

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 21st St. Matthew

8:30 am - St. John's – Gene Besaw
 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 – Lorraine Racine by Jayne & Van George Belanger
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – Martin H. Cassidy (1st Ann.) by his wife Claudette

Sunday, September 22nd Twenty-Fifth 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 – Albert & Noella Dussault by the family
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the parishioners
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Cecil Ainsworth by the family
 11:00 am - St. John – John Hagan by the family

Monday, September 23rd St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – J. William, Janice & Mabel Maynard by the family
 5:15pm - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton by the family

Tuesday, September 24th

8:30am - St. John – Barbara Bessette by Secular Franciscans
 5:15pm - St. John – Rita Coyne by Deacon/Mrs. Pete Gummere

Wednesday, September 25th

8:30am - St. John – Mary Letourneau by the family
 5:15pm - St. John – Dr. Alfred Thomas by Bruce Corrette

Thursday, September 26th Ste Cosmas & Damien

8:30 am - St. John – Janice Maynard by the family
 5:15 pm - St. John – No Intention

Friday, September 27th St. Vincent de Paul

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – No Intention
 4:30pm - St. John – *Sacrament of Reconciliation*
 5:15 pm - St. John – Raoul Houde by Sue

Saturday, September 28th St. Wenceslas

8:30 am - St. John's – MASS-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 – Robert & Roland Dumas by Joanne Weymouth
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the parishioners

Sunday, September Twenty-Sixth 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 – Barbara Bessette by M/M Bill Young
 8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Wiesia "Viv" Milweski by Lenny Targonski
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth Lorraine Beach by the family
 11:00 am - St. John – Lorraine Z Berube by M/M Pierre Berube

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

Letter to a Suffering Church

A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis

Our appreciation to Deacon/Mrs Pete Gummere for purchasing this short but powerful book written by a Bishop who also *feels demoralized, angry beyond words and ready to quit*. There are several copies available to read at each of the Churches. Please pick one up today.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 22nd Religious Education/All 3 Churches
 (Rel. Ed. Classes: St. J. 8:15 – 10:45 am, St. E. 9:00-10:15am
 QP 9:30-10:45am Confirmation Class 6:00pm
 Thurs Sept., 26th 7:00pm St. J. Choir Practice
 Fri. Sept. 27th Light of the World Retreat QP
 Sat. Sept. 28th - 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: \$50,649.13 On-Line: YTD: \$9,629.00

Collections and Receipts: September 13, 2019

Regular Offertory: \$4,266.40
Second Collections
 September 29th: Catholic University September 29th: No Collection

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	Total Actual	% of Goal
\$72,573.00	\$63,928.00	74%

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

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.

Lyndon Buffet

Broad St. Lyndonville
 Dine in Take out Catering
 802-626-8886

The Rectory Office will be closed Friday this week.

Ministry Schedule

Call Susan Dugan 748-3336 if you have changes to make for the upcoming schedule that will run into the New Year.

RCIA: If you, or someone you know would like to become Catholic, please call the rectory. We are planning to have adult education classes at the same time as the Sunday evening Confirmation classes. If this time doesn't work, we can make other arrangements.

Corpus Christi Cub Scout Pack 007

The scouts will be selling popcorn after all the Masses next weekend. Your purchases help to make the Scout adventures possible.
 Thank you for your support.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT IS READY!

Good Clean Items will be accepted: on Monday and Wednesday! Stop by the Fr. Lively Center from 9am-Noon! Keep an eye out for the classroom on the parking lot side for the room that you can bring your things! Sorry, but we cannot accept suitcases, electronic equipment or any books that are not children or cookbooks. If you have things to donate and cannot make it during that time please call Marie Hagan @751-5174.

Pregnancy Center Items Needed

The Pregnancy Center will soon be opening its doors. We're providing a storage closet for them at the Fr. Lively Center. We're in need of a few items: Plastic hangers; Clear plastic totes: approx: 12" deep, 24"long and 15"wide. Please drop them off at the front porch of the rectory.

Fr. Lively Center library

There is a library at the Fr. Lively Center which has reading material for all ages (preschool, school-aged, young adult, adult), and also movies and documentaries for different ages. If you would like to see what we have or are interested in checking out material, please contact Eydie Aremburg at stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com or 748-9256 (Fr. Lively Center) or 478-5892 (home).

CATECHISTS

We would like to thank the following catechists and assistants for their service in the religious education programs at our parish.

St. Elizabeth Church: Jo-Ann Charron, Lynda Charron, Janel Morehouse, Kelly Ingalls, Tracy Charron, Ann Pope, Monique Prive, Susan Manson, Sarah Hinkley, and Karen Santo.

St. John's Church: Regina Fournier, Tina Houde, Jacinta Houde, Mary Kathryn Naples, and Sherry Sylvain.

Queen of Peace: Rosemary Mangiapane, Ashton Giroux, Amanda Winn, Jessica Pike, Tom Berrian, and Destiny Demasi

Confirmation: Deb Priest.

"Do the penance of remembering, with sorrow, the offenses committed against God; the penance of being constantly good; the penance of combating your faults."

"Do not let temptations frighten you; they are the trials of the soul whom God wants to test when He knows that he is strong enough to sustain the battle and weave his garland of glory with his own hands." ~ St. Pius of Pietrelcina. His Feast day is Sept. 23rd.

September 27th: Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul was born to peasant farmers in 1581 in the French village of Pouy, near a stream called the Paul. Hoping to escape a life of poverty and hard labor, he determined to become a priest. He imagined that, as a priest, he would wear fine clothes, eat fine food and be well provided for all the days of his life. Vincent was a bright boy and showed strong propensities for study. So his good father sold his cattle and sent him to seminary. Vincent was overjoyed and, though he did look forward to the securities of being a village priest, he had a firm resolution to be a good and holy priest.

He studied hard and was eventually ordained. At 24 years of age, Father Vincent took ship to Marseilles but on the return voyage, Barbary pirates overtook the vessel, swarmed overboard in a rush of screaming terror, and took over the boat, enslaving all on board. Rattling chains round his neck wrecked Vincent's dreams of a life of relative comfort. He was auctioned in a slave market to an Islamic fisherman, who, finding his property prone to seasickness, sold him to

a doctor. The doctor liked Vincent, and tried to convert him to his religion. Upon the doctor's death, Vincent became the property of a farmer—a former Franciscan priest-turned-Muslim who had converted to Islam in order to gain his freedom from slavery and was living in the mountains with three wives. The second wife, a Muslim by birth, was drawn to and visited Vincent in the fields to question him about his faith. She became convinced that his faith was true and admonished her husband for renouncing his Christianity. Her husband became remorseful and decided to escape to France, which they did, landing in Aigues-Mortes on 28 June 1607

Vincent's two years of slavery altered the course of the rest of his life. He had tasted the privations, fears, sufferings, and strains of slavery and felt his soul stirring in a newfound realization and determination—he had experienced extreme poverty and, having done so, he would never abandon the poor in their extremities in his homeland. Arriving in Paris he was assigned as chaplain to a wealthy family. Vincent took up this assignment with a will, looking particularly to the peasants employed on their vast estates. It was not long before he realized that his apostolate was too great for a single priest. He formed a company of priests called the Congregation of the Missions, and they took up the work of providing for the people of their parish, and also sought out the poor, the sick, and the destitute to offer relief and peace.

The company grew and for the next thirty years he directed his brothers and sisters, the Sisters of Charity. Besides attending to the poor and sick, Father Vincent held retreats for clergymen, and devised systems to improve the lives of the poor, laboring particularly among imprisoned galley slaves. By the generous support of aristocratic Parisian women, Vincent was able to train his Sisters as nurses and teachers to better serve the needy of the city and outlying villages. They, like the Vincentian Brothers, lived an un-cloistered life among the people, dedicated to God's poor and sick. The Sisters of Charity grew in their membership as rapidly and robustly as the brotherhood, and before long toiled joyfully in hospitals, prisons, and orphanages across Europe, Africa, and eventually America.

St. Vincent de Paul came to Paris as a former slave prepared to be a slave for the poor, as he rode on horseback through the city reaching out to any abandoned child, filthy beggar, or jaded criminal he came across who languished in need of sympathy, mercy, and charity. When Father Vincent grew too old to ride, he walked. When he could not walk, he wrote letters of instruction and comfort. All the while, despite his strength or state, he prayed. The relief he brought to the destitute, the clerical reform and revival he initiated for priests, the vocations he facilitated for so many holy men and women, make Vincent de Paul stand out as one who accomplished much, but not for any miraculous reason. He was simply a hard-working man of God who persisted with a peasant's stubborn will to succeed. He passed to his final reward on September 27th, 1660, in Paris. He was not a visionary, nor a prophet. He was not a wonder-worker. He had no powers except those that every ordinary man has at his disposal—and he used these and these alone to change the lives of those he met. As for himself, he changed his own into a life that reflected the sturdy and hidden life of Christ the laborer, poor by His own choice. The secret that inflamed St. Vincent's heart was that people should look after one another—that people should love their neighbors as themselves—and that each person should shoulder the responsibility and the labor of this philosophy willingly and determinedly.