

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29th

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 30th

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

Monday, August 31st

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

Tuesday, September 1st

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

Wednesday, September 2nd

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John – Deceased members of Knights of Columbus

Thursday, September 3rd St. Gregory the Great

8:30 am - St. John – Marlene Concordia by her sister Lillian

Friday, September 4th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Living & Deceased members of the Fisher/Schoppe families by M/M Scott Schoppe

Saturday, September 5th St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 am St. John – Avery Vaillancourt
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John
 4:00 pm St. John -- Hap & Betty Hutchins (birthdays) by their children

Sunday, September 6th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - St. John -- Carmen del Castillo Mary Lou Sales
 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the people
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mary Jo Dunleavy by the Bouchard/Rubalcaba families

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.

September 5/6, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
Lector	4pm (Sat.) H. Robertson 7:30am K. Gilding	9:30am J. Simard	11:30am

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

- Go to: nekcatholic.formed.org
- Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

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 30 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$26,470.00 + On-Line: YTD: \$11,851.55
Collections and Receipts: August 23, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$3,434.00

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekcatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.mevt.org/>.

Kingdom Community Food Shelf

The KCS Food Shelf remains open with extra precautions to continue serving our friends and neighbors with food and personal care items. We currently are in need of tea bags, hot chocolate mix, instant oatmeal, canned vegetables, cookies and crackers. We can always use toilet paper and deodorant for personal care. Items can be dropped off at the Food Shelf on Tues and Thurs from 11 to 3:45. Please go around the right side of the building where we have a table set up for donations. Telephone is 802-751-8581. Thank you for your continued support.

Please use the large basket near the sacristy at St. John's to deposit food for the food shelf. These items are brought over to the building on Steeple Place. Thank you!

New Mass Schedule Beginning September 5th & 6th:

Saturday
4pm at St. John
Sunday
7:30am at St. John
 9:30am at St. Elizabeth
 11:30am at Queen of Peace

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Bishop Coyne is hosting coffee hours to answer questions on: August 31 @ 7pm; September 1 @ 7pm; September 9 @ 3pm
 Register at: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events>



Our Best Wishes and Appreciation to Helene' Morel!

Helene' Morel is retiring from ministry after serving more than 30 years as St. Elizabeth's main accompanist and tenor. When the current choir formed in 1989, it was almost a year before we discovered how beautifully she could play the piano, and we quickly put her to work! Our grateful congregation has enjoyed worshiping with the aid of her talents ever since.

Thank you, Helene' for sharing your gifts all these years. We look forward to seeing your joyful smile and hearing your lovely voice from the pews.

Dear Parents: *As I prepare for the upcoming religious education year, I am excited about our new program. (New to us, but it has been in existence for 30 years!) It's a wonderful way to help families grow together in their Faith! We will have an in-person information meeting on September 13th at 1:30 for parents only. On October 4th we will begin the monthly family formation via Zoom. If you have internet issues, please let me know. Please remember to register your child(ren). If you could do so by September 1st it would help us plan for the year. Any family unable to pay the registration fee should register anyway and the Parish can help with the fee. Registration forms have been e-mailed and can also be found at the parish website:*

(<https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/23409/documents/2020/7/2020%20Religious%20Ed%20registration%20updated.pdf>).

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. (stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com or 748-9256). Thank you! Eydie Aremburg, PCL

Reflections on Our Lord's True Presence in the Blessed Sacrament

"For One in such a lofty position to stoop so low is a marvel that is staggering," exclaimed the Seraphic Father, St. Francis. "What sublime humility and humble sublimeness, that the Lord of the Universe, the Divine Son of God, should so stoop as to hide Himself under the appearance of bread for our salvation! Behold the humble way of God, my brothers. Therefore, do not hold yourselves to be anything of yourselves, so that you may be entirely acceptable to One Who gives Himself entirely to you".

And St. Alphonsus Liguori adds with his usual affectionate tenderness, "My Jesus! What a lovable contrivance this holy Sacrament was --- that You would hide under the appearance of bread to make Yourself loved and to be available for a visit by anyone who desires You!"

May some remembrance of the priest, who every day gives us Jesus, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus our God and all priests, be always in our affections toward the Most Holy Sacrament; for the Eucharist, Our Lady, and the priest are inseparable, just as Jesus, Mary and St. John the Evangelist were inseparable on Calvary.

Let us learn all this in the school of the Saints. They lived in a way that was ardent and sublime, as true seraphims of Love for the Eucharist. These are the ones, as Vatican II declares (*Lumen Gentium*, n. 50), who are the "most safe path" to the Eucharistic God of Love.

~ The Most Holy Eucharist by Fr. Stephano Manelli, O.F.M.

"We cannot separate our lives from the Eucharist; the moment we do, something breaks. People ask, 'Where do the sisters get the joy and the energy to do what they are doing?' The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says, 'Come to Me.' He is hungry for souls."
~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

September 5th: Feast of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA, the tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was born Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia. She was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father's construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death. During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the last time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people. In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as "a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them." She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to "follow Christ into the slums to serve Him among the poorest of the poor."

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits. The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a former hostel, which became a home for the dying and the destitute. As the order expanded, services were also offered to orphans, abandoned children, alcoholics, the aging, and street people. For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds, as it was nourished daily by our Lord in the Holy Eucharist; beginning each day with a Holy Hour, Mass, and Holy Communion. She crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. On Sept. 5, 1997, God called her home. Blessed Teresa was canonized on Sept. 4, 2016.

"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child - a direct killing of the innocent child - murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even his life to love us. So the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love - that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts. By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta