08 MAY 2016

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!

As they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Luke's account of the Ascension is given to us in our readings from Acts and the Gospel. He sums up the life and mission of Jesus and proclaims how Jesus handed his mission on to the Apostles, who will be empowered by the Holy Spirit. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul prays that they be open to the Holy Spirit, who will enlighten them. Jesus entrusted the mission of the proclamation of the Good News to his Apostles. Nowhere is this more clear than at the Ascension of our Lord. We now take the parting words of Jesus to heart as we live out our Christian calling. Jesus reminds us that we are to be his witnesses in the world and promises to send the Holy Spirit to empower us to do so.

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption community, believe that we have been called through Baptism to live the Good News of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary, our Mother. We accomplish this by proclaiming the Word, celebrating the Sacraments, & reaching out to others.

PASTOR **Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse , D. D.**
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
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Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of the Lake and the cornerstone of the existing Cathedral was laid in 1904. The history of our parish is recorded in the memories of thousands of people who built our community.

Parish Liturgies



Marriage: Please pick up a Marriage Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the parish office for more information.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 PM.

Eucharist: Please see mass schedule published in this bulletin. Call the parish office to arrange for a Eucharistic Minister to visit the sick and shut-in who are unable to attend Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On the First Friday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

Baptism: Please pick up a Baptism Information Booklet in the Church Vestibule to review prior to contacting the parish office.

The Pro-Cathedral is **wheel chair accessible**. The entrance to the elevator is on Algonquin Avenue. Please enter the vestibule and ring the bell for an attendant. Service available at all weekend masses. Weekday masses service available 11:30 AM to 12:45 PM. A **Hearing Aid System** is available for use by the hearing impaired. Please ask an Usher or Sacristan to assist you upon entering the church.

WEEKLY READINGS: 09 ~ 15 MAY

Monday	**Acts 1. 1-8; John 16. 29-33**
Tuesday	**Acts 20. 17-27; John 17. 1-11a**
Wednesday	**Acts 20. 28-38; John 17. 11b-19**
Thursday	**Acts 22. 30; 23. 6-11; John 17. 20-26**
Friday	**Acts 24. 27; 25. 13b-21; John 21. 15-19**
Saturday	**Acts 1. 15-17, 20-26; John 15. 9-17**
Sunday	**Acts 2. 1-11; 1 Corinthians 12. 3b-7, 12-13; John 20. 19-23**

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
Tuesday—Friday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Sacrament of First Eucharist



Since February several children in our parish have been preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. Thank you for keeping these children in your prayers as they receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 29. At today's meeting the children and parents are being introduced to **Theme 6** with the following goals:

- ✞ to help the child better understand the concept of being in communion with someone
- ✞ to help the child focus on the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist
- ✞ to deepen the child's desire to be in communion with Jesus the children and their parents will end the preparation stage by experiencing a Prayer/Light Celebration.

At today's meeting the children and their parents will also end the preparation stage by experiencing a Prayer/Light Celebration. It is the hope of the Pro-Cathedral Eucharist team that this preparation time awakened in each child a taste for a personal spiritual life, for a relationship with God. Parents and the team tried to prepare each child for a more conscious moral life, inspired by the life of Jesus. During the preparation journey parents and the team hoped to give each child an opportunity to discover that trying to live in communion with God and others can truly be a path to life, joy, love, and peace.

The Parish Sacrament Team

Collection: 01 May 2016	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,270.55	**$983.50**

Experience Love & Acceptance by coming home to the Catholic Church



There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

Come and rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith ~ we've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. If you've been away from the Church, you are invited to come home! Call the parish office for more information—what are you waiting for?

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 09 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Mae Bonany and Family Members - Cheryl Bonany
Daniel Lafontaine - David and Michelle Overholt

Tuesday, 10 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Mike Rossi - Lidia Rossi and Family
Ida Buchic - Marjorie Taylor
Intention of Pat Anderson - Holy Trinity Prayer Group

Wednesday, 11 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy Lang-Flumerfelt
Intention of Maureen Tallon

Thursday, 12 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Sr. Jeanne Fortin - Debbie Laframboise
Intention of the Beaulieu Family - Karen and Denis Beaulieu

Friday, 13 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Patrick and Rita Masciangelo - Louise and Joe Defonzo and Family
In Honour of Our Lady of Fatima - Michelina and Nicola Candeloro
Intention of Jerry Stacieluk - Bernice Davis

4:00 PM Saturday, 14 May - Pentecost Sunday
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
John Doyle - Lois Wishak
For Souls of the Bethune and Hanley Families - Dorothy Bethune

Sunday, 15 May - Pentecost Sunay
9:00 AM Claire L'Heureux - Myrtle Veraldi
Intention of Owen Renette - Karen and Ray Thompson
Intention of Nicholas Beaulieu - The Family

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

MARRIAGE BANNS



There is a promise of marriage between:

Cory Christopher Cecil Greco son of Peter Greco & Lucia (Boaro) and **Alexandra Antoinette Butti**, daughter of Michael Butti & Lia (Canarino). ♥

Happy Mother's Day

God our Creator, we pray:
For new mothers, coming to terms with the responsibility;
For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
For those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
For those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
For those whose children have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities;
For those who have children they do not want;
For those who raise children on their own;
For those who have lost a child;
For those who care for the children of others;
For those whose children have left home;
And for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.



Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen

Blood-red Trevi fountain a wake-up call on Christian persecution



By Elise Harris: Vatican City, April 30 (CNA/EWTN News)

Illuminated by the red light that spilled across Rome's Trevi fountain, voices from persecuted Christian communities across the world shared the stories of friends and loved ones killed for the faith, and urged the world to take greater action in putting the violence to an end.

"Let us remember, tonight, the blood of the Christian martyrs, spilled by the violence of men and the sin of the world," Cardinal Mauro Piacenza said April 29.

Quoting Pope Francis, he stressed that when confronted with the situation, "silence and secrecy are also sins."

Cardinal Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary and international president of Aid the Church in Need, spoke against the backdrop of Rome's famous Trevi fountain – which was colored red in recognition of all the Christians around the world who daily continue to give their lives for the faith.

Iraq and Syria are among the countries where Christians are severely persecuted, with the Islamic State killing, enslaving and driving people out of their homes. Christians in Nigeria are also at risk from attacks by the militant group Boko Haram, while Christianity is illegal in countries including North Korea and Somalia.

The event drew an international presence of Church leaders. It is hoped that the event would help draw attention to the growing persecution of Christians worldwide.

May is the Month of Mary
& Ascending Life-Canada
Invites Everyone
To Spend a Day with Our Lady
Wednesday May 25 – Parish Hall
10.00 AM to 3:30 PM



Ascending Life is a Lay Movement in the Church for Seniors and retired persons, based on the belief that retirement years should be years of activity and challenge. It is a Christian movement that believes that as long as we live, we should more forward and onwards and upwards towards new horizons, new experiences and new growth in heart, mind and soul. ***Join together on May 25 to spend a day with Mary.***

AGENDA

10:00 AM	Discussion Topic—True Devotion to Mary. The more we honor The Blessed Virgin Mary, the more we honor her son Jesus Christ
12:00 Noon	We Celebrate Mary in the Liturgy of the Word by: Praying the Rosary, participating in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion and attending Mass
12:30 PM	Light Lunch
1:15 PM	We Discover Our Lady of Fatima
3:30 PM	Discuss and Plan for an October Devotion to our Lady

For more information contact Annette Dutrisac - Director of Ascending Life-Canada at annette.d@live.ca or 495-3584

Catholic Women's League

Two (2) Bursary Awards in the amount of $400 will be available to 2 students entering post-secondary education in September 2016.

Bursary Criteria

Applicants must be daughters or sons of members for the Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League who are in good standing. Where the mother is deceased, consideration will be given to grand-daughters/sons of a member in good standing. Applicants must be entering their first year of college or university. A copy of a valid letter of acceptance from the college or university must be attached. Applicant must have a reasonable academic achievement. Presentation of the bursaries will be made on Thanksgiving Sunday in the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Church at one of the Sunday Liturgies.

Application Deadline is 4:00pm on May 27, 2016. Mail to:

CWL Bursary Committee
c/o Pro-Cathedral Parish Office
480 McIntyre Street West
North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Applications are available at the Parish Office and at the local high schools. For more information please contact: President-Diane Carmichael at 471-5096

CWL Annual Service and Awards Dinner



DATE: **Wednesday June 1, 2016**

TIME: **Gathering at 5:00 pm**
Spiritual Program at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm

LOCATION: **Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall**

Tickets are $25 and must be purchased in advance from Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532 or Diane Carmichael at 471-5096.

Delicious Catered Buffet Dinner by: *Diane Esch*
Deadline to purchase tickets: Sunday May 29.

Cheques should be payable to: "CWL Pro-Cathedral Parish Council" *We ask that members DO NOT park in front of the entrance to the lower Sacristy.* This is to give the caterer easier access to the kitchen

This year's bazaar will be November 19, 2016. It's never too early to start planning for it!! If you would like to participate in way by donating your time or talents please contact Diane Carmichael at 705-471-5096. The Bazaar is our only fundraiser to raise the money necessary to meet our obligations to help others.

Visit our homepage at www.cwl.ca

✝ Memorial Fund ✝



The following names have been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

GAIL WALSH

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Family Presents



The Milczarek Family Presents "Homecoming" – a beautiful musical concert at the Pro-Cathedral on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 PM.
All tickets sold at door. $10/Adult, $5/Senior & Student, $30/Family.
For information call 744-4321 or email milczarek@xplornet.ca

Motherhouse Taze prayer continues on the 3rd. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. Hours of Adoration: Monday and Thursday 12 noon to 5 pm; Tuesdays 12 noon to 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

Open Adoration: St. Alphonsus in Callander every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).

St. Joseph's Motherhouse first Sunday of the month from 3:30-4:30 PM in Holy Family Chapel and Pro-Cathedral First Friday 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

The Promises of Fatima Rosary Group – come pray with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish followed by Mass.

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Present:

Film Series to help deepen your spiritual life facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon. Includes small group discussion. Bishop Carter Room from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. May 13 "Pushing Tin"; June 10 Gravity"

DVD Series by Sr. Ann Willitis, O.P. "Finding Mystery in the Ordinary, A Guide for Women" Facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj Each Tuesday May 10, 17 and 24 From 1:30—3:00 PM in Conference room 1. Offering: @ 10:00 per session.

Our welcome to Kindergarten Orientation Sessions are happening in schools across the NPSC School Board throughout May and June. Visit www.npsc.ca for the schedule of orientation sessions for the school nearest you.

Pope Francis MAY 2016 Prayer Intentions

UNIVERSAL ~ Respect for Women: ***That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.***

EVANGELIZATION ~ Holy Rosary: ***That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.***

REGIONAL NEWS

On Friday May 20 at 7:00 PM in the Church of Christ the King in Sudbury, His Excellency, Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse will ordain Deacon Daniele Muscolino to the priesthood. All faithful, priests, deacons and their wives and members of the Diocesan Order of Service are invited to this celebration.

Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board invites everyone to their Carousel Evening. Topic: Inclusion-We All Belong with keynote address by Angie DeMarco. Held at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall on Tuesday, May 17 beginning with registration at 5:00 PM, Welcome & Keynote at 5:45, Refreshments at 7:00 PM and Workshops at 7:30 PM. Pre-register online at npsc.ca or call 472-1201, ext. 2261.

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: If you feel called to pray for the New Evangelization in our Region, Join us every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For information contact Fran 476-4146 or Holy Name 495-1501

Pilgrimage to The Holy Land under the spiritual guidance of Father Tony Man-Son-Hing and Father Trevor Scarfone November 3-11, 2016 visiting Galilee, Nazareth, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and more. Details and information available from St. Peter's Parish Office at 472-1817.

Near North Palliative Care Network presents their 5th Annual Fund Raiser Concert: *Music Through the Decades 40's to 80's* on May 13 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church. Tickets are $10/adult; $5/children; 5 and under are free. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Mike 495-1792.

Thursday, May 12 ♥ Canada Health Day



Celebrated by thousands of workers in health care facilities and community services. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation and we celebrate and pray for the gift of health — physical, emotional, social and spiritual. Health means concern for the health of our community, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth. Whether as workers in health care facilities or in community services, or as relatives/friends in parishes or at home, we are prompted by the love of Jesus to become channels of healing for those who suffer and are sick.

