14 JANUARY 2017

SECOND 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, Samuel does not recognize God calling his name; Eli instructs him to respond, *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul declares the body is to be used, not for sin, but to glorify God as a temple of the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel, Andrew and Simon Peter begin to follow Jesus. Samuel does not recognize God's voice, but he is alert and obedient, listening and ready for action. We hear that he *ran* when called, and another time he *rose*. Eli gives Samuel the correct response: *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*. We live in a world of noise and distraction. ***Are we ready to answer? Can we even hear?***

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.

WEEKLY READINGS: 15 –21 JANUARY	
Monday	1 Samuel 15. 16-23; Mark 2. 18-22
Tuesday	**1 Samuel 16. 1-13; Mark 2. 23-28**
Wednesday	**1 Samuel 17. 32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3. 1-6**
Thursday	1 Samuel 18. 6-9; 18. 1-7; Mark 3. 7-12
Friday	**1 Samuel 24. 2-21; Mark 3. 13-19**
Saturday	2 Sam. 1. 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3.20-21
Sunday	Jonah 3. 1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7. 29-31; Mark 1. 14-20

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK	
MONDAY	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

PC MC

Men's Club Dinner Meeting

The next Men's Club Dinner Meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 17**.

Gathering at 5:30 PM, we will enjoy a wonderful roast beef dinner and discuss how we can be a positive influence on helping to build up our parish community. In the past we have, fund raised, hosted golf tournaments and dinners, gathered food for the food bank, run garage sales and much more!



If you are a gentleman over the age of 18 years, why not come out and see what we are all about ~ we can do good things together!

The Men's Club was formed to foster fraternity and attend to the needs of the Cathedral community.

Congratulations to

Gerry Ermel

On the Occasion of his 90th Birthday!

January 20, 2018



May God, who has given you these years,
of his infinite goodness and mercy
continue to bless you.
With all our love on your special day,
may God bless you!

Join family & friends to celebrate at an Open House
Saturday, 20 January 1-4 PM 553 Sherbrooke Street
BEST WISHES ONLY PLEASE

Sunday Collection - 07 JANUARY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,048.85	**$1,806.00**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 15 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Intention of Lloyd Voisin - Teresa Cotter
Intention of Sheila Stepaniak - Divine Will Prayer Group

Tuesday, 16 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Cliff Dunn - Teresa Cotter and Family
Intention of Rose Joly - Mary-Ellen Balfour

Wednesday, 17 January - Memorial of St. Anthony,Abbot
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Ed Foley - Debbie, Kendall and Andy Mitchell
Henry Andrade - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, 18 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Pat and Rita Masciangelo - Joe & Louise Defonzo & Nicholas, James and Alexandra Rivet

Friday, 19 January - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Yvette Rymes - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Intention of Richard Levesque - Divine Will Prayer Group

4:00 PM Saturday, 20 January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Int. of Matt & Nichole Hummel and Family - Armand and Barb Foubert
Celina White - Staff and Students, Mother St. Bride School
Cliff Dunn - The Celentano Family

Sunday, 21 January - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Nick Plutino - Joe and Louise Defonzo and Family
Cliff Dunn - Carol and George Valin

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

Pope Francis January Prayer Intentions

For Religious Minorities in Asia: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.



NEW PARISHIONER?

Please register so we can get to know you better!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 to 25 January 2018

Celebrated Sunday, 21 January ~ 2:00 PM at St. Brice's Anglican Church with Reception to Follow

Every year, between January 18-25, is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an annual ecumenical celebration. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. Today, we live with divisions even as we yearn for the unity promised and commissioned by Christ. Many Christians now strive to heal these divisions, yet honour our diversity, through ecumenical dialogue, common action, and relationship-building.



The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes from the Caribbean region: "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6). Today, Caribbean Christians of many different traditions see the hand of God active in the ending of enslavement. It is a uniting experience of God's saving action which brings freedom. The Caribbean ecumenical team chose the song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15:1-21)—a song of triumph over oppression—as the motif of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A great big thank you to Msgr. Dave for Blessing our Good Shepherd Atrium. Another big thank you to Suzanne Charette for leading the young people in Liturgy of the Word, and to everyone who came out and pitched in to make our gathering a success.
Epiphany is a wonderful time for us to gather and celebrate our faith traditions and families. Happy New Year!

Congratulations Gavin on the publication of your Easter drawing, 'God is not dead!'
Gavin's drawing was recently published in the annual CGSUSA Journal 2018, with the article titled; *ABC's of Christianity*.



Gavin Collins age 8
Good Shepherd Atrium

The article refers to the Resurrection narrative as an essential Christian message in the life the child because it is received with joy. This picture is a wonderful expression of joy where the mystery of the child meets the mystery of God. This is why Gavin has stated; 'God is not dead!' Joy is at the heart of the relationship.
The article also points out the use of the colour yellow in children's drawings. Yellow represents Light and Joy.

To learn more about the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* or the *Good Shepherd Atrium call Erin at 476-8509 or Suzanne at 845-0160. Or* email: corpuschristi.atrium@gmail.com

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be mailed out in February. If you were using the following envelope numbers in 2017—we don't know who you are and you will not receive an income tax receipt. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to identify yourself. Thank you!

41 178 233 253 386 401 415 454

ALSO! 2018 Envelope Users

We are already receiving 2018 envelopes with no name or address on them. Please call the office!

Envelopes: 37, 142, 198, 216, 253, 330

It is very important that everyone write their name and address on their envelopes for the first 4-6 weeks of this New Year.

Catholic Women's League Membership

Members are reminded to take advantage of the Early Bird draw. Those that pay their annual $25 membership before January 31st have their names entered into a draw for the return of the cost of the membership. The draw will be held at the first General Meeting of the New Year on February 7. Contact Shirlene Condie-McVeigh at 476-2748 for more information on how to get your 2017 Membership. For those who use parish envelopes—please note that you have a CWL Membership Envelope included in your box of envelopes which can be completed and dropped into the collection basket.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

The 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated this weekend on January 14. The theme of Pope Francis' Message is "***Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees***". In his Message, the Holy Father recalls that the solidarity of the Church "must be concretely expressed".

Dear brothers and sisters!

"You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (*Leviticus* 19:34).

Throughout the first years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. This situation is undoubtedly a "sign of the times" which I have tried to interpret, with the help of the Holy Spirit, ever since my visit to Lampedusa on 8 July 2013.



Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (*Mt.* 25:35-43).
The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future. This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return.

This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight, each according to their own abilities.

Pope Francis

For Pope Francis' entire message visit the Vatican website at Vatican.ca and search World Day of Migrants

New Social Committee Formed at the Cathedral

Goal: To provide enjoyable events for Pro-Cathedral parishioners.

Our first event will be a parish breakfast on January 21 after the 9 am &11 am masses. See this weekend's bulletin insert for more details. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Lisa Henry at 493-4164. We need approximately 30-40 volunteers to assist.

A Church Destroyed

Cairo (AsiaNews) - Despite the heavy police presence, the church of al Amir Tadros, in the small village of Kafr at the Wasline, south of Cairo, was attacked and profaned on December 22. After Friday prayers, about 5,000 Muslims came out of the village mosque to encircle the village's only church. In hundreds they invaded it, breaking everything they found on their path: benches, chairs, fans, microphone and speakers, liturgical clothes, crosses and icons, tents, sacred books.

Some fundamentalists had circulated rumors that they were planning a bell tower. This unleashed the wrath of the Muslims, who gathered in front of the building to oppose the decision with force. They attacked the church and the benefactor who had offered the land of the house to the Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate. He and three members of his family were injured and taken to the hospital.

The Copts, as Christians in Egypt are called, are about 10-12% of the Egyptian people and constitute the largest Christian community in the country, and also the oldest in the Middle East. They celebrate the Nativity on two dates: Catholics celebrate December 25 according to the Gregorian calendar, while the Orthodox celebrate January 7, according to the older Julian calendar.

What's Happening in our Community?

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party January 22 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. $6 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

Made for More! Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018. All high school aged youth are invited to participate on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. Register online www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018 or pick up a registration form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain in the New Year. Registration is only $20 for this exciting event presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.

2018 Marriage Preparation Weekends February 9 & 10, April 20 & 21, and Fall October 26-27 (5 PM Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday): 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!

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.

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.

PRAYER LINE

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.

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.

The bitter cold weather is upon us and **the North Bay Warming Centre needs your help** at their new location at 480 Fisher St., Suite 100. Contact Karrie at warmingcentrenbay@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/NorthBayWarmingCentre/ or 495-0508

CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!): A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM at St. Gregory's School Gym, 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.

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

YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others) is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

New Evangelization Summit Kick-off Event 2018 Come and join us Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30-8:30 PM at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 591 Brennan Rd, Sudbury, ON. Welcome, Taizé Chant and Procession, Opening Hymn and Prayer. Guest Speaker: Prayer "The Ultimate Relationship" as preparation for Evangelization; video, small group discussion & more! All are welcome to attend!

Call CANA for Cards, Rosaries, Sacramental Gifts, Books & More! Email Kas or Alana at cana12cana@gmail.com or call 776-2192

The Sons of Jacob Synagogue extends an invitation to come out Tuesday January 23 at 7:30 PM to find out about their restoration project to restore the external face of their building. Gather with their members, their architects and friends and neighbours who wish to support them, to go over the planned renovations. Your presence is most welcome. Coffee and tea will be provided and a Yahrzeit (collective prayers for our departed loved ones) will follow the meeting.