

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 – Germain & Claire Maurice by M/M Chris Maistros
 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 – No intention
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Timothy King by his wife Joan & family
 11:00 am - St. John – Fred & Pat Douglas by the family

Monday, August 19th St. John Eudes

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – No intention
 2:15pm – Rehab & Pines - Mass
 5:15pm - St. John – Janice Maynard by the family

Tuesday, August 20th St. Bernard

8:30am - St. John – Linda St. Cyr by Amy Marcinko
 5:15pm - St. John – Raoul Houde by Sherri Fournier

Wednesday, August 21st St. Pius X, Pope

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

Thursday, August 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am - St. John – Mary Letourneau by the family
 5:15 pm – St. John – Alejandro X. Zafra by M/M Pierre Berube

Friday, August 23rd St. Rose of Lima

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – No intention
 4:30pm - St. John – Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:15 pm - St. John – J. Williams, Janice Maynard & Mabel Maynard by the family

Saturday, August 24th St. Bartholomew

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 – Deceased members of the G.S. Handy family by Marion & Isabelle
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – Irene Boudreau by M/M Ernie Begin

Sunday, August 25th Twenty-first 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 – Natalie Elliot by M/M William Young
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Albert V. Scaturro by the family
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Jacqui Clark by the family
 11:00 am - St. John – Ned W. Handy by Marianne Handy Hraibi, Saher, Ramzi & Nadim

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.

If you would like to have a memorial Mass said for someone please call the rectory. There are currently several openings available.

The Rectory Office will be closed all day each Friday beginning August 23rd, as a day dedicated to bookkeeping and other secretarial projects.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Aug. 18th – 10:00am Secular Franciscans/Fr. L. Center
 Tues. Aug. 20 - 5:00pm Community Meal/St. J. Ch. Hall
 6:45pm St. Vincent de Paul/St.E.
 Wed. Aug. 21st - 7:00pm 4th Degree St. J. K of C
 Thur. Aug. 22nd - 7:00pm St. E. K. of C.
 Sat. Aug. 24th - 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: \$27,356.11 On-Line: YTD: \$4,815.00

Second Collections

August 25th: No 2nd Collection August 18th: Stewardship

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	\$43,400.00	59.80%	223

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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Bulletin Sponsors

Each week we want to highlight a business that supports our bulletin. Please be sure to tell them that you saw their ad and patronize their business!

GUEST MEMORIALS

Memorials Lettering Cleaning

Located in the same building as Clear Water Pools
 Call Mark and Julie Godfrey 748-4964

Light of the World Retreat 2: - Here's what a few of your fellow parishioners have to say about their Light of the World Retreat experience – *I relearned the basics of my faith and appreciate them so much more. What a gift from God is this opportunity to be still, pray, learn, and be part of a community of faith* (Mary Anne Gummere).

– *It is so wonderful to actually know the people I'm worshipping with. To feel that connection and deep bond in the love of Christ* (Vicki Mednick).

– *The biggest impact I received from attending the LOTW retreat is that God Loves Me!* (Joycelyn Minich). *Excellent retreat, positive impact to my spiritual journey* (Peter Minich).

Experience the Retreat for yourself! September 27-29. Information and registration sheets are at the back of the Church.

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

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

SHOES FOR ST. NICHOLAS

Fr. Lance W. Harlow, founder of the St. Nicholas Project, which connects Catholics in Vermont with the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT is collecting money to buy shoes for 85 boys and girls at the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, ages 5-15. Poor parents can't afford new shoes for their kids, but together we can. Would you please give a \$25 donation to Kurn Hattin and turn a child's embarrassment into a smile? This fundraiser will be from Aug. 24th through Sept. 8th. Please make checks out to Corpus Christi with the "St. Nicholas Project" in the memo.

Kingdom Community Food Shelf needs our help!

The KCS Food Shelf is actively supporting our community with some additional food and personal items. We can use tuna, baked beans, pasta sauce, pasta, canned and individual fruit, snacks (toaster pastries, crackers, cookies). Fresh produce is most welcome. Currently, we can use bread as we are not getting much from our previous source. White, wheat, English muffins, hamburger/hotdog rolls. We have freezer space to handle any leftovers. For personal items we can use toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and feminine products.

Thank you for your continued support. Ellie Dole, KCS Food Shelf Manager, 802-751-8581, open Tues and Thurs noon to 3:45pm.

We will soon be cleaning out and organizing the basement lumber room, where the decorations are stored. If anyone would like to help sort through things, or if anyone is concerned about what might be tossed, please contact Sue at the Rectory Office. Thank you for your help.

Father Hahr will be conducting an Altar Server training at St. John's Church on Saturday August 31st, for all altar servers currently serving at any of the three churches, as well as anyone who would like to serve the Mass at any of the three churches. It is a great honor to serve our Lord at His altar. A good server candidate is anyone who has received First Holy Communion and is committed to attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. Please consider helping out by serving God and His Church in this capacity!

Following the training we will gather for a pizza party in the Church Hall. If you will be attending the training please contact the Rectory Office so we can plan for the luncheon.

August 19: Feast of Saint John Eudes

SAINTE JOHN was born on a farm in northern France, and ordained a priest at twenty-four. He cared for the sick during the severe plagues of 1627 and 1631. Lest he infect his fellow religious, he lived in a huge cask in the middle of a field during the plague. He founded a new order ultimately called the Eudists (Congregation of Jesus and Mary), devoted to the formation of the clergy by conducting diocesan seminaries.

"Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires and his disposition live and reign there. All our religious exercises should be directed to this end. It is the work which God has given us to do unceasingly."

~ Saint John Eudes

Aug. 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"From early times Christians have believed, and not without reason, that she of whom was born the Son of the Most High received privileges of grace above all other beings created by God. He *"will reign in the house of Jacob forever," "the Prince of Peace," the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."* And when Christians reflected upon the intimate connection that obtains between a mother and a son, they readily acknowledged the supreme royal dignity of the Mother of God. Hence it is not surprising that the early writers of the Church called Mary *"the Mother of the King"* and *"the Mother of the Lord,"* basing their stand on the words of St. Gabriel the archangel, who foretold that the Son of Mary would reign forever, and on the words of Elizabeth who greeted her with reverence and called her *"the Mother of my Lord."* Thereby they clearly signified that she derived a certain eminence and exalted station from the royal dignity of her Son. So it is that St. Ephrem, burning with poetic inspiration, represents her as speaking in this way: *"Let Heaven sustain me in its embrace, because I am honored above it. For heaven was not Thy mother, but Thou hast made it Thy throne. How much more honorable and venerable than the throne of a king is her [viz. Heaven's] mother."* ... the main principle on which the royal dignity of Mary rests is without doubt her Divine Motherhood. In Holy Writ, concerning the Son whom Mary will conceive, We read this sentence: *"He shall be called the Son of the most High, and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end,"* and in addition Mary is called *"Mother of the Lord";* from this it is easily concluded that she is a Queen, since she bore a Son who, at the very moment of His conception, because of the hypostatic union of the human nature with the Word, was also as man King and Lord of all things. ... But the Blessed Virgin Mary should be called Queen, not only because of her Divine Motherhood, but also because God has willed her to have an exceptional role in the work of our eternal salvation ... By this Encyclical Letter We are instituting a feast so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God. We are convinced that this feast will help to preserve, strengthen and prolong that peace among nations which daily is almost

destroyed by recurring crises ... Whoever, therefore, reverences the Queen of heaven and earth - and let no one consider himself exempt from this tribute of a grateful and loving soul - let him invoke the most effective of Queens, the Mediatrix of peace; let him respect and preserve peace, which is not wickedness unpunished nor freedom without restraint, but a well-ordered harmony under the rule of the will of God; to its safeguarding and growth the gentle urgings and commands of the Virgin Mary impel us."

~ Pope Pius XII, *AD CAELI REGINAM*, 8-10, 34, 35, 51

Following the victory of 1655, Jan Casimir made a vow in the Cathedral of Lvov putting his country under the protection of Our Lady and declaring her to be Queen of Poland: "*I, Jan Casimir, King of Poland, take thee as Queen and Patroness of my kingdom; I put my people and my army under thy protection*". This vow made by the king was accepted and ratified by both houses of parliament. And so it is today that in all Polish churches and in homes of Polish people scattered throughout the world, an icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa is to be found and Our Lady is honored as truly the Queen of the country and of its people. She is Queen by vow, by act of parliament and by honor. Again, in 2017, within weeks of the Catholic Church in Poland – in the presence of civil authorities – crowning Jesus Christ the King of Poland, the Polish Parliament passed a resolution recognizing Our Lady as Queen of Poland.