

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26th St. Cosmo & St. Damian

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 – Francis & Alice Goyette

by Edna

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 am - 7:25 am – Confessions at St. John (time permitting)
7:30 am - St. John – Mass for the People
9:00 am - 9:25 am -- Confessions at St. Elizabeth (time permitting)
9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – John Wall, Jr by his estate
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Fernando Florez, Camilo Foerero & Jose Rodriguez
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, September 28th St. Wensislaus

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

Tuesday, September 29th Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:30 am - St. John – Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary by Amy Marcinko

Wednesday, September 30th St. Jerome

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
5:15pm - St. John – Those in prisons with no access to religious solace
 by Amy Marcinko

Thursday, October 1st St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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

Friday, October 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels

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

Saturday, October 3rd

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 – Dick Vering by Susan Dugan

Sunday, October 4th

7:00 am - 7:25 am – Confessions at St. John (time permitting)
7:30 am - St. John – Patricia Yando by Amy Marcinko
9:00 am - 9:25 am -- Confessions at St. Elizabeth (time permitting)
9:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Peter Klimonski by Cara
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Mass for the people
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.

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

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PARISH EVENTS

Sat. Sept. 27th 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center
 Sat. Oct. 3rd 4:00om Mass followed by the Transitus/SFO/St. John's
 5:00pm K. of C. Bingo/Fr. Lively Center
 Sun. Oct 4th 1:30pm Family Faith Formation

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$36,107.73+ **On-Line: YTD:** \$18,576.55
Collections and Receipts: September 13, 2020
 Regular Offertory: \$38,501.35

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!

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

2nd Collection: Vermont Catholic Magazine.

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.*

TRANSITUS

**A Memorial of the Passing of St. Francis
 October 3, 2020**
The Secular Franciscan will be attending the 4pm Mass here followed by a brown bag lunch.

October 1st: Feast of Saint Thérèse

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux cherished a special devotion to the Holy Angels. How well this fits her Little Way, for did not our Lord associate littleness with the presence and care of the Holy Angels: *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you, their Angels in heaven always behold the face of My Father in Heaven"* (Matt. 18:10).

When we look to see what the Little Flower says about the holy Angels, we do not expect a ponderous treatise, but rather a medley of songs issuing from her heart. From her childhood they formed a part of her experience and spiritual environment.

As a child of nine years, before her First Holy Communion, St. Thérèse consecrated herself to the holy Angels as a member of the "Association of the Holy Angels" with the words: *"I solemnly consecrate myself to your service. I promise, in the presence of God, of the Blessed Virgin Mary and my companions, to be faithful to you and to apply myself to imitate your virtues, principally your fervor, your humility, your obedience and your purity."* Already as an aspirant she had promised: "to honor with a special devotion the holy Angels and Mary, their august Queen. ... I will work with all my strength to correct my faults and acquire virtues, to fulfill all my duties as a student and as a Christian."

September 29th: Feast of the Archangels

Saint Gabriel, the name means 'God is my strength', is an archangel, first mentioned in the Old Testament where he appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. The Gospel of Luke relates the stories of the Annunciation, in which the angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and the Virgin Mary, foretelling the births of John the Baptist and Jesus, respectively.

Saint Michael (the name signifies the question: "Who is like God?") is mentioned three times in the Old Testament, all in the Book of Daniel, where he is identified as the protector of Israel, and Daniel is informed that Michael will arise during the "end of time." The Book of Revelation describes a war in heaven in which Michael defeats Satan. After the conflict, Satan is thrown to earth along with the fallen angels, where he, "that ancient serpent called the devil," still tries to "lead the whole world astray". In the Epistle of Jude Michael is referred to as an "archangel" when he again confronts Satan: "Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (Jude 1:9).

Saint Raphael whose name means, "God heals," appears in the Book of Tobit disguised as the human travelling companion of Tobit's son, Tobiah, calling himself "Azarias the son of the great Ananias". During the course of the journey, the archangel's protective influence is shown in many ways including the binding of a demon in the desert of Upper Egypt. After returning and healing the blind Tobit, Azarias makes himself known as "the angel Raphael, one of the seven, who stand before the Lord." He is venerated as Saint Raphael the Archangel. Regarding the healing powers attributed to Raphael, there is his declaration to Tobit that he was sent by the Lord to heal him of his blindness and to deliver Sarah, his future daughter-in-law, from the demon Asmodeus, who kills every man she marries on their wedding night before the marriage can be consummated. In the New Testament, only the archangels Gabriel and Michael are mentioned by name. However, John 5:1-4 refers to the pool of Bethesda, where the multitude of the infirm lay awaiting the moving of the water, for "an angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond; and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he lay under". This particular angel is generally associated with the archangel, Raphael.

October 2nd: Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

Do you know you have a special angel? The Guardian Angel Prayer pays tribute to a wonderful divine being! God in His great love for us gives each of us our own unique guide, a guardian angel, at birth to keep us going in the right direction on our path towards heaven. Guardian angels watch over us, pray for us, and help guide our thoughts and inclinations. They can even protect us from physical as well as spiritual harm! The Guardian Angel Prayer sums this up quite nicely: *Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day [or night] be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.* Christ Himself made reference to Guardian Angels when he said once referring to children that "their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." St. Jerome marveled in reference to this passage "How great is the value of the soul that every single person has from birth received an angel for his protection." One of his 4th century contemporaries, St. Basil, once wrote that "every one of the faithful has an angel at his side as educator and guide, directing his life." Other theologians including St. Clement and St. Gregory the Great noted that every country, city, town, village, and even family has its own special Guardian Angel!

Exercising Your Heart

We should, above all, turn to the school of St. Peter Julian Eymard, who was unequalled as an Apostle of the Eucharist. His vocation and mission was to lead all Christians to the Eucharist. When he founded the Congregation of Priests of the Blessed Sacrament, he offered his life for the Eucharistic reign of Jesus. At that time he wrote these ardent words: "Here, dear Jesus, is my life. Behold me ready to eat stones and to die abandoned, just so that I may succeed in erecting a throne for Thee and give Thee a family of friends, a nation of adorers." If we but knew the gift of God Who is Love and Who gives Himself to us as a Gift full of Love! "The Eucharist," said St. Bernard, "is that love which surpasses all loves in Heaven and on earth." And St. Thomas Aquinas wrote: "The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love: It signifies Love, it produces Love." One day an Arabian prince, Abd-ed-Kader, while passing through the streets of Marseille with a French official, met a priest who was carrying Holy Viaticum to a dying man. The French official stopped, uncovered his head, and knelt. His friend asked him the reason for this gesture. "I adore my God, Whom the priest is carrying to a sick person," replied the good official. "How is it possible," the prince said, "for you to believe that God Who is so great, makes Himself so little and lets Himself go even to the homes of the poor? We Mohammedans have a much higher idea of God." The official answered, "It is because you have only an idea of the greatness of God; that you do not know His Love." In confirmation of this, St. Peter Eymard declares, "The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself." Yet, how many of us Christians do not know the vast extent of the love contained in the Eucharist. ... to explore the riches of the Eucharist, we use the heart. ... Love for the Eucharist must spring from the heart and be ever alive in us all. Now even love needs exercise. The heart needs to be exercised to love the true God ... Holy Communion represents the loftiest point of this exercise of love, Whose consuming flames unite the heart of a creature and Jesus.

St. Gemma Galgani could exclaim in this regard, "I can no longer avoid the thought that in the wonderful scope of His Love, Jesus makes Himself perceptible and shows Himself to His lowliest creature in all the splendors of His Heart." And what may we say about the "exercises" of the heart of St. Gemma, who desired to be a "tent of love" in which she would keep Jesus always with her? She longed to have a "little place in the ciborium" to be able to stay always with Jesus. She asked that she could become "a flaming ball afire with love" for Jesus. When St. Therese of the Child Jesus had become quite ill, she dragged herself with great effort to Church to receive Jesus. One morning, after Holy Communion, she was in her cell, exhausted. One of the Sisters remarked that she should not exert herself so much. The Saint replied, "Oh, what are these sufferings to me in comparison with one Holy Communion?" Her sweet complaint was that she could not receive Holy Communion every day. (It was not permitted in her times.) She ardently pleaded with Jesus: "Remain within me, as You do in the Tabernacle. Do not ever withdraw Your presence from Your little Host." When St. Margaret Mary Alacoque left the world and consecrated herself to God in the cloister, she made a private vow ... "All for the Eucharist; nothing for me." It is useless to attempt to describe the Saint's burning love for the Eucharist. When she was not able to receive Holy Communion, she broke out in ardent expressions of love like these: "I have such a desire for Holy Communion that if I had to walk barefoot along a path of fire to obtain It, I would do so with unspeakable joy." St. Catherine of Siena said often to her confessor: "Father, I am hungry; for the love of God give this soul her food, her Lord in the Eucharist ... When I am not able to receive my Lord, I go into the Church, and there I look at Him ... I look at Him again ... and this satisfies me." This we call "exercise of the heart."