

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.

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PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley 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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY	**OFFICE CLOSED**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

WEEKLY READINGS
02 ~ 08 JANUARY 2017

Monday	**1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28**
Tuesday	**1 John 2. 29; 3. 1-6; John 1. 29-34**
Wednesday	**1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 35-42**
Thursday	**1 John 3. 11-21; John 1. 43-51**
Friday	**1 John 5. 5-13; Mark 1. 4-5, 7-11**
Saturday	**1 John 5. 14-21; John 2. 1-12**
Sunday	**Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12**





Solemnity of Mary
Holy Mother of God

In the reading from Numbers, God gives Moses the blessing that Aaron and his sons are to use in blessing the Israelites. The reading from Galatians reveals how God sent his Son to be born of a woman so that we might all be children of God. In the Gospel, shepherds arrive in Bethlehem after being told by an angel that a Savior has been born. Today, the Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was chosen by God the Father to be the mother of his Son. As Jesus was both fully human and divine, the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God" (CCC 495). So may we join together this day in adoring Mary, who is the Mother of God and our spiritual mother.

Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention for CHRISTIAN UNITY

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



It is a privilege and a blessing to be called as a Eucharistic Minister to serve God's holy people. Our Ministry currently has people, in fellowship with Pearl Whyte our coordinator, serving Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners.

In response to Jesus' call, we endeavor to humbly assist in the celebration of the Eucharist to nourish the bodies and spirits of the people of God. As special Ministers of Communion it is our dignity and responsibility to affirm that the real presence of Christ through the Eucharist is one of faith, hope and love to each member of our community.

Our lives as Eucharistic Ministers are ones of both being and giving the Body of Christ. Our goal is to be keepers of the faith, living the Catholic tradition of the Eucharist with reverence for Jesus and the joy of our faith, loving our neighbours as Jesus loves us.

Holy Communion manifests the support and concern of our community for its members who are not able to be present.

If this ministry sounds like something you would like to be involved in—call the parish office.



If you or someone you know is unable to physically be with our community, please call the parish office for additional information on bringing the Blessed Sacrament to them.

We would love to be of assistance!

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 02 Jan - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen
Rose Moher - Mary Jean Cundari
Theresa Kelly - Mary Marman and Family

Tuesday, 03 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
In Honour of St. Jude - A Parishioner
Zachary Barill - Maureen Marchildon

Wednesday, 04 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Donna Gignac - Bob and Lynne Dufort
Intention of Cecile and Carlton Griffin - Jim and Anne Marie Seguin

Thursday, 05 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
George Renette - Leona Kervin
Vitto Battigaglia - Shirley Valenti

First Friday, 06 January - Weekday in the Christmas Season
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Intention of the Divine Will Prayer Group - Pat Anderson

4:00 PM - Saturday, 07 January - Epiphany of the Lord
Bob Brown - Sharon and Family
Mitch Gagne - A.J. and Kelly MacInnis
Jim Robertson - Art and Elizabeth Appleton

Sunday, 08 January - Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM Ella Mae Markham - The Markham Family
Marty Martinello - Shirley Valenti

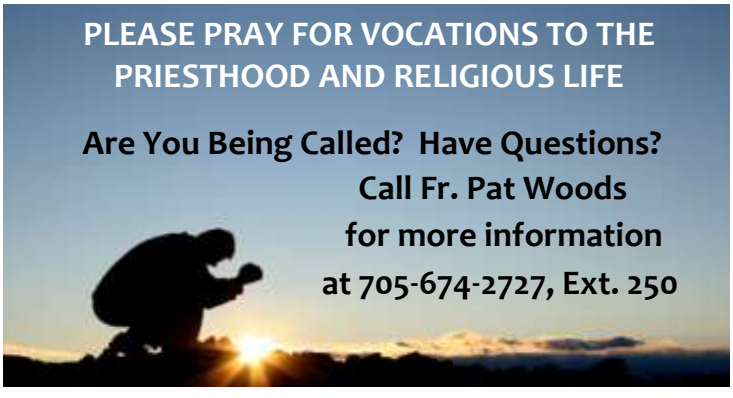
11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ATTENTION CWL SNOWBIRDS!

If you are planning on heading to the "sunny south", have you added payment of your 2016 dues to your checklist of things to do before leaving? The CWL membership year begins January 1st, and dues can now be paid.

Membership envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church and can be returned through Sunday collection. The 2017 membership cost is $25.00. Please make cheques payable to: CWL Pro-Cathedral Council.

Get your membership soon to be entered in the early bird draw for reimbursement of your membership fee!



PRAYER LINE

Do you have prayer requests you would like others to pray for? These requests may be anonymous or in detail. If so, please call Sister Shirley McNamara at 474-3800, Ext. 295 or Lorraine Atchison at 474-0613 and they will gladly pass them on to others who are waiting to receive your requests. If you wish to join a prayer line to pray for intentions, call the above contacts as well.



Catholic Women's League— Pornography Hurts Campaign

First launched in August 2013, the Pornography Hurts Campaign aims to raise awareness about the dangers of pornography among members, the public and members of parliament. Each year, since the campaign was launched, members have "blitzed" elected officials and government officers with postcards provided by the CWL. During the weekend of **January 7 and 8, 2017** members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards at the back of the church to fill out and send to elected officials. Here is how you fill it out for the biggest impact:

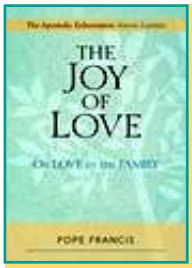
- Ensure your name and return address is on the card in order for the minister (S) to respond to you;
- Ask a question or ask for feedback from the minister (i.e. will you take a stand by helping to ensure that just punishment is given to the perpetrators of this heinous crime to children and women)?
- Mail to Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing-Timiskaming and Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP Justice and Attorney General (Ottawa address provided on back and no postage required!)

Pornography fuels the global sex trade by driving demand into the mainstream of society. Studies show that pornography users often seek to act out what they have viewed in porn. Often their partners will not engage in such acts, so they seek it elsewhere – increasing the demand for trafficked women and children to be prostituted - from www.pornharms.com

Members are encouraged to read "Missing and Murdered the Trafficked" Indigenous women and girls are being exploited by gangs and other predators with little being done to stop it. The Globe investigates - By Tavia Grant Published February 10, 2016 at http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/the-trafficked-sexual-exploitation-is-costing-canadian-women-their-lives/article28700849/

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM. Please call the parish office by Monday, January 9 to register! *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*



Sister Mae Kierans will facilitate a book study on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family"

Maybe you come from a happy family, a healthy family. Or maybe yours is a flawed family, a struggling family, a broken family. Maybe you're scared to get married and have a family. No matter who you are, you are part of a family, and Pope Francis wrote this love letter to you. He addresses all the myriad realities of families today with compassion, hope and encouragement.

Gatherings Each Saturday 10:00 to 11:30 AM ~ Parish Hall

January 21 & 28 and February 4 & 11, 2017

Cost: $10/Person for Book

Already have a book? Join us & let us know you are coming!

Call Parish Office 472-3970 to Register

Four hundred years ago the Vatican condemned Galileo for his endorsement of the Copernican thesis that the earth revolved around the sun rather than the other way round. It was a stellar misjudgement and, ever since, the general perception has been that the Church is anti-science.

Pope Francis in a speech to scientists at the Vatican this week took the scientists' side against the politicians, lamenting the "ease with which well-founded scientific opinion about the state of our planet is disregarded."

The Pope praised the way scientists have highlighted the environmental crisis, which he addressed last year in the first ever papal encyclical on ecology, Laudato si. This represented a shift from a theology that puts humanity above the rest of creation, holding dominion over it, to one which sees all life as treasured parts of God's creation. It reconnected the Church with the simpler, purer Christianity of St. Francis of Assisi, the Pope's namesake, who famously preached the gospel to the birds and flowers.

It has always been unfair to label the Church "anti-science": the Vatican Observatory is one of the oldest astronomical institutions in the world, and a Belgian priest-astronomer, Georges Lemaître, was an early proponent of the Big Bang Theory. An Augustinian friar, Gregor Mendel, pioneered modern genetics and the Church has never taught that there is an intrinsic conflict between Christianity and the theory of evolution.

Christopher Lamb

Aiding Your Church ~ The Message of Stewardship

Stewardship is an attitude of the mind and of the heart. When a person makes a specific commitment of their time, their talent, and their treasure to the church, it is because they see our church as their spiritual home. By making stewardship an integral part of our mission we become a living testament to our faith. 2017 Envelopes are in the church for pickup. Have you given any thought to donating this year through pre-authorized donations, VISA or Mastercard? If you are already using these methods, have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began?

Christmas and New Year's Collections will be Reported Soon
Than you to Everyone for their Generosity!

REGIONAL NEWS

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 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held weekly at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Please come and visit Jesus even for a few minutes. He waits for us. 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.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

Mustard Seed Productions presents "Godspell" at Trinity United Church January 13 & 14 at 7:30 PM and January 15 at 1:30 PM. $10/Adults and $8/Students. Tickets available at Trinity United Church or at the door. For more information call 474-3310.

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake, open all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for more information.

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.

CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities collects clothing for free distribution to those in need. Clothing for men, women, children and infants, shoes, or accessories. Also towels, tea towels and sheet sets. Drop off to Catholic Charities entrance off Algonquin Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:30 AM or weekdays to the Pro-Cathedral Rectory (480 McIntyre Street West.). Items should be clean and in good repair. PLEASE — Due to Space Limitation Seasonal (Fall/Winter) Clothing Only!

Pancake Breakfast at St. Brice's Church Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. All you can eat Pancakes, Sausages, Bacon, Baked Beans, & Fresh Fruit. 12 & over/$10, 5 to 11/$5. Family of 4/$35. Proceeds in support of St. Brice's Syrian Family.

Sisters of St. Joseph (Motherhouse) Presents Taize Prayer: Third Thursday of month (Sept.—June) 7:00—8:00 PM Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. Silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives - join us as we pray for peace in the world.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is $40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. **Spring 2017 Sessions:** 24-25 February, 21-22 April. Register early!

Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children. Volunteers care for our infants, toddlers and preschoolers Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Located at St. Joseph School 570 First Avenue East. Call 472-2152 for more information.

Birthright: Pregnant? Need Help? Call 1-800-550-4900 or visit: www.birthright.org Email: info@birthright.org "We're in this for life!" A free confidential service as an alternative to abortion.

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church: General Meeting fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
Contact: Joe Sinicrope at 497-0604

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 12106 now meet second Tuesday of each month with regular and executive meetings held the same day at the Canadian Forces Base Church (Queen of Peace). Contact: Art Tiernay at 358-1368
We also collect pop cans for charity work. Please drop off you cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.

Knights of Columbus Council #1007 Executive Meeting at 6:30 PM and General Meeting at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month September to June at St. Peter's Church in the Parish Hall. Refreshments served. New or transferring members can contact Mike Joly at 495-1792.



Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital?

Did you know that you can attend mass at the Hospital during your stay?

Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing). And ... Eucharist is distributed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by Ministers of Holy Communion. Let pastoral care know your family member would like to be added to the list for visitation.



Funeral Volunteers - ***We are in dire need of funeral luncheon volunteers.*** Here at the Cathedral we have a wonderful service offered by a group of volunteers. It is a great help to the family of the deceased person, removing the stress of having to feed the friends and family who have come to help them grieve and bury a loved one.

This ministry is open to anyone in the parish, men or women, who would like to help.

Of course there is no way to determine the frequency of working. Sometimes there are two funerals in a week and then you may go for two months without one. You are not obligated to join a team. You can be on the spare list and could be called by any one of the four teams to help. Any way you can help would be welcomed. Please consider joining this very worthwhile group of volunteers. If you wish to be a spare, that's fine too. For further information contact Maudena Farnsworth at 495-2532.