

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18th

8:30 am - St. John – No Intention
9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*
3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*
3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*
4:00 pm - St. John – Virginia Fortin by the St. Anne Mortuary Fund
4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people

Sunday, January 19th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
8:00 am - St. John – Donald Vear by the family
8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the forgotten souls in Purgatory by Amy Marcinko
10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by his estate
11:00 am - St. John – Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Amy Marcinko
11:30 am - St. Elizabeth – *Holy Hour for Life (following active shooter presentation)*
5:00 pm - St. Elizabeth – Traditional Latin Mass

Monday - January 20th St. Fabian/St. Sebastian

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for all Souls
2:15pm - Rehab & Pines-No Masses today
5:15pm - St. John – NO MASS

Tuesday, January 21st St. Agnes

8:30am - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton by the family
5:15pm - St. John – Special Intention by a parishioner

Wednesday, January 22nd St. Vincent

8:30am - St. John – Mass for all Souls
5:15pm - St. John – 2nd Lt. Joseph Fortin by Paulie St. Hilaire
6:00pm - St. John – Holy Hour of Reparation

Thursday, January 23rd St. Mary Ann Cope

8:30am - St John – Mass for all Souls
5:15 pm - St John – Special Intention by a parishioner

Friday, January 24th St. Francis de Sales

8:30am - St Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr. by his estate
4:30 pm - *Confessions at St. John's*
5:15 pm - St. John – Charlotte Farrow by Linda Frechette

Saturday, January 25th Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30 am - St. John – No Intention
9-9:30 am *Confessions at St. John*
3:00 pm *Confessions at St. John*
3:30 pm *Confessions at St. Elizabeth*
4:00 pm - St. John – Lorraine Gonyaw Holland (1yr anni.) by Joan Hayes
4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – Marjorie B lake by the family

Sunday, January 26th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*
8:00 am - St. John – Intentions of Vincent & Owen Oates by Flora Roy
8:30 am - Queen of Peace – Virginia Fortin by Bob & Priscilla Messier
10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the People
11:00am - St. John – Vincent Lamoureux (25th Anni.) by Renate Haselton
5:00pm - St. John – Mass for our Teens

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Connie, Lapage, Eileen Moquin, Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Jerry Prevost & Camilla Dente

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 19th 9:30am St. J. rel. ed. Students @ St. John's Church.
Sun. Jan. 19th: Rel Ed./QP and St. E/Rel.Ed.; St. J./No classes
Religious Education/ 2 Churches
Confirmation
Tues. Jan. 21st 5:00 pm Community Meal/St. John's
6:45pm Vincent de Paul Meeting/StE.
Thur. Jan. 23rd 7:00pm St. John's Choir Practice/Church
Sat. Jan. 25th: 5:00pm K of C. Bingo
Sun. Jan 26th Rel Ed./QP./St. E St. J./classes /Confirmation

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!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/19-6/30/20 Budget: \$282,000 (\$6,000 needed per week)
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$137,670.38 **On-Line: YTD:** \$27,134

Collections and Receipts: January 5, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$3,910

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is 84% to goal. We have been blessed with a challenge gift that will match all donations made now until the end of December up to \$18,000 to help us reach our goal.

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.
Thank you to: Caledonia Life Services, Inc.
Please support those who support us!

Second Collection This Week: Catholic Education

Continue to Pray for an End to Abortion ...

More human beings died in abortions than any other cause of death in 2019, a new report indicates. A heartbreaking reminder about the prevalence of abortion, statistics compiled by Worldometers indicate that there were over 42.3 million abortions world-wide in 2019. Please continue to pray for the protection of all human life.

Mass Schedule: The 2020 Mass Book has many openings for people to set up Masses for their deceased loved ones. Please call the Rectory or drop a request in the basket and Sue will contact you.

Fr. Brian O'Donnell will celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass at St. Elizabeth Church on Sunday, January 19th. Please join us!

The Rectory office will be closed Monday, Martin Luther King Day

Kingdom Community Services Food Shelf

Now is the time of the year when our customers at the Food Shelf are in the "heat or eat" season (should I pay for heat or pay for food). We can use canned vegetables, canned and individual servings of fruit, hot chocolate and instant oatmeal. Thank you for your kind support. Ellie Dole

CCD NEWS: The enrollment of St. John's Church's First Communion candidates will take place on Sunday, January 26th at the 11:00am Mass.

Active Shooter Presentation: Retired Commander of Criminal Investigations Edward Ledo, also a parishioner of Queen of Peace Church, will be presenting how to respond when an active shooter is in your Church. There are very clear and definitive actions that you can do to increase the chances that you will be unharmed. Mr. Ledo will provide us with the tactics needed and important information at all three Churches. He will provide tips on assessing the potential of violence of an employee, managing the consequences of an active shooter, and what your response should be, among other points. Please plan to attend one of these important sessions to be held after the Masses at:

January 19th 9:30am Queen of Peace Church
11:30am St. Elizabeth Church
January 26th 12:00pm St. John the Evangelist Church

**Annual Winter Social for Knights of Columbus
and interested parishioners**

Mass 4pm St. John's followed by 5:30pm Buffet meal at Danville Inn
\$26.00 per person includes tax, tip. RSVP by Feb 1 with payment to:
Stan Baranowski
43 Sheldon Brook Road
Lyndonville, VT. 05851

Jan. 22nd: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

There will be a Holy Hour of Prayer and Reparation beginning at 6pm at St. John church on Wednesday January 22nd. Please join us.

January 20th: Feast of St. Sebastian

Sebastian, a soldier of Rome, had prudently concealed his faith, but in 286 it was detected. Diocletian reproached him for his supposed betrayal, and he commanded him to be led to a field and there to be bound to a stake so that certain archers from Mauritania would shoot arrows at him. "And the archers shot at him till he was as full of arrows as an urchin is full of pricks, and thus left him there for dead." Miraculously, the arrows did not kill him. The widow of Castulus, Irene of Rome, went to retrieve his body to bury it, and she discovered he was still alive. She brought him back to her house and nursed him back to health. Sebastian later stood by a staircase where the emperor was to pass and harangued Diocletian for his cruelties against Christians. This freedom of speech, and from a person whom he supposed to have been dead, greatly astonished the emperor; but, recovering from his surprise, he gave orders for his being seized and beaten to death with cudgels, and his body thrown into the common sewer. A pious lady, called Lucina, privately removed the body, and buried it in the catacombs at the entrance of the cemetery of Calixtus, where now stands the Basilica of St. Sebastian.

Also on January 20th: Feast of Saint Fabian

Saint Pope Fabian was the Bishop of Rome from January 10, 236 to his death in 250. He is famous for the miraculous nature of his election, in which a dove descended on his head to mark him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice to become the next pope.

Most of his papacy was characterized by amicable relations with the imperial government, and Fabian could thus bring back to Rome for Christian burial the bodies of Pope St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus, both of whom had died in exile in the Sardinian mines. The *Liber Pontificalis*, a fourth-century document that survives in later copies, says that he divided Rome into diaconates and appointed secretaries to collect the records of the martyrs. He is also said, to have baptized the emperor Philip the Arab and his son. More plausible is the report in the *Liberian Catalogue* that he sent out seven "apostles to the Gauls" as missionaries.

With the advent of Emperor Decius, the Roman government's tolerant policy toward Christianity temporarily ended. Decius ordered leading Christians to demonstrate their loyalty to Rome by offering incense to the cult images of deities which represented the Roman state. This was unacceptable to who took the commandment against idolatry with deadly seriousness. Fabian was thus one of the earliest victims of Decius, dying as a martyr on January 20, 250, probably in prison rather than by execution. Fabian was buried in the catacomb of Callixtus in Rome. The Greek inscription on his tomb has survived and bears the words: *Fabian, Bishop, Martyr*. His remains were later reinterred at *San Sebastiano fuori le mura* by Pope Clement XI.

Jan. 21st: The Feast of St. Agnes



Saint Agnes was born around 290 AD. She was a lovely girl and was sought for marriage by many pagan noblemen. But Agnes had vowed her virginity to God and taken Christ as her spouse, so she refused all invitations to marriage. One of the men she refused became enraged and exposed her as a Christian. The authorities captured her and tried to tempt her to break her vows and marry, but she would not. They then took her to a house of ill repute, but God miraculously intervened and protected her from the assaults of the men there. The authorities were divinely foiled in attempts to execute St. Agnes, but finally succeeded on January 21, 304 AD. Next to the Blessed Virgin Mary herself, St. Agnes is the patroness of purity.

O courageous maiden, St. Agnes most pure, by the burning love with which thy heart was on fire, and which preserved thee from harm in the midst of the flames of passion and of the stake with which the enemies of Christ sought to destroy thee. Obtain for us from Almighty God that every unclean flame may be extinguished in us and only the fire of Divine Love may burn within us. So that after spending a blameless life in practice of this virtue we may be worthy to have a share in the glory thou did merit by the purity of thy heart and thy glorious martyrdom. Amen. St. Agnes, virgin and martyr, pray for us.

January 24th: Feast of Saint Francis de Sales

We must never undervalue any person. The workman loves not that his work should be despised in his presence. Now God is present everywhere, and every person is His work. ~ *St. Francis de Sales*

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. ~ *St. Francis de Sales*