17 SEPTEMBER 2017

24th 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, we are reminded that we will be forgiven as we have forgiven others. In the second reading, Saint Paul tells us that we belong to God in both life and death. In the Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to illustrate that our generosity in forgiving those who have wronged us must be lavish if we are to hope for the same consideration from our heavenly Father. Today's Gospel reminds us that God freely and generously pours out his love and forgiveness upon us through our faith in Jesus and the sacraments of the Church. These gifts are given to us, not only for our salvation, but so we may share them with others, and so peace may be built up more fully in the world.

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

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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: 18 ~ 24 SEPTEMBER	
Monday	**1 timothy 2. 1-7; Luke 7. 1-10**
Tuesday	**1 Timothy 3. 1-13; Luke 7. 11-17**
Wednesday	**1 Timothy 3. 14-16; Luke 7. 31-35**
Thursday	**Ephesians 4. 1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9. 9-13**
Friday	**1 Timothy 6. 2c-12; Luke 8. 1-3**
Saturday	**1 Timothy 6. 13-16; Luke 8. 4-15**
Sunday	**Isaiah 55. 6-9; Philippians 1. 20-24, 27; Matthew 20. 1-16**



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, September 19 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, September 18. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

Needs of the Canadian Church in Canada
Next Weekend ~ September 24

BISHOPS' COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The collection taken for Needs of the Church in Canada provides financial support for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops which is crucial in helping Bishops in Canada exercise their pastoral ministries (i.e. evangelization, faith education, ecumenism, social justice, liturgy, theology, the marriage tribunal, etc.) Monies raised are sent to the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, which will use the total amount collected to pay its annual contribution to the CCCB (calculation takes into account the number of Catholics in each diocese of Canada). In addition to contributions, the members of the Church are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We are called as Catholics to engage the culture, to promote all that is true, good, and beautiful in advancing the Kingdom of God. Ultimately, our trust rests in the Lord. Jesus is faithful and trustworthy. Our hope in Him is an anchor that keeps us rooted amidst the changing tides of history. Sometimes we may feel insignificant or that our labour has been for nothing, but everything done in and with the Lord carries eternal consequences. He takes our prayer, our love, our faithfulness seriously and allows us to participate in the salvation of the world.

(Mother Agnes Mary, Sisters of Life)

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend

Our next Food Bank Sunday Collection will be held next weekend. Please be generous in helping with our collection of non-perishable food items for our neighbours in need!



COLLECTION: 10 SEPTEMBER 2017	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,338.50	**$854.50**

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, 18 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Deceased Members of the Cotnam Family - Patricia Anderson
Leona Kervin - Colleen Klein

Tuesday, 19 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Intention of Tony Demarco - Connie Zimbalatte
Intention of Janice Smart - Jeannette and Randy Dominico

Wednesday, 20 September - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest Paul ChongHa-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Bill Lecour - The Famly
Audrey Baillie - Pro-Cathedral Funeral Team
Intention of Lynn Bonany - Franciscan Friends

Thursday, 21 September - St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist
Deceased Relatives of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin
Frances-Clare Fraboni - Katherine Amo

Friday, 22 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Leona Kervin - Thérèse Evans
Katarina and Antonio Miscio - Maria Miscio

4:00 PM Saturday, 23 Sept. - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dirk Scanlan - Georgette Scanlan and Family
Sr. Anne Keenan - Pat and Garry Murphy
Leona Kervin - Eleanor Lunney
In Honour of Saint Padre Pio - Maria Miscio

Sunday, 24 September - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Paul Caranci - Lee-Anne Annette
Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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



Why not volunteer to be a Lector, Cantor, Usher, Minister of the Eucharist, Member of the Choir? Or join the Men's Club, the Knights of Columbus or the Catholic Women's League? Isn't it time?

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. Would this be something you might be interested in helping us out with Call the parish office if you can assist in any way. Thank you!



Registration and Orientation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium

Saturday, September 23 & 30

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

Level I: ages 3 to 5 years

Atrium Orientation Saturday, September 23 & 30 - Parent and Child to attend for 1 hour. Arrive at 9:25 AM. Children will be spending time in the atrium with their catechist. Adult Orientation will be in the hall.



Level II: ages 6 to 12 years

Atrium Orientation Saturday, September 30. Parent need attend only - Level I children will be in the atrium at this time. Arrive at 9:45 am. Adult Orientation will be in the hall with all parents.

Level II children begin Tuesday October 10 after Thanksgiving from 4:15 – 6:00 PM.

Children love to come into the atrium because they have a sense that this is a sacred space for them; where they are encouraged to listen, and use the hands-on materials made to aid them in their relationship with Jesus the Good Shepherd. We can think of a nativity set as a hands-on material that we use to tell the event of Jesus birth. The atrium is filled with many wonder materials that tell us of the life of Jesus and the life of the Church.



The catechist's role is to prepare the environment; present works that call forth the child's response; then step back allowing God and the child to work together.

You can contact Erin at 476-8509 or the parish office at 472-3970. You can also visit our website at procathedral.ca for more information.



Ever thought about being a member of our funeral lunch team?

We offer a luncheon for the bereaved family and their friends following a funeral celebration. Parish volunteers offer hospitality, food preparation, serving and/or clean-up. The setting up of the tables and chairs is completed by our custodian, Robert, so there is no heavy lifting.

Call Maudena soon at 495-2532 if you can help out in this fulfilling ministry or if you ! You can serve at your convenience and availability. Call if you just want more information before making a commitment of your time.

Catholic Women's League News



The Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea will be held Saturday, November 18 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Call any of our conveners if you can help in any way possible:

Co-conveners:		
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Lisa Henry	lidahenry11@gmail.com	495-2532
Treasurer :		
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New items for purchase have arrived at national office: **100-year-pin $10 each or scarf clip $16.50 each.** These items make wonderful gifts, be sure to order yours. Available through the national office order desk 1-888-656-4040

October 4, 6:30 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
General Meeting ~ Movie Night

Everyone is welcome to watch with us!! This year's movie is "The Shack" and 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's journey will transform audiences of all ages.**

Pope Francis September Prayer Intentions

For Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

What's Happening in our Community?

Join **Father Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R., at St Peter's Church for one hour each evening at 7:00 PM Sunday, September 24 to Wednesday, September 27**. Too busy? Heard it all before? You are beyond help because divorced? Remarried? Haven't been to church in years? These are excuses (not reasons) for avoiding the Mission. Weigh them against the generous love of God who wants to speak to you. Father O'Reilly will preach at all Masses next weekend. The Mission concludes Wednesday evening with mass, followed by an opportunity for questions and discussions with coffee in the parish Hall. Father O'Reilly will also celebrate mass on Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 AM. Decide now to attend. No matter what your decision, please pray about the Mission.

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Soup and Sandwich Card Party September 25 at Holy Name Church hall from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. $6.00 person. Contact Roy at 477-4084 or John at 845-1020 to register or for more information..

Life Chain - spend one hour in peaceful, prayerful, visible support on behalf of the unborn on October 1 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Lakeshore Drive. Contact Jeannine for information at 724-3424. Canada has no law to protect the unborn and an abortion can be committed in the 9th month of gestation. Join together to help save lives & change hearts!

Based on Albert Nolan's "Jesus Today A Spirituality of Radical Freedom" Sr. Mae Kierans leads a very timely Book Study at the Pro-Cathedral October 10-17-24-31 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. 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.

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

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!

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

Redeemer Lutheran Church invites all to join them for the dedication of a church bench commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the 150th anniversary of Canada on Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church 725 Ferguson Street at 3:00 PMA brief time of fellowship and goodies will be provided following the commemoration.

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.

Fall Equinox – Friday, September 22, 7:00 PM McColgan Room at Motherhouse – no registration required – everyone welcome. Celebrate the change of seasons with Daniel Currie, musician/singer, song writer and Sr. Sharon Miller whose passion is healing Mother Earth.

Christian Meditation Contemplative Prayer each week beginning September 19 from 1:30 to 2:30 in Holy Family Chapel at Motherhouse. All are welcome.

"Journey of Love and Hope with Pope Francis" A Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Social Justice Weekend is being held Friday evening through Sunday noon, October 20, 21, 22, 2017 at Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, Anderson Lake Rd., Espanola. The retreat will be facilitated by Tony Chezzi, Professor of Religious Studies at University of Sudbury. The weekend will focus on the theology underpinning the papacy of Pope Francis and how this theology is shaping his response to the world. Cost (includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging): Adults $140 ($155 after Oct. 6) Youth (Grade 10 and up) $50 ($55 after Oct. 6). Registration forms are now available at the parish. For further information contact Doreen Merkas at 705-693-0424 or zagorja@sympatico.ca.

Holy Redeemer Church Sudbury offers Mary, Our Blessed Mother Retreat Friday, October 13 & Saturday, October 14. Theme: "Do Whatever She tells You" A Marian Retreat in Honour of Mary with Bishop Marcel Damphousse. Special talks, the rosary, exposition, confession, reflection and video presentation. $25/person includes breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks. Call Terry at 705-523-8613 to register.

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.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Harvest Luncheon and Bake Sale Saturday, September 30 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Everyone welcome - join us for lunch or come and check out the baking!

Grief Support Group Action Program for moving beyond death, divorce and other losses. 8 session program over 4 weeks begins Monday, September 18 meeting Monday and Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:30 PM at St. Andrew's Church. Call Jeff Archambeault, certified grief recovery specialist at 493-9784 for more information.



Mexico 1531: The Aztec's in Mexico were practicing human sacrifice to such a degree that the bishop wrote that if God Himself did not intervene with a miracle, the entire continent would be lost. To this desperate plea, God responded not with military force, but by sending His mother with the transforming power of maternal love. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego, a humble peasant man, leaving her image on his tilma (cloak made of cactus fiber). In the ten years following the apparition, the brutal pagan practices ceased, and over ten million people were baptized and converted to Christ. Her miraculous image hangs in the Basilica in Mexico City and is visited by more than six million pilgrims each year.

The tilma made of cactus fibers should have turned to dust after 20 years. It has remained intact for centuries. The image produced on the tilma can not be replicated; there are no brush strokes, and the pigments have not been identified as it has no animal or mineral elements. Scientific tests have shown that the tilma maintains a continuous temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, the same as that of a living human being.