08 January 2017

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

In the first reading, the prophet reminds Israel that God's glory will shine on them. They will be a people to be admired by nations and kings. Saint Paul recounts for the Ephesians that Gentiles are co-heirs and co-partners in the promise of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. The Gospel recounts the Magi's visit to pay homage to the newborn baby Jesus. Today's readings demonstrate the gratuitous nature of God's love for humanity. Recognizing this benevolence, we, along with the Magi, prostrate ourselves and pay homage by offering our supreme gifts – our faith, hope and love – in the service of our generous, loving God.



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

RECTOR
Msgr. Dave Tramontini

ASSISTANT
Rev. Rex Lumine

IN RESIDENCE

Msgr. Normand Clement Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

Rev. A. Man-Son-Hing Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle & St. Elizabeth Temagami

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons	*Diocesan Order of Women*
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi	Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago	Mrs. Norma Milligan
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin	Miss Ruth Godon
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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	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

WEEKLY READINGS
09 ~ 15 JANUARY 2017

Monday	Isaiah 42. 1-4, 6-7; Matthew 3.13-17
Tuesday	Hebrews 2. 5-12; Mark 1. 21-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 2. 14-18; Mark 1. 29-39
Thursday	Hebrews 3. 7-14; Mark 1. 40-45
Friday	**Hebrews 4. 1-5, 11; Mark 2. 1-12**
Saturday	Hebrews 4. 12-16; Mark 2. 13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 49. 3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1. 1-3; John 1. 29-34



Eucharistic Ministers

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!

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.***

Christmas Collection Report
25 December 2016

Christmas Offering	Flowers & Decorations
$17,249.35	$2,145.00

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$5,763.00	$2,435.50

DEC PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS

Sunday Offering	Building Fund
$5,634.00	$1,269.00

Thank you to our amazing parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral this Christmas for their wonderful generosity. New Year's Collections will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 09 January - Baptism of the Lord
Deceased Members of the Cotnam Family - Patricia Anderson
Intention of Sheila Stepaniak - Marlene Pedersen

Tuesday, 10 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Peppino and Adela Paduano - Guiseppina Verrillo
Vitorio Battigaglia - Mary Delfino

Wednesday, 11 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sharon McMechan - Art and Elizabeth Appleton
Intention of Walter Mendoza - Faye Grottoli

Thursday, 12 - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin
Rose Moher - Lloyd and Katherine Voisin
Brian Vrebosch - Maureen Marchildon

Friday, 13 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
For Special Intentions - E. Roy
Deceased Members of the Levesque and Martin Families - Richard Levesque

4:00 PM - Saturday, 14 January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Simon Boulanger - The Family
Oscar Paquette - Philip Paquette
Intention of Jack and Monica Sullivan - Brian Sullivan & Family

Sunday, 15 January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Marty Martinello - Staff, St. Alexander School
Vitorio Battigaglia - Ventura and Marietta Castiglione

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



Christmas Memorial Decorations

With the memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Christmas Season. The Christmas masses were offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received. *The following names were received after December 25th.*

Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.

Emile and Wilma Corbeil
Anita and Eric Campion
John Palangio
Teresa Kelly
Bernice and Al Legris
Corrine and Gerald Keech
Marilyn Desjardins
Earl Dietrich

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.



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.

THIS WEEKEND 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



VIGIL CANDLES

Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

PRO-CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The new executive will be installed at the 11:00 AM Sunday, January 22 Mass.

President	Maudena Farnsworth
Recording Secretary	Mary-Lynn Truchon
Corresponding Secretary	Louise Defonzo
Treasurer	Vicki Doucette
Past President	Diane Carmichael
Communications	Leah Pierce
Christian Family Life	Barb Foubert
Community Life	Elizabeth Delarosbel
Resolutions and Legislation	Dawn-Marie Duffy
Parish Activities	Annette Dutrisac
Membership & Organization/President Elect	Shirlene Condie
Spiritual Development/First Vice-President	Sr. Shannon Hickey

Find Your VOICE!!

Learn public speaking tips in a safe, fun and supportive environment.





Saturday February 18
St. Joseph's Motherhouse
McColgan Room
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Bring a brown bag lunch.

Open to all women! Bring a friend!!

Last issue of Be League – Message from Shari Guinta, National Second Vice-President and Chairperson of Communications: "As mentioned in my communique on November 28, this (December issue) is the last issue of Be League. Please welcome On the Spot! to the League website. Watch for council news and pictures that will be shared in a more immediate way, rather than gathering news for monthly publication.

Happy Blessed New Year from everyone at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Catholic Women's League – we encourage everyone to read Pope Francis' New Year 2017 speech from the Vatican at Vatican.com or watch it on Vatican - YouTube.

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) **- In the year 2016, 28 Catholic pastoral care workers were killed worldwide. For the eighth consecutive year, the place most affected, with an extremely elevated number of pastoral care workers killed is America, 9 in 2016, more than double the number compared to 2015.**

According to information gathered by Agenzia Fides, in 2016 14 priests, 9 religious women, one seminarian, 4 lay people died violently. In America 12 pastoral care workers were killed (9 priests and 3 religious sisters); in Africa 8 pastoral care workers were killed (3 priests, 2 nuns, one seminarian, 2 lay people); in Asia 7 pastoral care workers were killed (1 priest, 4 nuns, 2 lay people); in Europe one priest was killed.

Once again the majority of the pastoral care workers in 2016 were killed in attempted robbery, and in some cases violently attacked, a sign of the climate of moral decline, economic and cultural poverty, which generates violence and disregard for human life. In these situations, the priests, religious sisters and lay people who were killed, were among those who loudly denounced injustice, corruption, poverty, in the name of the Gospel.

As Pope Francis recalled on the feast of the protomartyr St. Stephen, *"the world hates Christians for the same reason it hated Jesus because He brought the light of God and the world prefers the darkness to hide its wicked works".*

The provisional list compiled annually by Agenzia Fides, must therefore be added to the long list of many of whom there may never be news, who in every corner of the world suffer and even pay with their lives for their faith in Christ. Pope Francis often reminds us that *"Today there are Christians who are murdered, tortured, imprisoned, slaughtered because they do not deny Jesus Christ"* ... *"the martyrs of today are more numerous than those of the first centuries".*



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

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.

Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital? Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing Entrance). 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.

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 Clothing Only!

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THIS YEAR

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney gathered a small group of parishioners in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. His purpose was to establish a group of men, united in their faith and to provide for Catholic families in times of need. This was the beginning of the Knights of Columbus.

Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. We are a growing organization - more than 1.9 million members - and for over 130 years have committed to overcome the challenges of the need for food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security, as well as provide aid for widows and orphans in our local communities.

Joining your local council #1007 of the Knights of Columbus can change your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, and grow in your faith.

New or transferring members can contact Mike Joly at 495-1792

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

The Ontario Catholic School Trustee Association (OCSTA) is launching a new campaign to strengthen the support for Catholic Education in Ontario. The campaign is called *Together in Faith*. The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board invites you to learn more about this campaign at www.togetherinfaith.ca and consider signing your name to show your support.

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!

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