

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - St. John - Mass for the parishioners  
 9-9:30am - Confessions at St. John's  
 3:00pm - Confessions at St. John  
 3:30pm - Confessions at St. Elizabeth  
 4:00pm - St. John- James Richard by Amy Marcinko  
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – Janice Maynard by the family

### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 - 7:55am - Confessions at St. John  
 8:00am - St. John - Mass for the parishioners  
 8:00-8:25am - Confessions at Queen of Peace  
 8:30am - Queen of Peace - Madeline Matte by her daughter Sharon  
 10:30am - St. Elizabeth- Deceased priests by Amy Marcinko  
 11:00am - St. John – Nancy Lucido-Vibar by M/M Pierre Berube  
 3:00pm - St. John-Advent Penance Service

### Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - St. Elizabeth –Marty Smith by Amy Marcinko  
 2:15am - Pines & Rehab-Mass  
 5:15pm - St. John – Joe & Celia Zabrosky by Lorraine Lamontagne, Carol & Paul

### Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - St. John - Francis & Lena Gladu by Bernie & Rachel Gladu  
 5:15pm - St. John - Janice Maynard by her family

### Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - St. John - Victims & their families of the opioid crisis by Amy Marcinko  
 5:15pm - St. John -.James LaClair

### Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30am - St. John – Mary Larose  
 5:15pm - St. John - Leopold & Dorothy Gladu by Bernie & Rachel Gladu  
 5:30pm – St. Leo

### Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – Saint Peter Cansius, Priest & Doctor

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – Melanie Jaffee by Amy Marcinko  
 4:30pm - Confessions at St. John  
 5:15pm - St. John - J.William, Janice & Mabel Maynard by the family

### Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30am - St. John - Mass for the parishioners  
 9-9:30am -Confessions at St. John's  
 3:00pm - Confessions at St. John  
 3:30pm - Confessions at St. Elizabeth  
 4:00pm - St. John- Lucy Fortin by the family  
 4:30pm - St. Elizabeth – Janice Maynard by the family

### Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

7:30 - 7:55am - Confessions at St. John  
 8:00am - St. John – Deceased members of Young & Stevens families by M/M Bill Young  
 8:00-8:25am - Confessions at Queen of Peace  
 8:30am - Queen of Peace – Janice Maynard by the family  
 10:30am - St. Elizabeth- Marcella Lamotte by her husband  
 11:00am - St. John – Mass for the parishioners

Please keep our parishioners who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Charlie Weis, Randy Thomas, Hugette Authier, Romeo Garand, Jerry Prevost, Camilla Dente, Shirley Young, & Betty Young.

## PARISH EVENTS

<b>Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00am CCD/St. E. 9:15am CCD/St. J. 9:30am CCD/QP 11:00am Secular Franciscans 6:00-7:30pm NO Confirmation Class and Adult Ed
<b>Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm Choir Practice/St. John's
<b>Thur, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00pm St. E.. K. of C.
<b>Sat. Dec., 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	5:00pm K of C. Bingo @ Fr.L.Ctr

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/18-6/30/19 Budget: \$295,000  
 (\$6,000 Amount needed each week)  
**Last week's Collection: \$4,441,18 Total to date: \$111,723.26**  
**On line giving 12/9-15 Fiscal YTD: \$19,916.12**

## Parish Contacts:

**Corpus Christi Prayer Chain**  
 Isabelle & Marion Handy 748-4033  
 Joyce Dumas 748-3277  
 Lynn Welch 467-3019

**Fr. Lively Center/Church Hall Rental**  
 Call Sue at the Rectory 748-8129

**Mt. Calvary Cemetery**  
 Les Blodgett 535-5305  
**St. Elizabeth Cemetery**  
 Tracy Charron 626-5180

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Joan King 467-3667

## Ministry Schedule

Susan Dugan 748-3336 St.J.  
 Jean Fournier 626-3385 St. E.  
 Ed Ledo 684-3306 Q.P.

## Music Ministry

Pam Hurst-Brinkerhoff 748-1356 St.J.  
 Jean McGregor 748-8891 St J.  
 Roger DeKett 626-9918 St. E.  
 Marge Ste. Marie 535-8015 QP

## St. Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you known needs help from Corpus Christi Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul please call Patrick McWilliams 274-3542 or Bob Gessner 626-5400.

## Secular Franciscans

Anita Wellman 751-5318

## Adoration Chapel

Linda Frechette 473-0261

## Knights of Columbus, St. Johnsbury Area

Stan Baranowski 626-8723

## Lyndonville Area

Dennis Labounty 272-6421

## Welcome Ministry

Mary Anne Gummere 748-3978  
 or masgummere@charter.net  
 Joycelyn Minich 626-9256

## Vocation Ministry & Vocation Chalice

Diane Bailey 626-5889

**Adult Religious Education** will be offered during the time of Confirmation Class on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm, at the Fr. Lively Center, for parents of the students or anyone looking to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Our next class is January 13, 2019.

**Mass at St. Leo's in Lunenburg: beginning Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Mass in Lunenburg every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30pm.**

**Getting cleaned up for Christmas:  
 Advent Penance Service at St. John Church,  
 Today, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

**DECORATING ST. JOHN'S FOR CHRISTMAS WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> AFTER THE 11AM MASS. PLEASE PLAN TO STAY AND HELP EVEN IF ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME.**

**THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSING AT NOON ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK.**

Continuing Catholic Education at Home!

Our Parish is giving you an early Christmas present by implementing the FORMED program, available FREE to everyone in our parish boundaries! Formed is kind of like Netflix for Catholics. Please take the time this week to visit the FORMED website.

**To start enjoying your gift:**

1. Go to: [nekatholic.formed.org](http://nekatholic.formed.org)
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

**Recommended:**

**Advent Reflections: Preparing for the Birth of Our Savior**

This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet. Sign up to have these daily reflections sent right to your inbox!

**The Bible and the Virgin Mary**

A dynamic twelve-part video series that beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time. In addition to explanation of dogmas, answers to common objections, and demonstration of Mary's presence in the Old and New Testaments, this study discusses Church-approved Marian apparitions that play an important role in Catholic Tradition. It's sure to help Catholics and non-Catholics alike grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God.



**Mass Schedule for Christmas & New Years**

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00pm St. John's,  
4:30pm St. Elizabeth  
7:00pm Queen of Peace

**Christmas Day:**  
Midnight St. Elizabeth  
10:30am St. Elizabeth  
11:00am St. John's

**New Year's Eve:** 4:30pm St. Elizabeth

**New Year's Day:** 8:00am St. John's  
8:30am Queen of Peace  
10:30am St. Elizabeth  
11:00am St. John's

**FAQ re: Christmas Schedule**

**Q: When is your Midnight Mass?**

**A: Midnight.**

**Ministry update**

If you have any changes that need to be made in the upcoming schedule for serving, please call Susan Dugan 748-3336 and let her know. She will be putting together the next schedule and needs to know if you have any special scheduling requests.

**A note of appreciation:**

Dear Corpus Christi:  
Thank you for the wonderful & thoughtful donation (\$454.00) of our food shelf. Bless all & enjoy Winter!

- Lyndon Area Food

Shelf

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**, the third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice). The season of Advent

originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (11 November), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"-- a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. ...Advent still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent, the middle (or third) Sunday corresponding with *Laetare* or Mid-Lent Sunday. On it, as on *Laetare* Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were, permitted to be used; rose-colored vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly); the deacon and subdeacon reassumed the dalmatic and tunicle at the chief Mass, and cardinals wore rose-color instead of purple. All these distinguishing marks have continued in use, and are the present discipline of the Latin Church. *Gaudete* Sunday, therefore, makes a breaker like *Laetare* Sunday ... signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming ... *Gaudete* Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory, the Church no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely "The Lord who is to come", but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand". The Nocturn lessons from the Prophecy of Isaias describe the Lord's coming and the blessings that will result from it, and the antiphons at Vespers re-echo the prophetic promises. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the constant Alleluias, which occur in both Office and Mass throughout the entire season. In the Mass, the Introit "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" strikes the same note, and gives its name to the day. The Epistle again incites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Savior with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, the words of St. John Baptist, warns us that the Lamb of God is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not. The spirit of the Office and Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on *Gaudete* Sunday suspended, as were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption which should never be absent from the heart of the faithful.



**O** Dearest Infant! Tell me, what hast Thou come on earth to do? Tell me, whom art Thou seeking? Yes, I already know. Thou has come to die for me, in order to save me from hell. Thou hast come to seek me, the lost sheep, so that, instead of fleeing from Thee any more, I may rest in Thy loving arms. Ah my Jesus, my treasure, my life, my love and my all! Whom will I love, if not Thee? Where can I find a father, a friend, a spouse more loving and lovable than Thou art?

I love Thee, my dear God; I love Thee, my only good. I regret the many years when I have not loved Thee, but rather spurned and offended Thee. Forgive me, O my beloved Redeemer; for I am sorry that I have thus treated Thee, and I regret it with all my heart. Pardon me, and give me the grace never more to withdraw from Thee, but constantly to love Thee in all the years that still lie before me in this life. My love, I give myself entirely to Thee; accept me, and do not reject me as I deserve.

O Mary, thou art my advocate. By thy prayers thou dost obtain whatever thou wilt from thy Son. Pray Him then to forgive me, and to grant me holy perseverance until death. Amen.

**AMEN. COME LORD JESUS!**