30 APRIL 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



The first reading from Acts recounts Peter explaining to the crowd that Jesus is the Messiah promised by God, sitting on David's throne. In the second reading, we are reminded that Jesus is the lamb whose *precious blood* has ransomed us from sin. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself to two disciples who were traveling to Emmaus *in the breaking of the bread*. To appreciate who Jesus is in God's plan of salvation, we must look to the Hebrew Scriptures – the written word of God fulfilled by Jesus, the Word of God become flesh. With gratitude and the deepest of appreciation that we have been redeemed by Jesus, the *spotless unblemished lamb*, let us strive to build up the kingdom of God on earth each day by living as faithful disciples of Jesus.

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

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



(705) 472-3970

(705) 494-8222

cathedral@bellnet.ca

procathedral.ca

facebook.com/procathedral

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 THURSDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
FRIDAY	**OFFICE CLOSED**

READINGS: 01 ~ 07 MAY 2017	
Monday	Acts 6. 8-15; John 6. 22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7. 51—8.1a; John 6. 30-35
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 15. 1-8; John 14. 6-14
Thursday	Acts 8. 26-40; John 6. 44-51
Friday	Acts 9. 1-20; John 6. 52-59
Saturday	2 Timothy 1. 13-14; 2. 1-3; John 10. 11-16
Sunday	Acts 2. 14a, 36b-41; 1 Peter 2. 20b-25; John 10. 1-10



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to call the parish office by Monday, May 1. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

PRAYER LINE

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

The prayer line is a group of parishioners who pray for the needs of others. Concerns great and small are presented to the Lord on your behalf. If you have a prayer request or would like to join the group 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.

Are You Using These Envelopes?

We have the following envelope numbers being used for 2017 and we do not know who you are. Please call the parish office as soon as possible to identify that you are the user of the following envelopes:

31, 41, 178, 233, 253,
374, 386, 401, 415, 454

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 01 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Mark Storie - Kathy Storie and Family
For Special Intentions - E. Roy

Tuesday, 02 May - Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop/Doctor
Charles Ethier - Jim and Leona Kotsilidas
In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Wednesday, 03 May - Feast of St. Philip & St. James, Apostles
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Leslie Manary - Doreen Primeau
Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League
Tom Pendergast - Teresa Cotter

Thursday, 04 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
John Santarossa - Guiseppina Verrillo
Eileen Klein - Nadine and Paul Condon

First Friday, 05 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Anna Aduano - The Verrillo Family
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle

4:00 PM Saturday, 06 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Shane Mormand - Don and Lorraine Cappadocia
Leslie Manary - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
Grant McCarthy - Frances Dignan

Sunday, 07 May - Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Ignatius and Josephine Muron - The Family
Shirley Hedican - Mary-Lynn and Dale Hall
Gordon Sexton - Lynn and Bob Dufort

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

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

VATICAN - Pope Francis: *"The Church is Church if she is a Church of martyrs"*



Roma (Agenzia Fides) – "The memory of these heroic, early and recent witnesses confirms us in the awareness that the Church is a Church of martyrs… and martyrs are those who had the grace to confess Jesus until the end, until death. They suffered, they gave their lives, and we receive the blessing of God for their witness". This was said by the Holy Father Francis during a Liturgy of the Word in memory of the New Martyrs of the 20th and 21st centuries, which he presided in the afternoon of Saturday 22 April in the Basilica of St. Bartholomew on the Tiber Island in Rome, looked after by the S. Egidio Community, and which has become a memorial to all New Martyrs, and has the custody of several relics.

The Pope continued: "there are also many hidden martyrs, those men and women who are faithful to the gentle strength of love, to the voice of the Holy Spirit, those who in their daily lives seek to help their brothers and sisters and to love God without reserve." The cause of every persecution, he said, lies in "the hatred of the prince of this world toward those who have been saved and redeemed by Jesus through His death and resurrection. "

Asking himself what is the most urgent need for the Church today, the Holy Father continued: "Martyrs, witnesses, that is, everyday saints of ordinary life, lives lived coherently; but we also need those who have the courage to accept the grace to be witnesses until the end, until death. All these are the living blood of the Church. They are the witnesses who carry forward the Church; those who witness to the fact that Jesus is risen, that Jesus is alive, who witness to Him with coherent lives and with the strength of the Holy Spirit they have received as a gift.".

The Pope concluded "Remembering these witnesses of the faith and praying in this place is a great gift. It is a gift for the Community of Sant'Egidio, for the Church in Rome, for all the Christian communities of this city, and for so many pilgrims.

The living legacy of martyrs today gives us peace and unity. They teach us that with the strength of love, with gentleness, one can fight against arrogance, violence, and war - and that peace can be achieved with patience ".

COLLECTION: 23 April 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,226.75	**$575.65**

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?

The Pro-Cathedral needs everyone to become stewards of the gifts they have been given by God ... whether it is clothes for the poor, food for the hungry, or simply arms outreached to someone who is lonely.

There are several ways in which you may contribute financially to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.

Weekly Contribution Envelopes
Envelopes can be provided to you for your weekly contributions. They are currently available at the back of the church by asking an usher or by calling the parish office. Remember to write your name and address on the first five or six that you use.

Postdated Cheques
You may wish to donate weekly by postdated cheque. Many of our parishioners who are lucky enough to be "snow birds" for the winter months leave postdated cheques for their weekly offerings. Also, for those who are often away in the summer months, this option provides a means to donate even though you may not be able to attend church regularly. Authorization forms are located in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the Cathedral.

VISA / MASTERCARD
Convenient, safe, and reliable, VISA or Mastercard contributions can be made weekly, monthly, or at any time at your convenience. Pick up a form at the entrance to the Cathedral in the pamphlet racks to designate your donations. It's safe, easy, and absolutely free.

ALSO - Talk to your tax professional or financial consultant about how you can donate by making the Pro-Cathedral a recipient of ***securities*** (bonds, mutual funds, etc.); ***life insurance***, ***gift annuities***, ***endowment funds***, ***bequests***, ***real estate***, and ***gifts of retirement plan accumulations***.

If you have never donated, please consider supporting our parish financially **— we need your support.**

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please Register so we can get to know you better.



Parish Directories are Available for Pickup in the Parish Office for anyone who had their individual picture taken for the Parish Photo

Why RCIA?

Our lives are a journey to God until the day when we all join together in our eternal home and worship the Lord face-to-face. You are among friends. As we build community through our RCIA sessions, it becomes clear that we all have times of doubt, fear, and frustration. During RCIA, we come together to look at our lives in light of the Gospel so that we can embrace a fuller discipleship of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

There are many reasons people decide that they are interested in becoming a Catholic. It makes no difference if you have been raised in another denomination, have no church affiliation or experience or even if you were never baptized. You may have started out Catholic but never completed your initiation with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is the process by which we welcome and prepare adults to enter the Catholic faith.

The RCIA process is sensitive to your needs before you make any commitment to the Catholic Church. Below you will find the full process divided into periods for the unbaptized:

- **Period of Inquiry:** What is the Catholic faith all about? Am I called to embrace it? What difference does the gospel of Jesus Christ make in my life? This is a time we look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have. No commitments are made or expected at this time.
- **Period of the Catechumenate:** A time to grow in prayer and mature in faith. Presentations are given on the Catholic faith and then connected to Scripture to see how it impacts our lives.
- **Period of Enlightenment:** Coinciding with the season of Lent, this time is devoted to prayer, a Lenten retreat and final preparation for those who will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.
- **Period of Mystagogy:** The living out of Catholic faith through parish involvement. We explore how to become a real part of parish life at Saint Anne Parish.



As mentioned above, the RCIA is sensitive to your needs. So, the extent and the requirements of the process are adapted for the baptized of other denominations.

Is The Time Right For You?

Why not make the time to come and see how God works in your life. The only regret you may have is that you didn't do it earlier! Call the Parish Office at 472-3970 to see how we can welcome you into the Church.

CALL CANA at 776-2192 for Sacramental Gifts, Cards, Medals and other Religious items you need!

Pope Francis' MAY Prayer Intention

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Near North Palliative Care Network presents their 6th Annual Fund Raiser Concert & Silent Auction on May 5 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church. Tickets are $10/adult; $5/child; 5 & under free. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Mike 495-1792.

Starburst Theatrix presents the Christian Musical, "iAM" – We're living in a world of smartphones, apps, tablets and games, but the same God who spoke to Moses from a burning bush still wants to communicate with us today. Performed by local students, under the direction of Suzanne Charette. Friday, May 5 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall, 7:00 PM (1 hour). All tickets $10 available at the door. Great music and a great message!

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.

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.

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

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

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

20th National March for Life being held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11. North Bay Right to Life is chartering a bus leaving Staples parking lot around 7:00 AM & returns approximately 9:30 PM the same day. Adults $25.00 Students $20.00. Seats must be paid in advance. To book call Jeannine 705- 724-3424. Your attendance can help to restore a culture of life.

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. No need to pre-register. Call Pauline at 724-5964 for more information.

North Bay pregnancy Help & Resource Centre, 323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8. Open weekdays 10:00am – 4:00pm. Tel: 475-9270. Offering free pregnancy testing, optional counselling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post-abortion grief counselling, and community service referrals.

Pancake Breakfast at St. Brice's Church May 13 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. All you can eat Pancakes, Sausages, Bacon, Baked Beans, and Fresh Fruit will be served. 12 years and over $10, ages 5 to 11 $5, under 5 free, and family of 4 $35. All welcome.

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics are held each month in North Bay and blood donations are needed especially during the summer to meet patient needs. Book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 Give the gift of life! **Next Clinic: May 2 & 3** at Clarion Resort ~ Pinewood Park Dr.



Start Saving Your Treasures for the **Men's Club Garage** Sale that will be held

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

No computers, Televisions or Air Conditioners—thank you!

Catholic Education Week April 30—May 5



Visit: www.goodnewsforall.ca to find our more about the themes for this special week and contact your local schools to see what you can do to get involved!

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 all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for information.

L'Arche North Bay Community Walk May 6 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Call 474-0081 or visit: larchenorthbay.ca to support!

Your input welcome for "Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society": A provincial symposium will be held in Fall 2017 bringing members of the Catholic Education Community, French & English for dialogue and discussion. **You are invited to participate in the Thoughtexchange process through an online process and information will be collected until May 21.** All responses are anonymous. When the survey closes, you will be invited to look a second time at emerging themes and prioritize them. The collated results will be discussed in the fall of 2017 at the provincial symposium and will then serve as a guide for the future. Offer your input on-line by logging into: http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv to participate.

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.



HAPPY 3RD WEEK OF EASTER!

