

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday, September 7th

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth- Jane Doe by Amy Marcincko

Tuesday, September 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am - St. John –James T. Parker by Marianne Handy Hraibi, Saher, Nadim & Namzi

Wednesday, September 9th St. Peter Claver

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John –Peter Capizzi by C & A Miille

Thursday, September 10th

8:30 am - St. John – Jean Hurdak by the Gate Family

Friday, September 11th

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

Saturday, September 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 am St. John – Priest Intention
 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 – Ralph & Gratia Roy by Mike

Sunday, September 13th

7:30 am - St. John – Cecilia del Castillo by MaryLou Sales
 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Celebration of Gerard & Jodi Gingue's 25th Wedding Anniversary
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – 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.

September 9/12-13, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
Lector	4pm (Sat.) S. Dugan 7:30am T. Lovett	9:30am S. Mason	11:30am D. Rooker

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

Parish Pro-Life Coordinators

To date roughly 1/3 of the parishes have named a local pro-life coordinator. Do you know someone who is concerned for the voiceless, the under-served, and the hopeless? We are looking for a point person in every parish. This volunteer is a liaison between the parish and the diocese and someone we can reach out to with bulletin announcements as well as hand off ready-made materials and ideas.

PARISH EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 12th 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: \$29,357.20 + On-Line: YTD: \$13,204.55
Collections and Receipts: August 30, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$2,887.20

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!

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://wwwmevtw.org/>.

Employment Opportunity: We are looking for someone to shovel snow at St. John Church for the upcoming season. This would be a part-time position taking care of the walkways for the Church, Rectory & Fr. Lively Center. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

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 THIS Weekend!

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



Christmas in September

**St. John's Ladies Bazaar
White Elephant Moved to**

Saturday, September 12, 2020 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fr. Lively Center Parking Lot

Be sure and stop by to check out some new and used items!

Dear Parents: As I prepare for the upcoming religious education year, I am excited about our new program. 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 Sept 1st it would help us plan. 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 contact: stjohnsk8edu@gmail.com or 748-9256 with any questions

September 8th: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Nativity of Mary celebrated on the 8th of September is closely connected with the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mary who is prepared by divine providence to be the Mother of Jesus the son of God, is conceived in the womb of her mother Anna, her father being Joachim, without the stain of sin and her birth is considered by the Church as a Solemn event. Our Lady's birthday has been described as "the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation". That is why the Liturgy of the day says: "Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Virgin Mary, of who was born the Sun of Justice.... Her birth constitutes the hope and the light of salvation for the whole world.... Her image is light for the whole Christian people". St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." Her Birth is an event which belongs at the very heart of the History of Salvation. She is the symbol of the hope and expectation of God's faithful people and at the same time she is the beginning of a new hope, the beginning of the dawn of that newness which her Son would bring for all creation. With Mary's birth, sorrow and darkness begin to be dispersed.

Her Birthday on September 8th, for some cultures, marks the end of summer and beginning of fall, with many thanksgiving celebrations and customs attached to it. In the Old Roman Ritual there is a blessing of the summer harvest and fall planting seeds for this day. The winegrowers in France called this feast "Our Lady of the Grape Harvest". The best grapes are brought to the local church to be blessed and then some bunches are attached to hands of the statue of Mary. A festive meal which includes the new grapes is part of this day. In the Alps section of Austria this day is "Drive-Down Day" during which the cattle and sheep are led from their summer pastures in the slopes and brought to their winter quarters in the valleys. This was usually a large caravan, with all the finery, decorations, and festivity. In some parts of Austria, milk from this day and all the leftover food are given to the poor in honor of Our Lady's Nativity.

A Note with Heartfelt Appreciation

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers you have given me on the occasion of my retirement. Many years ago when my parents wanted me to learn the piano, I never realized then that those lessons would one day be used as the pianist for Corpus Christi Parish. God moves in mysterious ways! I have been privileged to play for such a talented choir. It was a most enjoyable experience! ~ Thank you! Merci! He'le'ne Morel

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is September 12th. Please join us to pray outside of the monument for the unborn outside of St. John church after the 8:30am Mass (Confessions will be heard for a half hour after the prayer).

September 12th: Feast of the Holy Name of Mary

This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Its object is to commemorate all the privileges bestowed upon the Blessed Virgin by God and all the graces received through her intercession and mediation. The entry in the Roman Martyrology about the feast speaks of it in the following terms: "*The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day on which the inexpressible love of the Mother of God for her Holy Child is recalled, and the eyes of the faithful are directed to the figure of the Mother of the Redeemer, for them to invoke with devotion.*"

The name is the sign which best brings to our minds the owner of the name. When we hear a person's name mentioned, we immediately think of the owner, his appearance, his nature, all his characteristics. If a person is mentioned who has finished his earthly career, his name does not represent him only at one moment of his existence; it recalls and summarizes all his history: hence the different impressions which are produced by the mention of persons whom we have known, respected, feared, admired, or loved ... But what man can claim to have a holy name? Jesus alone, and, by the grace of Jesus, His Mother Mary. We honor a great multitude of Saints; but two names only, after that of God, receive the attribute of holiness – the Names of Jesus and Mary. In the Divine praises which are recited at the end of Benediction, the Church blesses the Holy Name of God, and adds: "Blessed be the Name of Jesus! Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother!" but she does not say that of any other name. Let us endeavor to increase our reverence for the Blessed Virgin; let us rejoice at being able to give her special honor by invoking her sweet and holy name.

In Hebrew, the name Mary is "Miryam". In Aramaic the language spoken in her own time, the form of the name was "Mariam". Based on the root "merur", the name signifies "bitterness". This is reflected in the words of Naomi, who, after losing a husband and two sons lamented, "Do not call me Naomi ('Sweet'). Call me Mara ('Bitter'), for the Almighty has made my life very bitter" (Ruth 1:20).

Meanings ascribed to Mary's name by the early Christian writers and perpetuated by the Greek Fathers include: "Bitter Sea," "Myrrh of the Sea", "The Enlightened One," "The Light Giver," and especially "Star of the Sea." *Stella Maris* was by far the favored interpretation. Jerome suggested the name meant "Lady", based on the Aramaic "mar" meaning "Lord". In the book, *The Wondrous Childhood of the Most Holy Mother of God*, St. John Eudes offers meditations on seventeen interpretations of the name "Mary," taken from the writings of "the Holy Fathers and by some celebrated Doctors". Ultimately, the name of Mary is venerated, not because of its meaning, but because it belongs to the Mother of God. She makes the name holy.