

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 7th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's 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 – Marion Handy by Isabelle

Sunday, November 8th

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - St. John – Jeannette Abbott by the family
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Lorraine Perkins by Mike & Annette Keach
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the Parishioners
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, November 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Deacon Al Toborg by his wife Linda

Tuesday, November 10th St. Leo the Great

8:30 am - St. John – Special Intention by Spike & Anita Wellman

Wednesday, November 11th St. Martin of Torres

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
5:15pm - St. John – President Donald Trump & VP Pence by Bill & Sally Young

Thursday, November 12th St. Josephat

8:30 am - St. John – Religious freedom by Bill & Sally Young

Friday, November 13th St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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

Saturday, November 14th

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's 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 – Joan Downing by M/M Ed Zuccaro

Sunday, November 15th Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - St. John –
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Justin C. King by Joan and family
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Richard Mignalti by his wife & family
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
 Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, George Thurston, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor

Nov. 15, 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm M. Noyes 8:00am A. Robertson	9:30am B. Gessner	11:30am D. Rooker

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 751-8223

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

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 8th 6:00pm-7:30pm Confirmation Class @ Fr. Lively Center
 Sat. Nov. 14th 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: \$52,840.74.+
On-Line: YTD \$26,342.55

Collections and Receipts: November 2, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$4092.00

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!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign

It's with joy and excitement that we offer this update. Thanks to the sacrifice of parishioners throughout the Diocese, the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign has received more than \$2,078,780.00 in gifts and pledges. We are thankful for this wonderful response and grateful for the work of our volunteers.

Of course, we want to recognize the sacrifice of our donors at Corpus Christi Parish. To date we've received \$33,324.00 in gifts and pledges. With 60% of the support coming back to us, we will use these funds to address building improvements.

Please note that it's not too late to make your gift. You may return a completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/donate to make a commitment.

PARISH	PARISH GOAL	# of Parish Gifts	PLEDGED from Parish	% TO GOAL	COH CAMPAIGN TOTAL TO DATE
Corpus Christi	\$361,693	24	\$33,324	9.2%	\$2,078,780

The Co-op Giving Tree

Once again this we will participate in the Co-op Giving Tree with several businesses in St. Johnsbury. Please watch for the tree to come up at the entrance of St. John's that will be filled with tags. This year the drop off will be at Mayo's Furniture Store on Railroad St. Please be sure and take a tag and purchase a gift item for those who are in need. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Collection Next Week!

Due to Covid-19 there will NOT be a Thanksgiving meal for the community this year. People in need are being asked to sign up. They will be given a dinner-to-go..St. John's has always been extremely generous in helping out those need a meal that day.

"Tai Chi" Anyone?: 3 Tai Chi Groups are meeting at the Fr. Lively Center. Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention is an evidence-based program recommended by both the Arthritis Foundation and the National Council on Aging to manage arthritis and reduce fall risk, increase balance and flexibility, and decrease stress. All 3 groups are following covid-19 guidelines the space. Call Karen Budde, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging at 802-751-0431

November 11th: Feast of St. Martin of Tours

The great Saint Martin, the glory of Gaul, and the light of the Western church in the fourth age, was a native of Sabaria, a town ... in Lower Hungary ... in the year 316, or before Easter in 317, the eleventh of Constantine the Great. His parents carried him with them in his infancy to Pavia in Italy, whither they removed, and the saint had his education in that city. His father was an officer in the army, and rose to the commission of a military tribune ... Our saint from his infancy seemed animated with the spirit of God, and to have no relish for anything but for His service, though his parents were idolaters. At ten years of age he made his way to the church against the will of his parents, and desired to be enrolled amongst the catechumens. His request was granted, and he assisted as often as possible at the instructions that were given to such at the church ... An imperial order being issued to oblige the sons of veteran officers and soldiers to bear arms, the saint's own father, who very much desired that his son should follow that profession, discovered him, and at fifteen years of age he was compelled to take the military oath, and was entered in the cavalry ... All the time he remained in the army, he kept himself free from those vices which too frequently sully and degrade that profession, and, by his virtue, goodness, and charity, gained the love and esteem of all his companions. He was humble and patient above what human nature seemed capable of, though he was not yet baptized. He comforted all those who suffered affliction, and relieved the distressed, reserving to himself out of his pay only what was sufficient for his daily support.

Of his compassion and charity Saint Sulpicius has recorded the following illustrious example. One day, in the midst of a very hard winter, and severe frost, when many perished with cold, as he was marching with other officers and soldiers, he met at the gate of the city of Amiens a poor man, almost naked, trembling and shaking for cold, and begging alms of those who passed by. Martin seeing those who went before him take no notice of this miserable object, thought he was reserved for himself: by his charities to others he had nothing left but his arms and clothes upon his back; when, drawing his sword, he cut his cloak into two pieces, gave one to the beggar, and wrapped himself in the other half. Some of the by-standers laughed at the figure he made in that dress, whilst others were ashamed not to have relieved the poor man. In the following night Saint Martin saw in his sleep Jesus Christ dressed in that half of the garment which he had given away, and was bid to look at it well, and asked whether he knew it. He then heard Jesus say to a troop of angels who surrounded him: "Martin, yet a catechumen, has clothed me with this garment." This vision inspired the saint with fresh ardor, and determined him speedily to receive baptism, which he did in the eighteenth year of his age; but still continued almost two years in the army ... [after quitting the army he lived a secluded and recollected life, becoming known for his holiness and as a worker of miracles] ... in the year 371 he was chosen the third bishop of Tours ... A stratagem was made use of to call him to the door of his monastery to give his blessing to a sick person, and he was forcibly conveyed to Tours under a strong guard ... Saint Martin in this new dignity continued the same manner of life, retaining the same humility of mind, austerity of life, and meanness of dress ... Saint Martin destroyed many temples of idols, and felled several trees that were held as sacred by the pagans. Having demolished a very ancient temple, he would also have cut down a pine that stood near it. The chief priest and other pagans opposed; but at

length agreed that they themselves would fell it, upon condition that he who trusted so strongly in the God whom he preached would stand under it where they should place him. The saint ... suffered himself to be tied to that side of the tree on which it leaned. When it seemed just ready to fall upon him he made the sign of the cross, and it fell on the contrary side. There was not one in a prodigious multitude of pagans that were present, who did not upon the spot demand the imposition of hands in order to be received amongst the catechumens ... Saint Martin was above fourscore years old, when God was pleased to put a happy end to his labors ... he was seized with his last sickness, and found, on a sudden, his strength fail him. As soon as he was taken ill, he called his religious brethren about him, and told them that the time of his departure was come. At this news they all with tears and with one voice said to him: "Father, why do you forsake us? or to whom do you recommend us? The ravening wolves will fall upon your flock. We know you desire to be with Jesus Christ; but your reward is secure; nor will be a whit diminished by being deferred a while. Have pity on our necessity, who are left amidst great dangers." The servant of God, moved with their tears, wept also, and prayed thus: "Lord, if I am still necessary to thy people, I refuse no labor. Thy holy will be done." ... The saint had a fever which lasted some days: notwithstanding which he spent the night in prayer, lying on ashes and hair cloth. His disciples earnestly entreated him that he would suffer them at least to put a little straw under him. But he replied: "It becomes not a Christian to die otherwise than upon ashes. I shall have sinned if I leave you any other example." He continually held up his eyes and hands to heaven, never interrupting his prayer, so that the priests that stood about him, begged he would turn himself on one side, to afford his body a little rest. He answered: "Allow me, my brethren, to look rather towards heaven than upon the earth, that my soul may be directed to take its flight to the Lord to whom it is going." Afterwards, seeing the devil near him, he said: "What dost thou here, cruel beast? Thou shall find nothing in me. Abraham's bosom is open to receive me." Saying these words, he expired on the 8th of November, probably in 397.

~ from *Butler's Lives of the Saints*

Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Mary

"We know, too, that united to the Divinity in the Eucharist there is Jesus' Body and Blood taken from the body and blood of the Blessed Virgin. Therefore at every Holy Communion we receive, it would be quite correct, and a very beautiful thing, to take notice of our Holy Mother's sweet and mysterious presence, inseparably united with Jesus in the Host. Jesus is always the Son She adores. He is Flesh of Her flesh and Blood of Her blood. If Adam could call Eve when she had been taken from his rib, 'bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh,' (Gen. 2:23), cannot the holy Virgin Mary even more rightly call Jesus 'Flesh of my flesh and Blood of my blood'? Taken from the 'intact Virgin' as says St. Thomas Aquinas, the flesh of Jesus is the maternal flesh of Mary, the blood of Jesus is the maternal blood of Mary. Therefore it will never be possible to separate Jesus from Mary." - Fr. Stefano Manelli

"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!"

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri

"Jesus has prepared not just one Host, but one for every day of our life. The Hosts for us are ready. Let us not forfeit even one of them."

- St. Peter Julian Eymard