

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 am - St. John – Priest Intention  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 3:45 pm - 4:20 pm – Confessions at Queen of Peace  
 4:30 pm - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am - 8:20 am – Confessions at St. John  
 8:30 am - St. John  
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Jerry Dufour (31 Anni) by his wife Noella  
 3:15 pm - 3:50 pm – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm - St. John – Francis and Alice Goyette by Edna Goyette

**Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by his estate

**Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am - St. John – Spiritual welfare of our children by Schoppe/Fisher families

**Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John  
 5:15pm - St. John – Tia “Celia” Jarrosak by John and Janet Nutbrown

**Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am - St. John – Sarah Handy by Marianne Handy Hraibi, Saher, Ramiz & Nadim

**Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – William and Germaine Thompson

**Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am - St. John – Priest Intention  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 3:45 pm - 4:20 pm – Confessions at Queen of Peace  
 4:30 pm - Queen of Peace – Betty Hutchins by her children

**Sunday, August**

8:00 am - 8:20 am – Confessions at St. John  
 8:30 am - St. John – Ned Handy by Marianne Handy Hraibi, Saher, Ramiz & Nadim  
 10:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Sr Vincentine Goggin by Joan King & family  
 3:15 pm - 3:50 pm – Confessions at St. John  
 4:00 pm - St. John – Mass for the People

*Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas.*

August 30, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
<b>Lector</b>	8:30am T. Lovett 4pm Maurice	10:30am S. Mason	4:30pm E. Ledo

*Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: [nekcatholic.com](http://nekcatholic.com) and click “Give Online” to sign up!*

**Employment Opportunity:** We are looking for someone to shovel snow at St. John Church for the upcoming season. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

**PARISH EVENTS**

Sat. August 23 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center

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

1. Go to: [nekcatholic.formed.org](http://nekcatholic.formed.org)
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Fiscal Year:** 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgetted Regular Collection: \$243,650  
**Reg. Collection Year-to-date:** \$23,036.26 + **On-Line: YTD:** \$9,733.55

**Collections and Receipts: July 6, 2020**

Regular Offertory: \$2,176.00

Many thanks to those who are able to mail in their Collection Envelopes.

**Because of the Bishop’s protocols we won’t be passing the basket for the offertory. Instead there will be offertory buckets in each church where you can deposit your donation either before or after Mass. Please deposit your donations into the “bucket” for both collections. Thank you for your generosity!**

**Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center**

Opening August 17, 2020 at the Father Lively Center  
 Utilizing Montessori principles to offer nurturing, loving and enriching year-round childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.  
 Call the school to learn more: 751-8223

**Winter Parking**

We have rented out several parking spaces on Winter St./Fr. Lively Center for the Winter season. If you need a place to park from November 15<sup>th</sup> on, please call the rectory and we will send you the information.

**Men’s Group:** The **Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** are a group of men hoping to meet on first Saturdays for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual discussion. If you would like to join the group, please call the rectory office with your contact information. Right now we’re in the planning stages and would appreciate your input!

**WELCOME STUDENTS!**

Welcome to all new and returning NVU-Lyndon students! If you would like to be added to an email list of Parish activities please contact Kate at: [katesmking@gmail.com](mailto:katesmking@gmail.com) or Sue the Secretary at the Rectory: 748-8129.

**Corpus Christi Prayer Chain**

**Queen of Peace / St. Elizabeth / St. John**

It has been 2 years since the Prayer Chain was revamped. We would like to invite any parishioners interested in joining the Prayer Chain to do so. We would love to have parishioners from the entire parish involved, praying for those who need it.

You can email the Rectory [stjchurch@charter.net](mailto:stjchurch@charter.net) or call 748-8129 in order to get your name on the list. We will compile all the parishioners and add them to our “Chain”. You will then receive a letter with the details. So, please don’t hesitate to let us know and we will be happy to include you in this very important ministry.

**St. John’s Christmas Angel Bazaar**

Unfortunately with Covid-19 we are unable to have the Christmas Bazaar this year that everyone so enjoys. Once there is a vaccine available we will visit the idea again and hopefully be able to move forward. In the meantime we can look forward to a **Summer Yard Sale**. There will be a plethora of items—something for everyone. Stay tuned for more info!

## *Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!*

*Annabelle Grace DeForge*

*Baptized August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church*

### **New Mass Schedule**

Message from Fr. Hahr: After speaking with the Bishop's Office, the Parish Council and several parishioners, we've come up with a new Mass Schedule that, while not ideal, I hope will work for everyone. One of the major considerations was the desire of each church to have a Sunday Mass. When we set the current schedule I was under the impression that the Saturday evening Mass had been at Queen of Peace in the past, and had worked out well; I've since learned that this was not the case. Also, we needed to take into consideration the seating capacities of each church, current attendance and travel time between Masses. Given these factors we settled on this schedule, which we plan to begin on the weekend of September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>:

#### **Saturday**

**4pm at St. John**

#### **Sunday**

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

**9:30am at St. Elizabeth**

**11:30am at Queen of Peace**

### **August 25<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. Louis**

*A king leads in piety, mortification, and faith, and dies crusading for the King of all.*

Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me". Today's saint fulfilled Christ's commandment in two ways. First and most obviously, King St. Louis IX of France took up his cross by practicing serious physical mortifications his entire life. He wore a hair shirt, fasted, never took God's name in vain, and would not tell jokes or even laugh on Fridays. Secondly, he had a cloth cross woven onto his tunic and became a knight crusader. Louis and countless other medieval knights understood the commandment to "take up their cross" to be fulfilled not merely through physical mortification but by wading into battle with the sign of Christ on their chests, boldly proclaiming their commitment to liberating the Holy Land from Muslim control. When Louis was a child his mother told him, "I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should ever commit a mortal sin." He never forgot her words. After his father's early death, Louis was crowned king after him. He married at twenty, and he and his wife had eleven children. He was totally devoted to Christ and the Church. He prayed the breviary every day, attended daily Mass, and constructed stunning churches, including Paris' Saint Chapelle. He was so disturbed by the sin of blasphemy that he promulgated a law that all blasphemers be branded on the lips. St. Louis possessed an elusive charisma. He was well educated, friendly, curious, and truly humble. Every man was his friend. He promulgated laws respecting the presumption of innocence and due process for everyone. He was, in short, a model Christian king.

King St. Louis died of typhus, along with many men in his camp, on the shores of modern Tunisia. One of his last acts was to kneel by his bed to receive Holy Communion. He had wanted to die a martyr, or a confessor, for the Faith. His desire was not technically fulfilled, but he did give his life sacrificially in the noble, centuries-long quest to reconquer Jerusalem and the Holy Land for Christian pilgrimage. He was canonized in 1297.

### **Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. Monica; Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. Augustine**

Once when the Lord journeyed near the village of Nain, He was met by a particularly distressing funeral procession: "A man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow" (see Luke 7:11-17). But the Lord's pity would not allow the grief to last. Within moments of the encounter, the unthinkable happens: Jesus commands the dead man to rise. And as if on cue, he sits upright and begins to speak, perhaps in the words of the Psalm: "Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me" (Ps 66:16).

When St Augustine reads this Gospel he sees a poignant, true to life parallel: the widow's sorrowful accompaniment of her deceased son mirrors his own mother's nearly two decade journey of intercession for his conversion. The Nain widow's story provides the inspired lens through which St Monica's story takes shape. Her journey covers the distances between death and life, despair and hope, tears and joy. And the vehicle for her travel was untiring, persevering prayer. Augustine says of his mother in the *Confessions*: *She had wept over me as one dead, yet cried to You that I might be raised by You. She had carried me forth upon the bier of her thoughts, so that You might say to the son of the widow, Young man, I say to you, arise, and he might return to life and begin to speak, and You might restore him to his mother.*

Although St Monica is also known for her many deeds of mercy, it is her continual intercession for her son for which she is chiefly remembered and invoked by Christians throughout the ages. Augustine reveals all of these facets in this touching profile: *But could You, most merciful God, despise the "contrite and humble heart" of that pure and prudent widow, so constant in almsgiving, so gracious and attentive to Your saints, not permitting one day to pass without attending the sacrifice at Your altar, twice a day, at morning and evening, coming to Your church without intermission ... in order that she might listen to You in Your discourses, and You to her in her prayers?*

The Lord clearly refused a number of Monica's intermediate prayers for her son—that he settle down and marry instead of living both in sin and as a follower of the Manichean heresy ... She continued to accompany her wayward son through tears that only a mother can shed, with an anguish only a mother's heart can know, movingly described by Augustine: *"I cannot sufficiently express the love she had for me, nor how she travailed for me in the spirit with a far keener anguish than when she bore me in the flesh."* And all along, as her great son again says, *"[The Lord's] ears were open to the cry of her heart."*

This judgment was confirmed in the person of St Ambrose, the great bishop of Milan, when she pleaded with him to talk Augustine out of his errors. He demurred, saying that at that point Augustine was still unteachable, but that he would find his way through his own reading and study. Ambrose further relayed that, after all, in his youth he had also been a follower of the Manichean sect, and had found his way out of it without anyone instructing him. And then he spoke those prophetic, immortal words which Monica never forgot: *"It cannot be that the son of so many tears should perish."*

St Augustine was eventually baptized, ordained priest and bishop, and through his many writings became the almost peerless theologian of the Latin Church. It was as though a dead man had sat up and begun to speak, even to sing, of the Lord's mercies, of the wonders He had done for him.

~ Rev. John Henry Hanson, O. Praem.