

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday - January 27th St. Angela Merics

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – James W. Hill

by Jodi Gingue

5:15pm - St. John – Beth Degreenia

by Linda Frechette

Tuesday, January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30am - St. John – Special Intention

by a parishioner

5:15pm - St. John – James & Gloria Carlton

by the family

Wednesday, January 29th

8:30am - St. John – Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

by Amy Marcinko

5:15pm - St. John – Mass for all Souls

Thursday, January 30th

8:30am - St John – Intentions of GSCS Community

by Fr. Robert

5:15 pm - St John – Special intention

by a parishioner

Friday, January 31st St. John Bosco

8:30am - St Elizabeth – Mass for all Souls

4:30 pm - *Confessions at St. John's*

5:15 pm - St. John – Special Intention

by a parishioner

Saturday, February 1st

8:30 am - St. John – Spiritual & Safety welfare of our children

by M/M Scott Schoppe

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 – Reggie Bessette

by M/M Ed Zucarro

4:30 pm - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr.

by his estate

Sunday, February 2nd

7:30 am - *Confessions at St. John*

8:00 am - *Confessions at Queen of Peace*

8:00 am - St. John – Special Intention

8:30 am - Queen of Peace - Mass for the People

10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr

by his estate

11:00am- St. John – Roland & Mary Letourneau

by the family

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially:

Connie, Lapage, Randy Mackay, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis,

Randy Thomas, Jerry Prevost & Camilla Dente

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This Thursday, January 30, we will celebrate a special Catholic Schools Week Mass in St. Johnsbury at 8:30am. Please make every effort to attend so that we can fill the Church to support the Good Shepherd Catholic School community!

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Jan. 26th 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.
9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.
9:30am QP Rel Ed.
6:00pm Confirmation following Youth Mass

Thur. Jan. 30th 7:00pm St. John's Choir Practice/Church

Sat.. Feb. 1st 5:00pm K of C. Bingo

Sun. Feb. 2nd 9:00am St.E. Rel. Ed.
9:15am St. J. Rel Ed.
9:30am QP Rel Ed.
6:00pm **NO** 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:** \$29,896.00

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: **Barrett Insurance, Inc**

Please support those who support us!

Second Collection This Week: Latin America

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.

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

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. Please join us after the 11:00am Mass at St. John on January 26th.

**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

**20th ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER
VALENTINE DANCE**

Friday, February 7th from 7 - 10 p.m.
at Good Shepherd Catholic School
121 Maple Street, St. Johnsbury
Tickets \$10 each available at Good Shepherd School
and Boxcar & Caboose in Lyndonville @ A Daisy Daze
and Shear Sensations
in Littleton @ The Little Red Wagon

DIAPER DRIVE

In celebration of Catholic Schools' Week, Good Shepherd Catholic School will be hosting a diaper drive to help our local families. We are accepting diapers of any size (including adult sizes) in new or already opened packages. Diapers may be dropped off at the school or at any of the Masses next weekend (2/1 & 2/2). Thank you for your help!

40 Days for Life

Wednesday, January 29th Cast the Vision Rally Featuring speaker Debbie Austin, a post-abortive woman; attend to learn more about the local Barre Campaign and to sign-up for prayer, vigil participation and community outreach, light refreshments will be provided. 6:30 PM in the St Monica church basement.

**Please keep the following students from St. John's in your prayers as they are enrolled at the 5pm Mass as First Communion Candidates:
Alexander Haggett and Liam Lovett**

"Material food first changes into the one who eats it, and then, as a consequence, restores to him lost strength and increases his vitality. Spiritual food, on the other hand, changes the person who eats it into itself. Thus the effect proper to this Sacrament is the conversion of a man into Christ, so that he may no longer live, but Christ lives in him; consequently, it has the double effect of restoring the spiritual strength he had lost by his sins and defects, and of increasing the strength of his virtues." ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

Praying for the Priest at Mass

During the Holy Mass, at the time of the *Lamb of God*, the Priest pauses and prays quietly in preparation for his Communion. The silence at this time is a reminder and opportunity to pray for our own fruitful reception of our Lord in Holy Communion. As the Priest receives his Communion in silence, out of filial charity we should pray for him, asking God to make him holy and more worthy of the Mysteries that he handles. We could pray as he does, viz. that the Body and Blood of Christ might keep him safe for eternal life. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;
for your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for your tempted priests;
for your lonely and desolate priests;
for your young priests;
for your dying priests;
for the souls of your priests in purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially ...).
O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

January 28th: Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas

In the middle of the thirteenth century, a noble family named Aquinas from Southern Italy had a plan for their son. Thomas had been born in 1225 and had received his initial education from the Benedictines at the historic Abbey of Monte Cassino, founded by St. Benedict himself. His parents knew he was religiously inclined, so his father planned to pull a few strings and get Thomas appointed Abbot of Monte Cassino, a position with power and prestige befitting the son of the Count of Aquinas. But before taking such a step, the Count sent him to the newly founded University of Naples to get some further education. While there, Thomas was inspired by the members of a new, unconventional religious order called the Dominicans, or Order of Preachers. Over the protests of his parents, Thomas, joined this new group. The young friar grew rapidly in holiness and knowledge of the things of God. It helped, of course, that he had St. Albert the Great as one of his principal teachers. Ultimately, St. Thomas was appointed professor of Sacred Theology at the University of Paris where he taught alongside a Franciscan professor named St. Bonaventure. Though not sufficiently appreciated until the Council of Trent three hundred years later, St. Thomas, who died in 1274, came to be recognized as a Doctor of the Church and as indeed one of the greatest Catholic teachers of all time. He wrote commentaries on various books of the bible as well as the multi-volume apologetics work *Summa Contra Gentiles*. Yet St. Thomas was first and foremost a man of prayer, a true disciple of Jesus and Jesus' disciple Dominic. His study flowed from his prayer and his profound holiness made it possible for him to discern the wheat from the chaff in the intellectual currents of his day. The Saint was also known to have levitated during prayer. At the monastery of Naples, the sacristan saw him lifted up quite a distance from the floor of the chapel. He stayed a long time to look. Saint Thomas, turned towards the Crucifix, prayed and wept. And suddenly a voice came from the Crucifix: "Thou hast written well of Me, Thomas," said the voice. "What reward wilt thou have?" "None other than Thyself, Lord!" replied the Saint. He was then writing about the Passion and Resurrection of Christ.