Narthex, and all are welcome.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

CWL Monthly Meeting	2nd Thursday of each Month @ 4pm
Monday Bible Study Group – Contact Jenny Salte for details.	Mondays @ 10am
Parish Council Monthly Meeting	2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm.
Life Matters Monthly Meeting	2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10am
Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting	2nd 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, October 29th**	Last Thursday of each month, after the Mass
Thursday Bible Study Group – Contact Evelyn Goodfellow	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.	3rd Saturday of each month
Saturday Mass 5:00pm Choir	Saturdays @ 4:45pm

St. John's Holy Face Group - October

St. John's Holy Face Group will be holding their monthly gathering on **Thursday, October 29th**, following the noon Mass. All are welcome to join us. For more information, please call Elaine, 613-267-1023.