

**JUNE 24, 2018**

**NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 49.1-6, Psalm 139  
Acts 13.22-26 Luke 1.76

**SATURDAY, June 23, 2018 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Thomas Sunday, Memorial Mass, FC  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Janine Rourke and Amanda Rourke

**SUNDAY, June 24, 10:00 AM**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Offered for:** Isabel Rourke, Memorial Mass, FC  
**Altar Servers:** Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee  
**Lectors:** Lisa Tarbell and Brian Thomas

**TUESDAY June 26, 2018 7:00 PM**

**Offered for:** David T. Thomas and Scott  
Thomas, Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

**WEDNESDAY June 27, 2018 12:10 PM**

**Offered for:** Charlotte Francis, Memorial Mass, FC

**THURSDAY June 28, 2018 12:10 PM**

**Offered for:** Terry McDonald, Memorial Mass, FC

**FRIDAY June 29, 2018 12:10 PM**

**Offered for:** Arthur Tarbell, Memorial Mass, FC

**SATURDAY, June 30, 2018 4:00 PM**

**Offered for:** Mike Benedict, Memorial Mass, FC  
**Altar Servers:** Cheyenne, Keon & Summer  
**Lectors:** Nicky King & Caroline Peters

**SATURDAY, June 30, 2018 6:30 PM**

**Offered for:** Margaret Buckshot, Memorial Mass, FC  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 10:00 AM**  
**CANADA DAY**

**Offered for:** Mitchell Akwiratekha Lazore, 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Memorial Mass  
**Altar Servers:** Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee  
**Lectors:** Children and Family Mass

**COLLECTIONS**

**June 9-10, 2018**

**REG. MASS \$ 412.19 US \$ 452.46 CDN**

**June 11-17, 2018**

**REG. MASS \$ 384.22 US \$ 373.31 CDN**

**NIAWEN:KOWA** to Wayne Thomas for keeping the church grounds mowed and clipped. Also, to Frank Leaf for planting our beautiful garden.

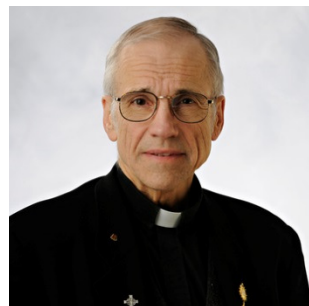
The St. Regis Mission Golf Tournament usually held in July **IS POSTPONED** until September 2018.

**JUNE 24 THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

An Angel of the Lord delivered a startling message to Zechariah as he was offering sacrifice in the temple: "Your wife Elizabeth shall bear a son whom you shall name 'JOHN' ( a name that means "GOD IS GRACIOUS".(Lk. 1:13). At the Annunciation, the Angel Gabriel told Mary, "Know that Elizabeth, your kinswoman has conceived a son in her old age. ..for nothing is impossible with God." (Lk.1:37) Mary hastened to visit Elizabeth who welcomed her "Blest are you among women.. the moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby leapt in my womb for joy." (Lk. 1:44):

Thus, did John, the forerunner of Christ, arrive. He became the great prophet, preaching a baptism of repentance throughout the region of the Jordan. When Jesus also came to be baptized, John recognized Him, "Behold the Lamb of God." As he poured the water over the head of Jesus, a voice from Heaven was heard, "You are my beloved Son. On You my favor rests." (Lk.3:22) John fulfilled his mission of preparing the way of Christ, and fading away by martyrdom at the hands of King Herod and his wife Herodias.

Christ was ALL for John who said, "There is one coming after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to lose." John the Baptist is great enough to be the only saint, except the Blessed Virgin Mary to have his birthday celebrated as a solemnity in the Church calendar. John knew that he was to be a Light of Christ and pride would snuff out that flame. Humbly he asserted, "**HE MUST INCREASE. I MUST DECREASE.**" Do we put **CHRIST FIRST** in our lives?



**FAREWELL -- THURSDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>**

All are invited to the Farewell in honor of Father Claude Halley, who has served as Chaplain of Hotel Dieu and Cornwall General Hospital for over thirty-three years. If you or any member of your family have been blessed by Father Halley while you were a patient in Cornwall's hospital, you will want to thank God for this faithful priest. Night and day he was on call to the bedside of sick and dying patients to bless them with the Sacraments. Now, after fifty-two years of priesthood, he will be leaving Cornwall to retire in Ottawa.

To allow people to thank Father Halley and bid him farewell, Archbishop Prendergast will offer Mass for him at Nativity Co-Cathedral on Montreal Road in Cornwall at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 28. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for Father Halle at the Agora Catholic Center near the Cathedral.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Mohawk)**

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.

NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

**Ceremony of ENHATIEN'TOHARA:KO**  
**(Removing of the Pine) - SUNDAY June 24th 10 AM**

Although June 24th marks the birthday of John the Baptist, the ceremony of ENHATIEN'TOHARA:KO reminds us of his Beheading by order of King Herod. John the Baptist vehemently condemned the evils of his era, "You brood of vipers! Give some evidence that you mean to reform." He did not hesitate even to tell the King that he was wrong in taking Herodias, his brother's wife, to be his own. John was thrown into prison, but Herod was afraid to destroy him. However, at a regal banquet where the daughter of Herodias danced so beautifully that Herod promised her anything she might ask, Herodias urged the girl to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Thus, John was martyred. In past years, on the feast of St. John the Baptist, members of the *St. Jean Baptiste Society* of St. Regis prayed to the saint, and shot the pine tree attached to a tall pole next to the river. Its fall reminded them of the decapitation of John, a martyr for truth. *St. Jean Baptiste* is Patron of the province of Quebec and his feast is a National Holiday in Quebec.

**JUNE 29 - THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL**

The **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul** commemorates the martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome during the persecution under Nero in 64 A.D. According to tradition, Paul was granted the right of a Roman citizen to be beheaded by a sword, but Peter suffered the fate of his Lord, crucifixion, although with head downward as he proclaimed his unworthiness to die in the same way as the Lord. **SIMON PETER** was a fisherman of Galilee called by Jesus to follow Him. Although he was impetuous and even denied Jesus three times during the Passion of our Savior, Peter was forgiven by Jesus who gave him the chance to assert three times, "Lord, You know all things. You know that I love You." To this, Jesus replied, "Feed My lambs. Feed My sheep." When Peter proclaimed, " You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus commissioned him to be the head of His Church - 'Simon son of Jonah, no mere man has revealed this to you but my heavenly Father. I for My part declare to you, you are ROCK and on this rock I will build my Church. and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it." (Mt. 16). Peter became the first Pope. **SAUL OF TARSUS** was enroute to Damascus to kill Christians, when lightning knocked him off his horse and a voice was heard, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me." Christ clearly identified Himself with His followers who were being killed for His sake. Saul's name was changed to PAUL and he became the great apostle to the Gentiles. He is author of many letters in the New Testament read at Holy Mass. **THIS IS A GOOD WEEK TO PICK UP YOUR BIBLE AND READ THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND THE LETTERS OF PAUL.**

**BLESSING OF THE RIVER AND AUTOMOBILES**

On the weekend of June 23-24, 2018 Father Jerome will bless the automobiles of all attending the 4 PM and 10 AM Masses in St. Regis. He will offer special prayers for the safety of all travelers. On Sunday morning after the 10 AM Mass, there will be a procession to the riverbank of the St. Lawrence, with special prayers of blessing of the water for the safety of all who recreate on the river.

**PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYER!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER** If a member of your family becomes hospitalized at Alice Hyde Hospital in Malone, Massena Memorial Hospital in Massena Cornwall Community Hospital, Fletcher-Allen Hospital in Burlington, or Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital in Plattsburgh, be sure to ask at Registration desk to note on your admission chart that you are **CATHOLIC** and want a priest to visit you. You will be able to receive the Sacraments daily while you are in the hospital. A priest is always ON CALL to minister those who ask for a priest.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** There is an urgent need for volunteers to assist the Parish with pastoral care. Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact Father Jerome at 613-575-2753 or stop by the Rectory Tuesday- Friday between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

An Akwesasronon **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** is being formed. Children and youth are asked to provide us with their names if they are interested. Cole Phillips is the Children's Choir leader. Please contact the Rectory at 613-575-2753 if you are interested.

Names are needed for the **ST. REGIS MISSION PRISON APOSTOLATE**. If you know of someone who is in prison and needs our prayers please provide us with their name, address and birthdate. Our Prison Apostolate will send out cards to them on Easter, Christmas and their birthdays. Please contact the Rectory at 613-575-2753.

**ALTAR SERVERS ARE NEEDED:** Adult Funeral Altar Servers are needed to assist the Parish. Training will be provided. If you are interested please contact Father Jerome at 613-575-2753 or stop by the Rectory Tuesday-Friday between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Lord, we commend to Your loving care, all who are suffering at home, in hospitals, prisons, rehabilitation centers, detention camps, and prisons. We ask Your special blessing on Eleanor Thompson, Phillip Francis, Dan George, Marjorie Lazore, Alexina Auger, Marita Francis, Pauline Cook, Clyde Cree, Louis Jacobs, Louis Garrow, Isabel and Leonard Garrow, Jack Angus, Vernie Herne, Nancy Phillips, John Mitchell, Desiree White, Teddy Thompson, Francis Cree, Joanna Jackson, Mary Ella Jackson, Marilyn Tarbell, Marie Casey, Larry Pyke, and Don Thompson. **Grant eternal rest to Mike Thomas and Marjorie Beaubien. Give your consolation to their families. AMEN.**