26 MARCH 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



At first, Samuel judges by appearances, then he is reminded by God to judge the heart in order to find a worthy candidate to anoint as king. Saint Paul challenges us to live as children of light. In the Gospel, we have a man, blind from birth, move from seeing Jesus as a prophet to seeing Jesus as the Promised One, while the blindness of the Pharisees remains. Observing how a blind person negotiates his or her way through life is inspiring. Observing blindness of heart, however, is troubling. Those who are blind to the truth often stumble through life because of obstacles they place in their own paths. When we seek the truth of the Gospel, we are like the blind man who came to believe in the Son of Man.

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
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk	Mrs. Frances-Clare Fraboni



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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**

READINGS: 27 MARCH ~ 02 APRIL

Monday	2 Samuel 7. 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Luke 2. 41-51
Tuesday	Daniel 3. 25, 34-43; Matthew 18. 21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4. 1, 5-9; Matthew . 17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7. 23-28; Luke 11. 14-23
Friday	Hosea 14. 1-9; Mark 12. 28b-34
Saturday	Isaiah 7. 10-14; 8. 10d; Hebrews 10. 4-10; Luke 1. 26-38
Sunday	1 Samuel 16. 1b, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5. 8-14; John 9. 1-41



News from Development and Peace

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — *Women at the heart of change*.

Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person.
Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/SHARE LENT HUNGER MEAL

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

Friday, April 7 after the 12:05 PM Mass

Solidarity Stations of the Cross in Cathedral at 5:00 PM

Come out and share solidarity with those who try to survive each day without the basic necessities of life.
Voluntary Donations accepted.
~ Proceeds to Development & Peace Share Lent Collection ~

What is a Hunger Meal? ***A "rich-poor" meal of plain fare*** (soup & bun) which raises awareness and solidarity with those around the world who often go without basic necessities. This is an opportunity for all of us to be aware of what others experience in their daily lives. Everyone is invited: Families, single people, married couples, children, grandchildren. Please call Lorraine at 474-0613 if you can help with soup and preparation for the luncheon.

This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – ***Caritas Canada's*** monthly donor program?

A regular donation allows Development and Peace to plan its support for people in the Global South over the long term and reduce its administrative costs. By giving to D & P, you are contributing directly to building a more just world. Your gift will increase the quality of life and human ***dignity of the world's poorest. More information can be*** found online at devp.org/shareyearround.

Solidarity Sunday Next Weekend
See Article Next Page Regarding the Special Collection that will be taken for
Share Lent / Development and Peace

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 27 March - Weekday in Lent
Jeannette Edmunds - Aurel and Susan Boudreau and Family
Peggy Renaud - Steve Aultman and Family

Tuesday, 28 March - Weekday in Lent
Gertrude Souliere - Vivian Molnar
Bill Balfour - Mary-Ellen Balfour



Wednesday, 29 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sam Verrillo - The Family
For Holy Souls in Purgatory - E. Roy

Thursday, 30 March - Weekday in Lent
George Markham - The Markham Family
Marietta Castiglione - Ventura and Family

Friday, 31 March - Weekday in Lent
Betty MacLeod - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro

4:00 PM Saturday, 01 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent
Helen McIsaac - Jack and Maudena Farnsworth
Monica Edwards - Ray Bethune
Intention of Lorna Cameron - John and Carol Rowe

Sunday, 02 April - Fifth Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Theresa Kelly - Rhea and Raymond Belanger
Adele Williams - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Vivian Malouin - Terry and Keith Campbell

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

Development & Peace Prayer



Loving God,
You who created everything that is good;
You who stretch out the heavens like a tent.
You have made us for each other.
You call us from our isolation into one community of love.
Your voice is sure and strong.
We come from many places, and yet we are woven together in Your Spirit.
Together, we hear the cry of the poor, bearing the weight of injustice.
Together, we see the pain of the Earth as her beauty is destroyed.
And together, we hear your voice most clearly: Calling us to join in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in need;
Calling us to commit ourselves, as Ruth to Naomi saying,
"Where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay."
O Lord, stretch the canvas of our hearts that we might make room for the suffering of all humanity, and of all creation.
Today, by your grace, we join our lives to those who labour in the fields – those who are weighed down by injustice and those who work to build the world according to your way.
Lead us in the way of discipleship – the way of love, of faith, of justice, and of peace – the way that has always been yours. Amen

Catholic Women's League

North Bay will be hosting this year's **97th Annual Diocesan Convention** from April 28 to 30 at the Best Western. Members of the council will have their $35 registration fee paid for by the council. For more information please contact Maudena Farnsworth, President, at jfarnsworth64@gmail.com



Also, we are hoping that a lap quilt will be made for the convention. A lap quilt shows "We care for you" and is passed along to those in need. If you have sewing and/or quilting talent please contact Maudena Farnsworth, President, at jfarnsworth64@gmail.com

Diane Carmichael, Past President, responsible for archives, is looking for volunteers who can identify people in the council photos. You ladies who have devoted years to this council would be perfect for this! Please contact Diane at dianecarmichael@hotmail.com



12 hours of prayer for palliative care will be held May 4. "Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer." – Pope Francis - At the November national executive meeting, it was decided to once again call upon this power of prayer through 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2017. This is designed to take place as a powerful lead-in to the National Hospice Palliative Care Week of May 7 to 13, 2017, (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.

Stay tuned for more local details. In the meantime visit www.cwl.ca for more information.

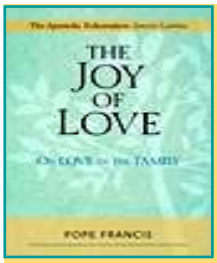
Save the Date for the Women Helping Women Tea & Dessert Fundraiser: On Saturday, May 13th the CWL of the Pro-Cathedral will host the second Women Helping Women Tea & Dessert Fundraiser between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. The doors will open at 1 p.m. Monies raised will help support the Ojibway Women's Lodge, Nipissing Transition House and Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre of Nipissing.

Relay For Life CWL Team – This year's Relay For Life event will be held Friday, June 23rd from 6:00 PM until midnight at the CFB North Bay Athletic Field. If you are interested in joining our Team tentatively named "Inspired by the Spirit" contact Leah Pierce, Team Captain, at warren_pierce@bell.net or at 472-5687. ***If you cannot relay that is ok. Instead, support one of our wonderful team members!***

COLLECTION: 19 MARCH 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,586.30	**$669.00**

MARCH VISA/MC DONATIONS	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$2,535.00	**$461.00**

BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND - CALL TO SIGN UP!



Sister Mae Kierans will facilitate a book study on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love: On Love in the 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 10:00 to 11:30 AM ~ Pro-Cathedral Hall

Saturdays, April 1- 8-22-29, 2017

Cost: $10/Person for Book

Call Parish Office 472-3970 to Register

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST



Several children in our parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers as they journey to the Sacrament.

This weekend the children and parents are being introduced to **Themes two and three—these are the goals**:

- to help the child understand the Mass better: how it unfolds and what objects are used
- to focus on the spiritual attitudes we need to participate fully
- to awaken in the child the desire to prepare well for meeting the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist
- to help the child discover the Bible as the great story of God's love, a story that we continue to live today
- to awaken in the child's heart a love for Scripture to reveal to the child how God's Word speaks to us in the liturgy

The Parish Sacrament Team



Thank you to our custodian Robert Beauchamp and volunteer parishioner, Peter McParland who did an absolutely amazing job last week stripping and waxing the parish hall floor. Many, many hours were spent resurfacing the floor and it looks wonderful. Thank you for all your hard work!!!!!



Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. ***Please, be generous!*** Please use visitor envelopes found in the pews and mark them "SHARE LENT". Make sure to put your name and address on them for income tax purposes.

If you already use parish envelopes—please use your Yellow Good Friday SHARE LENT (Development & Peace) envelope dated April 14, 2017.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES



"Change my heart and help me to follow the way."

Penitential Service - Wednesday, March 29
Holy Name of Jesus Church at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

All Day Individual Confessions
Friday, March 31
Pro-Cathedral 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

10:00—11:00 AM	**Msgr. Dave Tramontini**
11:00—12:00 NOON	**Rev. Raj Arulraj**
12:00 NOON	**MASS**
12:30—2:00 PM	**Rev. Rex Lumine**
2:00—3:00 PM	**Rev. Tony Man-Son-Hing**
3:00—4:00 PM	**Rev. Trevor Scarfone**

REGIONAL NEWS

2nd Annual Feast of St. Francesco da Paola Pasta & Meatball Dinner Saturday, April 1 at 5:15 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Coffee, Tea, Salad, Buns & Dessert too! For tickets call 497-1367. $12/Adults, $6/Children 11 and under, Free/Children under 5 years of age. Take out is available.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating led by Liz Lott! Holy Name Church hosts from 1:00 to 3:30 PM, Sunday, April 2, in the church parish hall. $20/person covers all costs. Recommended for 12 years old and up. Limit of 20 people, please call 494-7869 soon to reserve a spot. Easier egg decorating options will be available for the younger children – FREE! A simple pot luck lunch will follow Mass and precede the egg decorating—optional. Come experience this wonderful ancient art form and start a new Easter tradition!

Mass of Chrism will be held Thursday, April 6 at St. Jerome's Parish in Sault Ste. Marie at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this special Diocesan mass where Bishop Damphousse will concelebrate with his presbyterium and at which the holy chrism is consecrated and the holy oils are blessed.

Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14 begins at St. John's Anglican Church (301 Main St. East) at 5:00 PM and up Main Street to Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish. The youth stop along the way to enact each Station. All are welcome to come and support our youth in this sacred evening by walking with us or joining us at the Cathedral at approximately 6:20 PM for Regional Indoor Way of the Cross.

Divine Mercy Sunday is on 23 April at 3:00 PM at St Peter's Church. Fellowship will follow with a potluck supper. Reminder – begin the Chaplet and 9 day novena on Good Friday.

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Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: 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 more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

Celebrate Spring with a Contemplative Art Retreat Day. Like the Unfolding of a Flower, Experience the Elegance that is YOU! Sunday, April 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Joseph's Motherhouse. Facilitators: Sr. Sharon Miller & Sr. Pauline Guindon. Cost: $75 includes lunch, art supplies & take home project. Limited space (12 to 24 participants) – register soon. Non-refundable reservation fee of $15, balance to be paid on the day. Call 474-3800 ext. 213 to register.



Joshua Sullivan will be leading Praise and Worship beginning at 7:00 PM each Sunday evening during Lent in the Pro-Cathedral. ALL are very welcome and encouraged to attend this uplifting experience!

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

The new North Bay Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre is now open & in full operation. You can receive the following services by dropping in at 323 Algonquin Ave. We are opened week days from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We offer free pregnancy testing, optional counseling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post abortion grief counseling, and community service referrals. All services take place in a home-like atmosphere. Call us at 475-9270 or you can mail us at Box 733, North Bay ON, P1B 8J8

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.

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.

The New Evangelization Summit 2017 is scheduled for May 12 -13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is $25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier lslanthier@gmail.com 705-724-1368

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.

Lenten Mission "The Seven Last Words of Jesus": St. Joseph's Church, Powassan March 26 to March 29 at 7:00 PM. Retreat Master Father John Perdue, Vocations' Director for the Diocese of Peterborough Free-will offering. Father John will also celebrate 9:00 AM mass March 27 to 29. For details call Laurie, 705-724-2118, or Jeannine, 705-724-3424. Everyone is welcome.

March Gladness – Music and Words to Welcome Spring Sunday March 26 at 2:30 PM at Trinity United Church. $15 at the door with The Joy Band, Near North Voices and four local published authors Marca Attema, Steve Pitt, Donna Sinclair and Heather Stemp. Funds support Grandmothers for Africa - everyone Welcome!

April Showers Tea and Bake Sale St. Brice's Anglican Church, April 22 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sandwiches, pickles/veggies, dessert tea and coffee will be served for $5.00. Children under 10/ $2.50. Cardmakers' unique cards also for sale. All welcome.

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.