

MASS SCHEDULE

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

7:00 am - 7:25 am – Confessions at St. John (time permitting)
 7:30 am - St. John – Cecilia del Castillo by MaryLou Sales
 9:00 am - 9:25 am -- Confessions at St. Elizabeth (time permitting)
 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Celebration of Gerard & Jodi Gingue's
25th Wedding Anniversary
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) & following Mass as needed.

Monday, September 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, September 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am - St. John – Special Intention by Deacon/Mrs Pete Gummere

Wednesday, September 16th Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John
 5:15pm - St. John – Henry Haselton, Jr by Reg, Rose & Renata Haselton

Thursday, September 17th St. Robert Bellamine

8:30 am - St. John – Melanie Jaffee by Amy Marcinko

Friday, September 18th

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

Saturday, September 19th St. Januarius

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 – Pauline & Diane Langlois by Ed

Sunday, September 20th

7:00 am - 7:25 am – Confessions at St. John (time permitting)
 7:30 am - St. John – Cecil Ainsworth by the family
 9:00 am - 9:25 am -- Confessions at St. Elizabeth (time permitting)
 9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Mass for the People
 11:30 am - Queen of Peace –
 Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) & following Mass as needed.

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

September 9/19-20, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
Lector	4pm (Sat.) S. Maurice 7:30am C. Kozlowski	9:30am S. Mason	11:30am M. Goldrick

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
2. 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. This would be a part-time position taking care of the walkways for the Church, Rectorly & Fr. Lively Center. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Sept. 13th 1:30pm Family Faith Formation Parent's Meeting/FLC
 Wed. Sept. 16th 6:00pm St. J. 4th Degree K of C.
 Sat. Sept. 19th 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center
 Sun. Sept. 20th 10:00am Franciscan Mtg/Ad. Ed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$33,819.21 + **On-Line:** YTD: \$14,411.55
Collections and Receipts: September 8, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$4,462.01

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

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old.
 Openings are available.
 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

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

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.

Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church

God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Now is the time for all of us to contemplate how we can offer support to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. As you consider your commitment please review the gift chart on page 11 of the case statement for guidance. Remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to Corpus Christi Parish. Most of the funds — 60% — will return to our parish. The Diocese will direct the remaining dollars into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form or give online by visiting this website: christourhopevt.org.

September 14th: The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy sepulcher which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

September 15th: The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, given to our Blessed Mother focuses on her intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolours or seven sorrows of Mary, which were foretold by the Priest Simeon who proclaimed to Mary, *This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare* (Luke 2:34-35). These seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother included the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt; the loss and finding of the child Jesus in the Temple; Mary's meeting of Jesus on His way to Calvary; Mary's standing at the foot of the cross when our Lord was crucified; her holding of Jesus when He was taken down from the cross; and then our Lord's burial. In all, the prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce our Blessed Mother's heart was fulfilled in these events. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. More importantly, each new suffering was received with the courage, love, and trust that echoed her fiat, let it be done unto me according to Thy word, first uttered at the Annunciation.

St. Bernard (d. 1153) wrote: "Truly, O Blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart.... He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since His."



The Vatican Obelisk & the Victory of Christ's Holy Cross

Of the 13 ancient obelisks in Rome, the Vatican Obelisk is the second largest after the one that can be found in front of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Although devoid of Egyptian symbols

(hieroglyphs), thanks to sources we know that it was commissioned by Amenemhet II for the city of Heliopolis (northeast of Cairo) and is therefore about 4000 years old. It is a block of red granite 83 feet tall and, with its base, reaches a height of 110 feet. It weighs 330 tons.

With the conquest of Egypt by Octavian in 30 B.C., the Romans obtained vast spoils of war. The Vatican obelisk was first transported to Alexandria under the orders of Octavianus, who dedicated it to Julius Caesar. Between 37 and 41 A.D. it arrived in Rome because Caligula wanted it in his private circus, and he dedicated it to his predecessors, Augustus "son of the divine Julius" and Tiberius "son of the divine Augustus". The obelisk travelled across the Mediterranean on a 262 foot long ship, packed in a 1,000 tons of lentils to protect it. After the burning of Rome Nero unleashed the first persecution of the Christian community, in which St. Peter died, crucified in the Vatican Circus, under the shadow of this Egyptian obelisk.

The obelisk was initially located where the current Sacristy of St. Peter's stands. It was moved by Pope Sixtus V in 1586, to celebrate the triumph of the Church over paganism and heresy. It took 900 men and 140 horses to pull the obelisk upright. On the occasion the pope issued a solemn silence as the obelisk was being raised. One sailor, however, noticed the tension on the ropes heating the cables. Risking severe punishment, he broke the papal silence, crying out "Water on the ropes! Water on the ropes!" Instead of being punished, the man was rewarded for saving the obelisk. The pope gave him the opportunity to choose some special privilege, and he chose to bring the palms from his plantation for the papal celebration of Palm Sunday. Hundreds of years later, that man's town of Bordighera is still given the exclusive privilege of supplying the palms for the Palm Sunday liturgy at St. Peter's.

The obelisk was "Christianized" with inscriptions and with the symbols of the Sistine coat of arms: the lions, the three mountains and a bronze cross, which contains a relic of the True Cross, making the obelisk one of the biggest reliquaries in the world. The standing of the monument was followed by a ceremony, during which the pope pronounced the words of an ancient exorcism ritual, whose purpose was to drive away any residual 'evil influence' caused to the obelisk by its pagan origin.

The words used for the ritual are carved on the eastern and western side of the monument's base, i.e. the ones that are seen approaching and leaving the basilica, respectively. They read:

"BEHOLD THE CROSS OF THE LORD / FLEE YE ADVERSARIES / THE LION FROM THE TRIBE OF JUDAH WON" and

"CHRIST WINS / CHRIST REIGNS / CHRIST RULES / MAY CHRIST DEFEND HIS PEOPLE AGAINST ANY EVIL".