

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE: The Church celebrates John the Baptist's natural birth by a festival of his 'nativity', assigned exactly six months before the Nativity of Christ. The fact that Christ praised John the Baptist so highly encouraged a special veneration. Usually, we reflect upon two advents and two angelic messages during the Advent season, namely, the advent of John the Baptist and the advent of Jesus. This year the feast of the Birth of John (which occurs June 24), falls on a Sunday and thus replaces the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. That is why we hear again the angelic message announcing the birth of Christ's forerunner. The archangel Gabriel informed the childless Zechariah the priest that a son, whom he was to name John, would be born to him and his barren, aged wife. Today's Gospel describes how Zechariah got the Divine message in the Holy of Holies in the Temple of Jerusalem while he was offering incense. **Scripture lessons:** Jeremiah's call is cited in the first reading to connect it to today's Gospel in which the call and prenatal purification received by St. John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets, is recounted: "He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb and he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God." In the second reading, Peter guarantees his people that whatever the Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets, including John the Baptist, about Christ the Saviour, has been fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we hear again *the angelic message about the Birth of John the Baptist*. The angel informs Zechariah the priest that a son, whom he is to name John. But Zechariah doubted the words of the angel and, hence, was rendered mute until those words had been fulfilled. **Life messages:** 1. we should not take our small misfortunes as big tragedies. We should imitate Zechariah who remained optimistic, continuing in prayer and Temple service. 2. We need to ask God's help to get rid of the barrenness of our heart, cleanse it daily, liberate it from evil attachments and prepare it for the rebirth of Jesus. 3) We need to be good parents and grandparents offering incessant prayers for our children and grandchildren.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Please pray for: Reggie Bernardo, Armand L'Anglais, Fr. Martin, Hilda Armstrong, Gerard Parker, Valerie Cooper, Mary Lambert, Denis & Norma Savage, Dorothy Meaney, Stella Alberry, Heidi Reid, Gerald & Irene Moriarty, Bibin John, Leone McIntyre, Justin Lefave, Ann Ruigrok, Maurice and Madeleine Belec, Margaret Smith, Grant Marshall, Margrite Dezainde, John Beriau, Debbie Freer, Shelley McCaffrey, Stella Popek, Brian Brougham and Ronald Roy.

PAPAL PRAYERS FOR JUNE: Let us pray that social networks may work towards the inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

MASS SCHEDULE JUNE 23 – July 1, 2018		
Saturday, June 23	5:15 p.m.	Our Parishioners
Sunday, June 24	8:30 a.m.	Tom Barr
	10:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Tuesday, June 26	6:30 p.m.	Mary Jackson
Wednesday, June 27	9:00 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, June 28	9:00 a.m.	Unannounced Mass
Friday, June 29	9:00 a.m.	Raynald Giroux
Saturday, June 30	5:15 p.m.	Huguette Cyr
Sunday, July 1	8:30 a.m.	Our Parishioners
	10:00 a.m.	Kelly LeClair Paul
The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for: All Students and Educators		

Weekly Target: \$3500.00	Actual Offering – June 17: \$3444.55	Operating Shortfall: \$ 55.45
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Prayerful best wishes to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries:

Larry and Lorraine Harahan **29 years** **June 24**
Robin and Kathy Real **47 years** **July 1**

PARISH PICNIC: Please join us at 11 a.m. for the annual St. John Bosco Parish Picnic. What a great way to meet and greet your fellow parishioners!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS		
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, June 24	11:00 a.m.	Parish Picnic
Wednesday, June 27	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, June 28	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Chapel

“His name is John.” Luke 1.57-66, 80

JUNE 24, 2018

MINISTRY SCHEDULES				
MASS TIMES	HOSPITALITY	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, June 30 5:15 p.m.	Mary MacDermott Sylvia Shackles	Neil and Margaret Cameron	Carol Ravnaas Melinda Condon	Sarah and Lauren McDonald Allie White
Sunday, July 1 8:30 a.m.	Donna Brewer Heather Charbonneau	Theresa Iddon Debbie Zabloski	Marc and Phyllis Dennis	Grace Whiteland Evan Duffy
Sunday, July 1 10:00 a.m.	Teresa and Kevin Tanney	Larry Baldissera Ann Gilliard	Deacon Shawn Souder Maureen Laurin	Isabelle and Liam Heffernan

THANK YOU TO THE SJB GARDENING TEAM: Many thanks to our wonderful team of volunteer gardeners. Once again the gardens look beautiful! Your dedication and care are appreciated!

CONGRATULATIONS: and prayerful best wishes to **Portia Elizabeth Reisen** who is being received into baptism on **June 23** and received First Holy Communion on **Sunday June 24** and her parents Robert and Julie Reisen and may God continue to bless you as you teach your child to grow in faith.

MASS INTENTIONS: Did you know that you can arrange to have a Mass in memory of a loved one or for a special intention? The stipend for an Announced Mass is \$20.00 and \$10.00 for an Unannounced Mass. These can be arranged through the parish office.

SANCTUARY LAMP: The Sanctuary Lamp burns each week for a special intention or in memory of a loved one. You may request for the light to burn for your intention through the parish office at 613-342-5095. The cost is \$5.00 for the week.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: Any parishioner interested in pre-authorized debit for regular Sunday collections is invited to contact the office at 613-342-5095.

ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE PILGRIMAGE: This pilgrimage will be held on **August 11-12**. The bus leaves from Brockville Saturday morning and drops back off Sunday night. The cost is from \$182 each for 2 to \$152 each for up to 5 in a group. Anyone interested can contact Tara Long at 613-349-0131 or by email long.tara@hotmail.com.

SUMMER MASS TIMES AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: During July and August weekend Mass times at St. Francis Xavier will be **5:15 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. on Sunday**.

BILLINGS LIFE CLINIC: Come learn the Billings Ovulation Method which deepens a couple's love and respect for each other. The next clinic is Monday, June 25 at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 7-8 (patio entrance).

For more information please call us at 613-544-8495 or email: kingston@naturalfamilyplanning.ca.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS, 2905 WESTPORT ROAD, BEDFORD: On Saturday, July 14 from 4 – 7 p.m. there will be a roast beef dinner, silent auction, Jeff Code and Silver Wings Band, petting zoo, air castle, face painting, cotton candy, games with prizes, etc. Lots of free fun for the kids. Supper – adult \$15, children \$5.

CHOIR FROM FRANCE AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, KINGSTON ON SUNDAY, JULY 15: Les Petits Chanteurs de Bordeaux, France, a 55-voice choir of boys, ages 7 to 20, is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a tour to grand venues in Quebec and Ontario. There are two opportunities to hear the choir: during Mass at 10:30 a.m. and in a family-friendly concert at 2:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert to benefit the choir and St. Mary's Cathedral, and CD's will be available.

WORKSHOP – REDISCOVERING THE ART OF DYING: **Saturday, 13 October 2018, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.** Presenter Sister Nuala Kenny. Doctor Nuala Kenny is a doctor, ethicists, and former Nova Scotia Deputy Minister of Health. She is an expert palliative and end of life care. Registration: \$10.00 Lunch included. To register on-line, please visit the Archdiocese of Kingston website at romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: It's a hot day, and there's a traveling salesman passing through a small town in Texas when he sees a little old man sitting in a rocking chair on the porch of a house. So, he stops and says to the little old man, "You look as if you don't have a care in the world! What's your formula for a long and happy life?" And the little old man says, "Well, I smoke six packs of cigarettes a day, I drink a quart of bourbon every four hours and six cases of beer a week. I never wash, and I go out every night; I don't get to bed until four in the morning." And the guy says, "Wow, that's just great. How old are you?" And the little man says, "Twenty-two."

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