01 OCTOBER 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Ezekiel writes of the choice of each person to turn toward or away from virtue, and toward or away from wickedness. In this way, we choose life or death. Paul's letter to the Philippians encourages us to be united in heart and mind, and to act selflessly. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons — one who is initially disobedient but ultimately chooses obedience to the father, and the other son who claims obedience but does not fulfil the will of the father. Today's readings speak of our freedom to choose obedience or disobedience to God, and of the very real effects of our choices. God's love for us is such that while he desires our union with him, he allows us to respond to his love as we choose.

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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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**

WEEKLY READINGS: 02—08 OCTOBER

Monday	**Exodus 23. 20-23a; Matthew 18. 1-5, 10**
Tuesday	**Zechariah 8. 20-23; Luke 9. 51-56**
Wednesday	**Nehemiah 2. 1-8; Luke 9. 57-62**
Thursday	**Nehemiah 8. 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10. 1-12**
Friday	**Baruch 1. 15-22; Luke 10. 13-16**
Saturday	**Baruch 4. 5-12, 27-29; Luke 10. 17-24**
Sunday	**Isaiah 5. 1-7; Philippians 4. 6-9; Matthew 21. 33-43**

Can You Help?



Thanksgiving Decorations

The Environment Committee would once again like to decorate for is beautiful season! If you and your family would like to contribute we would appreciate if you would place vegetables and/or pieces of fruit in the containers that will be placed at the back of the church shortly.

We will be decorating on Thursday afternoon (October 5th) and will need your donations by Wednesday, October 4.



We would suggest the following fruits or vegetables because they will last longer: Turnips, squash, pumpkins, gourds, zucchini, cucumbers, red and green peppers, potatoes, corn, cabbage, onions, apples, pineapples, grapefruit.

Thank you for helping to decorate for this wonderful season of Thanksgiving!

Life Chain - This Weekend!

You are invited to attend Life Chain together with fellow Christians from more than 30 North Bay and area churches. Spend one hour in peaceful, prayerful, visible support on behalf of the unborn.

Life Chain 2017 will take place on October 1

2:00 to 3:00 PM on Lakeshore Drive.

Signs will be available at our location between Fodor and Charles Street.

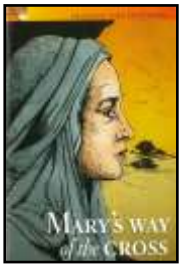


Sr. Mae leads a very timely Book Study at the Pro-Cathedral in October. This work considers the current hunger for spirituality, the crisis of individualism, ecological breakdown, the global divide between rich and poor and new understanding of our expanding universe.

October 10-17-24-31 ~ 1:30 to 3:00 PM

Held in the Parish Hall ~ Register by Calling the Parish Office Cost $20/Book Fee EVERYONE WELCOME!

Based on Albert Nolan's "Jesus Today A Spirituality of Radical Freedom" ~ Book Study with Sr. Mae Kierans



Every Wednesday in October Following 12:05 PM Mass

Each week, as people come together for these special Stations of the Cross we are reminded how carrying our own cross is a reality today. By praying the stations we open our eyes to the grace in our lives and we are moved to recognize those who are being crucified in our society today—by hate, prejudice, illness, poverty, disease, and illiteracy.

Join us each Wednesday in October after the 12:05 PM mass to pray the stations as a way to pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

SPECIAL BOOKLETS ARE PROVIDED
SO EVERYONE CAN EASILY PARTICIPATE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 02 October - Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

Frances-Clare Fraboni - Vivian Molnar
Leona Kervin - Joanne and Victor Sokolowski
Sr. Anne Sartor - Catholic Women's League

Tuesday, 03 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Deceased Relatives of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin
Dorothy Bethune - Marg Ross
Intention of Stuart and Lorenza Thompson

Wednesday, 04 October - Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Shirley Hedican - The Hedican Family
Frank Pulice - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Int. of Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 05 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Lou Gosselin - Maria Gosselin and Family
Geraldine Roveda - Gilles Charron
Paul Karpecki - Mariella Karpecki and Family

First Friday, 06 October - Weekday in Ordinary Time

Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Maria Marinaro - Josie Verrillo
Kathleen and Frank Dignan - The Dignan Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 07 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dorothy Bethune - Larry and Lois Keenan
Intention of Rita and Bruno Azzano - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Leona Kervin - Gwen and Grump Grignon

Sunday, 08 October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Dick Smith - Marthe Smith
Pasquale Marmina - Stefano Marmina
Gene Spilchuk - Shirley Valenti

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

MARRIAGE BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between:

Kevin Michael Connolly, son of Michael Connolly and Shirley (Thompson) and Katina Adele Matheson, daughter of Bernard Matheson and Rosanna (Islam). ♥



CWL October General Meeting Movie Night

Wednesday October 4



**** 6:30 PM ****

Everyone is welcome to watch with us!!
This year's movie is "The Shack"



It runs 132 minutes so reports will be tabled. After a family tragedy, Mack spirals into a crisis of faith, and questions God's existence and life's purpose. Mack is unable to move on, until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, God reveals Himself in the form of three strangers led by Papa. Mack's journey will transform audiences of all ages. **Please join us!**

The Catholic Women's League



Heritage and Hidden Treasures: please contact Wilda Beaupré at lbeaupre4@cogeco.ca or at 497-8124 if you have treasures that need a new home such as jewellery & accessories. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept electronics.

Tea Room: do you know of a teenager that still needs to fill their volunteer hours? Please contact either Gerri Reid at campdavid@cogeco.ca or at 490-0082, or contact Denise Hebert at 495-2030.





On Sunday, October 8 at the 11:00 AM mass, on behalf of the Pro-Cathedral CWL, Diane Carmichael, Past President, will present **John McParland, this year's bursary recipient**, with a cheque in the amount of $400. The members of the Pro-Cathedral CWL wish John many blessings in his future endeavour.

Are you familiar with researching items and their worth and posting items for sale on appropriate websites such as **ebay** and **kijiji**? From time to time we have items donated to the Cathedral and need to research their providence and value, and at times, possibly post such items for sale. If you can help out—call the parish office. Thank you!

COLLECTION: 24 SEPTEMBER 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,446.50	**$875.00**

Visitation Ministry



Personal visitation to our parishioners who can no longer attend church is an intentional direct encounter providing encouragement and assistance in the name of Jesus.

The Cathedral community is reaching out to anyone who can no longer attend mass and would like a personal home-visit to reconnect with our parish. These visits allow for our community to ask "how can we fully serve you and your family? What can we do to validate, comfort, or acknowledge your presence as a continued important part of our community even though you can no longer physically attend church?

Please note that these visits are not counselling services, just an opportunity for a fellow-parishioner to re-connect with you as an ambassador of encouragement and friendship.

If you would like a personal visit from one of our ministers, please call the parish office at 472-3970.



Our program for children aged 4-12 years of age gathers at our 9:00 AM mass each week beginning September 17. Our focus is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God. This Fall — we welcome your children to experience the Celebration of God's Word with us!

Interested in Learning More About the Catholic Church?



The process by which adults come into the Church is known as "the RCIA", which is short for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."

Who is the process for?

1. The unbaptized. The primary focus of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have not been catechized.
2. Baptized but uncatechized. Those who have been baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community but did not receive further catechetical formation or instruction. These typically have also not celebrated Confirmation nor Eucharist.
3. Those seeking full Catholic Communion. These are baptized, practicing Christians from other denominations who seek entry into the Catholic Church.

Call our parish office at 472-3970 for more information.

What's Happening in our Community?

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Women's League Annual Harvest Tea & Bazaar October 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Penny sale, silent auction, knitting, sewing, crafts, bake table, used jewellery and used books. Adults $6; Children $3, under 5 years – free. Come and bring a friend or neighbour.

Holy Name of Jesus Turkey Dinner, on Sunday, October 22. Sittings: 4:30 and 6:00 PM. Adults $15, children (10 and under) $10, and under 5 FREE. Take out is available. For more information call 497-1367.

Catholic Cemeteries: St. Mary's and Holy Cross: All families and cemetery visitors are reminded that all loose or damaged articles are to be removed from grave sites prior to the winter season. This includes any stones, figurines, statues, or other such mementos that are not part of the permanent grave memorial. Any articles remaining after October 15th, including floral tributes, that will interfere with the safe operation of the cemetery during the winter months will be removed by cemetery staff and may be irretrievable. If you have any questions please contact the Cemetery Office: 705-495-8986 or info@nbrcc.ca.

Bishop Marcel Damphousse invites everyone to the ordination of Robert Thibodeau to the Sacred Order of Permanent Deacon on Friday November 10. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Conferral of the Sacrament of Holy Orders will be held at 7:00 PM at St. Gregory's Church in Sault Ste. Marie. All parishioners and friends are welcome. Let us pray for Robert as we welcome him as a new permanent deacon in our Diocese.

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 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish.

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 7 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

Prayers for the New Evangelization ~ Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM in front of the Blessed Sacrament. For information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

Canada Needs Our Lady holds a Public Square Rosary rally in cities across Canada on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon. If anyone is interested in participating please call Suzanne Lukasik at 497-3706. Visit canadaneedsourlsady.org for more information.

Sister Bonnie Chesser will be hosting an evening once a month for single women who would like to share their faith. We will use the book "Cup of our Life" by Sister Joyce Rupp as a basis of prayer and refection. We will gather on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening starting in September. If you are interested contact her at bchesser@cyberbeach.net or call 705-522-5245.

Marriage Preparation Weekend October 27 & 28: Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is $40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Register soon!
Christian Meditation Contemplative Prayer each week beginning September 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 in Holy Family Chapel at Motherhouse. All are welcome.

Community Christmas Day Dinner Planning Committee Volunteers Desperately Needed! Our mission: To create a warm comfortable atmosphere for those who wish to share a Christmas Meal. ***In order for our dinner to go ahead for Christmas 2017 – we need your help.*** Come out to our October 2, 7:00 PM Meeting at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall or call Annette Dutrisac at 495-3584.

Knights of Columbus Meetings

Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church: General Meeting third 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 your 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.



We think we have big plans but God's are so much bigger.

#1 God lets Himself be moved by us. The love of Jesus for us is more real than we think. He's a real, living Person who is moved by our joys and sorrows, victories and sufferings. He thirsts to be in deep, personal relationship with us, and He desires us to be in communion with each other. Upholding each other in trusting prayer unleashes the love of Jesus.

#2 God hears you. There are no unheard prayers. As His children, we have a direct line to God. We are important to Him. Do we believe that? Do we believe that God not only hears us, but takes great delight in us? Believing this gives power to our prayer. We know we never have to be afraid to approach the Lord, because we are His sons and daughters, and He loves us with a tenderness greater than we can imagine.

#3 Prayer is a relationship. Prayer is not a formula, technique, or simply a psychological activity. It goes beyond asking God for the stuff we need, as important as that is. The heart and goal of all prayer is love, because prayer is ultimately a union with the Friend who sees us, knows us, desires to walk with us through life, and loves us more than we could ask or imagine.

#4 Keep it simple. We don't have to try to impress God with fancy language or elaborate monologues. He just wants to be with us, to hear our voice, to come to our heart, to meet our gaze. Prayer is supposed to be as simple and free as an old married couple sitting on the porch at twilight talking about their day, or as a child running into the arms of his mother after a fall, or as friends taking a summer stroll. Prayer is a simple exchange of love between two hearts.

#5 Have the courage to ask. Prayer demands trust- and guts. Sometimes we don't "ask big" because, honestly, we're afraid that we're asking too much or that God won't come through. But here's the scoop: God desires to give us good things- even greater than we ask for! But, respecting our freedom, He wants us to bring the thirst of our heart to the thirst of His Heart. St. Augustine said, "God wills that our desire should be exercised in prayer, that we may be able to receive what He is prepared to give." Jesus is a gentleman; He proposes, but never imposes. It's like He gets down on one knee and offers us eternity, perfect love, joy, abundant life, peace - His Heart. He waits for our "yes" in prayer.

#6 Prayer changes us. Sometimes God answers our prayers by changing the circumstances of our lives. But sometimes He answers our prayers by changing our hearts. A priest once told St. Monica, who was bemoaning her unconverted son: "Speak less to Augustine about God, and more to God about Augustine." Prayer changes the way we see and think: the closer we are to the God who loves us, the more our heart is like His Heart, and the more attuned we are to His ways and plans. Suddenly, we are not just focused on ourselves; but on God's perspective.