

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 10th – St. Lawrence

8:30 am - St. John's – No Intention
 9-9:30am *Confessions at St. John's*
 3:00pm *Confessions at St. John's*
 3:30pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*
 4:00pm - St. John – Giovanna Belanger by Van George & family
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – Deceased military

Sunday, August 11th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Confessions at St. John's
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
 8:00 am - St. John – Mary Letourneau by Bill & Sally Young
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the parishioners
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Shari Aussiker by Bruce Crabtree
 11:00 am - St. John – John & Ceasar Lucido by M/M Pierre Berube

Monday, August 12th – St. Jane Francis de Chantal

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – **No Mass**
 5:15pm - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton by the family

Tuesday, August 13th – Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

8:30am - St. John – J. Williams, Janice Maynard & Mabel Maynard by the family
 5:15pm - St. John – Connie Doyon by M/M Ed Zuccaro

Wednesday, August 14th – St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30am - St. John – Mary Letourneau by the family
 5:15pm - St. John – Vigil Mass for the Assumption – Deacon Bernier Mayo by M/M Jerry Aldredge

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, August 15th

8:30 am - St. John – Barbara Bessette by M/M Spike Wellman
 12:00pm - St. John – Germain & Claire Maurice by M/M Chris Maistros
 5:15 pm - Queen of Peace – Mass for the parishioners
 7:00pm - St. Elizabeth

Friday, August 16th St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Pauline Knowlton
 4:30pm - St. John – *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 5:15 pm - St. John – Janice Maynard by the family

Saturday, August 17th

8:30 am - St. John's-No Intention
 9-9:30am *Confessions at St. John's*
 3:00pm *Confessions at St. John's*
 3:30pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*
 4:00pm - St. John –
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – For the Parishioners

Sunday, August 18th – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Confessions at St. John's
 8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
 8:00 am - St. John – Intentions of Sally Young by the Welcome Ministry
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace –
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Timothy King by his wife Joan & family
 11:00 am - St. John – Fred & Pat Douglas by the family

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlotte Farrow, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Hugette Authier, Jerry Prevost, Kate Wall & Camilla Dente

We are compiling a list of all homebound parishioners, with the goal that each would be visited by a priest at least once a month. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to this list, please call Fr. Robert at the rectory or email him at fr.robert.little@gmail.com.

Insurance Collection

We have received the invoice for the insurance coverage we must have for all of our buildings. The cost this year is \$27,150.90. Our second collection will be ne weekthank you for your generosity.

PARISH EVENTS

Sat. August 17th -- 6:00pm K of C Bingo

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$18,515.68 On-Line: YTD: \$3101.00

Second Collections

August 11th: No 2nd Collection August 18th: Insurance

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up! Leave your checkbook at home, and save the parish the expense of envelopes!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal	Pledged to Date	% of Goal	# of Gifts
\$72,573.00	\$39,040.00	53.79%	202

Please consider giving if you have not done so. Thank you!

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

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The Corpus Christi conference of the St. Vincent de Paul will be holding its annual orientation on Saturday, August 17th 2019 at the Fr. Lively Center from 9:00 am to 2.00 pm. and is open to any parishioner that may feel called to serve others in our parish. The conference will be conducted by Irene Frechette, Regional Vice President for the Society. If you are interested in attending, or learning more about the work of the Society, please call Patrick Mc Williams at (802) 274-3542.

Light of the World Retreat.2: Want to know Jesus and your Faith better? Need to shake up your routine and slow down? Come to the retreat and get to know your Lord, your Faith, and your fellow parishioners better. September 27-29. Information and registrations are at the back of the Church.

Storage Space Needed: A parishioner is seeking a small area to store some of his things. He can pay \$50 per month. Please call the rectory.

St. John's Religious Education

Registration and Parent meeting will occur during the first class on September 15th (class time: 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.). You may pre-register by mailing the form to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked: "Att.: Eydie Aremburg". For more information contact Eydie at 748-5892 (home), or 748-9256 (Fr. Lively Center), or email: stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com. Registrations will be mailed the week of August 19th. They'll also be on St. John church bulletin board starting 8/19.

Confirmation Classes

As the age for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation continues to transition, students in grades 8 & 9, as well as any older students who have not yet received the Sacrament, are scheduled to be Confirmed this year. The program will run most weekends on Sunday evening. There is a parent/student meeting on September 8th at 6pm in the Fr. Lively Center. Please call the rectory with any questions.

August 15th: Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A Holy Day of Obligation

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: *"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."* This declaration reflected what the Church has always believed. We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century.

"Your stainless and wholly immaculate body has not been left on earth; the Queen, the Mistress, the Mother of God who has truly given birth to God has been translated to the royal palaces of heaven ... Not like Elijah have you entered heaven, not like Paul have you been rapt to the third heaven; no, you have penetrated even to the royal throne of your Son Himself ... a blessing for the world, a sanctification of the universe, refreshment for those who are tired, comfort for the sorrowing, healing for the sick, a port for those in danger, pardon for sinners, soothing balm for the oppressed, quick help for all who pray to you." ~ St. John Damascene

August 14th: Feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

In 1906, at the age of 12, St. Maximilian had a vision of the Blessed Virgin. He later described this incident: *"That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."*

After the outbreak of World War II St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe was one of the few brothers who remained in the monastery, where he organized a temporary hospital. After the town was captured by the Germans, he was arrested by them on 19 September 1939 but released on 8 December. Upon his release he continued work at his friary, where he and other friars provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from German persecution in the Niepokalanów friary. He received permission to continue publishing religious works, though significantly reduced in scope. The monastery continued to act as a publishing house, issuing a number of anti-Nazi German publications.

On 17 February 1941, the monastery was shut down by the German authorities. That day St. Maximilian and four others were arrested by the German Gestapo and imprisoned in the Pawiak prison. On 28 May, he was transferred to Auschwitz as prisoner 16670. Continuing to act as a priest, he was subjected to violent harassment, including beating and lashings. At the end of July 1941, one prisoner escaped from the camp, prompting the deputy camp commander, to pick ten men to be starved to death in an underground bunker to deter further escape attempts. When one of the selected men, Franciszek Gajowniczek, cried out, "My wife! My children!", St. Maximilian volunteered to take his place.

According to an eyewitness, in his prison cell, St. Maximilian led the prisoners in prayer. Each time the guards checked on him, he was standing or kneeling in the middle of the cell and looking calmly at those who entered. After they had been starved and deprived of water for two weeks, only he remained alive. The guards wanted the bunker emptied, so they gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. St. Maximilian is said to have raised his left arm and calmly waited for the deadly injection. He died on August 14. His remains were burned on 15 August, the feast day of the Assumption of Mary.

Novena For Our Nation 2019: August 15 to Oct. 7, 2019

The time is now to call upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness.

This is a nationwide prayer campaign called the "Novena for Our Nation." Everyone from around the nation is encouraged to join ranks as, united, we pray the very powerful 54 Day Rosary Novena from the Feast of the Assumption on August 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7.

We continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws; especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society and the attacks on marriage and family values. Society and many levels of government continue to demonstrate intolerance towards biblically based religious belief and practice. In conflict with First Amendment constitutional rights, persecution of traditional religious expression has reached historically high levels. We are in a Spiritual Battle.

We are called upon to help turn our country back towards God. We will accomplish that through prayer; prayer that can change hearts, change families, change our communities and change our country. There is no stronger weapon in this Spiritual Battle than the Rosary. Read more about **Novena for Our Nation** and sign-up for the United States Grace Force at <https://rosarycoasttocoast.com/>.

Origins of the 54 Day Rosary Novena

On March 3, 1884 (in the same year Pope Leo XIII wrote the prayer to St. Michael, and exactly 33 years before the Fatima apparitions), a young girl named Fortuna Agrelli was graced with an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary and given this special devotion which she passed onto others. At the time, young Fortuna was ill with 3 separate incurable diseases and her doctors had given up on her case saying it was hopeless. In desperation, the young girl and her family began a novena of Rosaries.

Our Lady appeared to the girl, sitting upon a high throne, surrounded by luminous figures, holding the Divine Child on Her lap, and in Her hand a Rosary. The sick girl greeted the Blessed Virgin with the following words: *"Queen of the Holy Rosary, be gracious to me, restore me to health! I have already prayed to Thee in a novena, O Mary, but have not yet experienced Thy aid. I am so anxious to be cured!"*

"Child," responded the Blessed Virgin, *"you have invoked Me by various titles and have always obtained favors from Me. Now, since you have called Me by that title so pleasing to Me, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, I can no longer refuse the favor you petition; for this name is most precious and dear to Me. Make three novenas, and you shall obtain all."*

Once more, the Queen of the Holy Rosary appeared to the young girl and said, *"Whoever desires to obtain favors from Me should make three novenas of the prayers of the Rosary, and three novenas in thanksgiving."* Obeying Our Lady's instructions, the young girl was healed and restored to perfect health. So began six novenas of Rosaries which became known as the 54-day Rosary Novena.

Copies of the 54 Day Rosary Novena are available at the back of the church. If you need extras, please contact the Parish Office.