11 FEBRUARY 2018

SIXTH 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, a man with a skin infection is deemed unclean and separated from the community. In Corinthians, Paul tells us to be imitators of Christ, and to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel, Jesus cures a leper, and then tells him not to speak of the healing to anyone. In the same way that leprosy separated people from their communities until they were healed, sin separates us from God until we ask for forgiveness and healing. Let us have the faith of the leper in today's Gospel, and believe in the healing words and touch of Jesus when it is our time to need forgiveness.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS: 12—18 FEBRUARY

Monday	James 1. 1-11; Mark 8. 11-13
Tuesday	**James 1. 12-18; Mark 8. 14-21**
Wednesday	**Joel 2. 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5. 20-6.2; Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-18**
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30. 15-20; Luke 9. 22-25
Friday	**Isaiah 58. 1-9a; Matthew 9. 14-15**
Saturday	Isaiah 58. 9b-14; Luke 5. 27-32
Sunday	Gen. 9. 8-15; 1 Peter 3. 18-22; Mark 1. 12-15

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**

Widows Helping Widow's Group

(We Welcome all Women to Join Us!)

Over 14 women came out at our last gathering! Those who are newly widowed and those who have been widowed for many years are both finding our gatherings very supportive. We are getting to know each other better and are looking to plan some outings soon. Any woman who is widowed and would like to come out to our gatherings is welcome.



This is an informal gathering of Widows to gather for companionship, a laugh or two and to talk about those things on our minds that at different times have an impact on us as widows. ***It is ok to just join us and listen too!*** We meet everyone at their comfort level. Whether we are newly widowed or have been widowed for years, our grief can be isolating even when we have supportive friends and family. Sometimes we need to talk and be understood by others without the burden of explanation, to show our pain and not have to hide it for the sake of others who are grieving too.

Join us on Saturday, February 17 at 11:00 AM in the Lower Sacristy. For a ride or more information, call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.
Don't forget - we are wheelchair accessible.

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRURY 14!



Make this your BEST LENT EVER!

Dynamic Catholic's free email program will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

Sign up at: dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever

Watch Daily Videos: Starting Ash Wednesday (February 14), you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories from Dynamic Catholic team members. **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Pope Francis February Prayer Intentions

Say "No" to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

We have several trees from our Christmas Decorations that we would like to donate to anyone who is interested in having one. Please call the parish office if you would like one. First come, first served!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 12 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Charles Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Victor Sokolowski - Jeannette and Randy Dominico
Domingo Tejada - Lorenza and Stuart Thompson

Tuesday, 13 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu
Mike Rossi - The Family
Ida Bagno - Bonnie Parslow



Wednesday, 14 February - Ash Wednesday
**** NO Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Today**
12:05 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday
5:00 PM Solemn Celebration for Ash Wednesday

Thursday, 15 February - Weekday in Lent
Lea Falzetta - Diane Carmichael
Mass for Benefactors - E. Roy
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 16 February - Weekday in Lent
Grace Boudreau - Sue and Aurel and Family
Virginia Tedesco - Maria Gosselin and Family
Cliff Dunn - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

4:00 PM Saturday, 17 February - First Sunday of Lent
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela Campanaro and Family
Rachelle Rainville - Judy and Robert
Adeline Hill - Brenda Passmore and Family

Sunday, 18 February - First Sunday of Lent
9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan and Family
Arthur Georgeneau - Gerald Georgeneau
Murray Curwin - Norma Curwin and Family

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent

Held in the Cathedral at 5:00 PM



✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝



The following name has been received at the request of donors in memory of our deceased friends and relatives:

RON DEMEIS

We love
because He first loved us!
1 John 4. 19





Pancake & Sausage Supper

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday, 13 February 2018

HELD IN THE PARISH HALL

From 5:00 to 7:00 pm (General Seating)

$7.00/Adults, $4.00/Children Under 12 Years $20.00 / Family

ALL TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

Pancakes & Sausage Coffee/Tea & Juice



Everyone Welcome!

215 million persecuted Christians worldwide

There are more than 215 million persecuted Christians worldwide according to the 2018 World Watch List, Open Doors USA's annual ranking of the 50 worst countries for violence and persecution against Christians.

The report found that one in twelve Christians worldwide is a victim of violent persecution. Open Doors USA cites the spread of radical Islam and increasing religious nationalism as the two major drivers of global Christian persecution.

North Korea tops the list of worst offenders, as it has for the past 16 years. The report estimates that there might be up to 300,000 Christians living clandestinely in North Korea.

Afghanistan comes in a close second in this year's World Watch List ranking. Next come Somalia, Egypt, India, Libya, and Kazakhstan. Pakistani Christians experienced the most documented violence according to the report.

Religious nationalism is the reason for persecution of Christians in India, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan. Organized crime and corruption are the source of persecution in Mexico and Colombia.



Gracious God, Lent begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and enter my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.

Lent & Fasting & Abstinence



We may give up meat or other desirable foods on Fridays during Lent, and especially on Good Friday, the day of Christ's saving death on the cross.

Our abstinence for Catholics 14 years and older (as long as there are no health issues) is another way of sharing in Christ's work of saving the world. We may also substitute other good actions for abstinence. These could include special acts of charity (visiting the sick or aged, helping those in any need, contributing to a work of charity) or other acts of piety (taking part in a service of worship with others, praying with our family, spending some extra time in personal prayer, especially with the scriptures.

Catholic Women's League

Pornography Hurts Campaign has been extended!

Each year since the campaign was launched in August 2013, members have "blitzed" elected officials and government officers with postcards provided by the CWL. Member of the CWL will be handing out postcards at the end of Mass during the weekend of February 10 and 11 so that members of the Pro-Cathedral will be provided with postcards to fill out and send to elected officials. Here is how you fill it out for the biggest impact:



- Ensure your name and return address is on the card in order for the minister (s) to respond to you;
- Ask a question or ask for feedback from the minister (i.e. will you take a stand by helping to ensure that just punishment is given to the perpetrators of this heinous crime to children and women)?
- Mail to Anthony Rota, MP Nipissing — Timiskaming and Jody Wilson-Raybould, MP Justice and Attorney General (Ottawa address provided

Sunday Collection - 04 February	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,359.30	**$797.00**

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.



VIGIL CANDLES

Blessed white candles are available ½ hour before and ½ hour after all masses on the weekend and weekdays. You may enter the Sacristy and ask our Sacristan for your vigil candle. It will be lit and at that time you may place your candle on the stand. An offering of $5 per candle is suggested to help defray costs.

What's Happening in our Community?

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 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.

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

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.

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.



North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie 27th Annual all you can eat Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Lasagna Dinner Sunday, March 4 in Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Two seatings: 4:15 & 5:30 PM. Adults/$12, Children 3-10 years/$5, take-out/$8. For tickets call: Nancy Tremblay 472-6099, Harley 752-4105, Jeannine Lebel 724-3424 or JP Lamarche 476-0953. A silent auction will also be held that night. **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**

Silent Lenten Retreat "The Name of God is Mercy" at Villa Loyola Friday, March 2 7 PM to Sunday, March 4 1:00 PM Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J., cost $230/live-in or $130/ commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or email at loyola@isys.ca. Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey

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. Please book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic February 20 & 21 at Best Western on Lakeshore Drive**

Calling all Women to the Great Canadian Bible Study with the women of First Baptist Church. Topic: Lessons on Mary Magdalene. Saturday, 24 February from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning with breakfast. Free will offering of toonies will support literacy classes for women in Rwanda. Contact Sue Foote at 497-3382 or suzie@foote-ca.com to register – invite your friends!

Sisters of St. Joseph Present:
Lenten Renew Opportunity 3 Consecutive Fridays February 16 , 23 and March 2 McColgan Room St. Joseph's Motherhouse from 1:30---3:30 PM. "Conversion: Following the Call of Christ" Through the inspirational stories of six ordinary Biblical figures, the DVD Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron can help us understand the power of an encounter with Christ and help us recognize where Christ may be calling us personally. Facilitator Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj . Suggested Offering $30:00 for the series. Register by calling 705-474-3800 ext. 213
Christian Meditation: Each Tuesday at 1:30—2:30 pm in Holy Family Chapel. This contemplative prayer is a way to self-knowledge, self-acceptance & awareness of all that God can do in our lives when we allow it.
Taize Prayer: Taze Prayer is held the 3rd Thursday each month, from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The intention of this prayer is for the "Gift of Reconciliation", wherever brokenness exists. This includes song, scripture, and silence. All are welcome.

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.