25 FEBRUARY 2018	PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, Abraham is willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of surrendering his son to the Lord. Saint Paul reminds the Romans that having God with them will allow them to face any challenge. In the Gospel, the disciples realize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law after he is transfigured before them. Today, we hear the familiar passage from Saint Paul when he says, *If God is for us, who can be against us*? Since we have been called by name, by virtue of our baptism, we know that we are God's children; we are his instruments 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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Msgr. Dave Tramontini

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Rev. Rex Lumine

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PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons
Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
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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: 26 FEB - 04 MAR	
Monday	Daniel 9. 3, 4b-10; Luke 6. 36-38
Tuesday	**Isaiah 1. 10, 16-20, 27-28, 31; Mt. 23. 1-12**
Wednesday	**Jeremiah 18. 18-20; Matthew 20. 17-28**
Thursday	Jeremiah 17. 5-10; Luke 16. 19-31
Friday	**Genesis 37. 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28; Matthew 21. 33-43, 45-46**
Saturday	Micah 7. 14-15, 18-20; Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Exodus 20. 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1. 18, 22-25; John 2. 13-25

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

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In last weekend's bulletin we included the Annual Financial Report and our Year End Financial Summary. If you did not see this, they are posted on our website under BULLETINS or you can contact the parish office to have them emailed to you.

The following are excerpts from the Financial Report in which we appealed to parishioners to consider pre-authorized donations to make their financial donations to the Cathedral.

The Parish Finance Committee most sincerely thanks you for your generous support over the past years and your remarkable response to the request for donations to repair the stained glass windows. It is truly extraordinary how loyal and consistent our parish family is in their commitment and dedication to our parish home.

Please continue to assess your giving

The Committee is asking that if you are not already donating on a regular basis, to please consider the following options for contributions as our expenses are constant and require regular monthly cash flow to meet our obligations. If you have been using one of the following methods to contribute, perhaps you may want to re-access the amount of your donation.

Pre-Authorized Giving by Automatic Withdrawal from Bank Account or VISA & MASTERCARD

The committee would again ask our Parishioners to please consider using the pre-authorized gifting program.

Our expenses are constant and require regular monthly cash flow to meet our obligations.

Pre-authorized gifting is extremely helpful, and has grown in 2016 by 18% to 122 individuals. Again this is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Bishop Damphousse, Monsignor Dave, Father Rex we wish to express our gratefulness for your continued commitment to the parish

Your Finance Committee,

Rev. Msgr. Dave Tramontini
Mrs. Vicki Doucette
Mrs. Katie Laporte
Mrs. Christine Dawson-Zimbalatti
Mr. Ted Hargreaves
Mr. Jack Sullivan
Mr. Colin Vezina

In this weekend's bulletin, for your convenience, we have included a copy of the Pre-Authorized donation form for making donations from your bank account and the form to make donations using VISA or Mastercard. We ask you again to consider these methods of donating to your parish.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 26 February - Weekday in Lent
Charles Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Barney Cain - Gary and Anne Marie Westenenk

Tuesday, 27 February - Weekday in Lent
Lillian Sullivan - Ann Sullivan
Margaret Rainville - Terry Rainville



Wednesday, 28 February - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Bill Balfour - Mary Ellen Balfour
Teresa and Frank Piekarski - Trudy, George and Lillian

Thursday, 01 March - Weekday in Lent
Ida Bagno - Jack and Monica Sullivan
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

First Friday, 02 March - Weekday in Lent
Milan Hlusek - Emilia and Michelle
Ida Bagno - Nadine and Paul Condon

4:00 PM Saturday, 03 March - Third Sunday of Lent
Liberato Campanaro - Carmela and Tony Campanaro
Nello Ortepi - Lambert and Angela Ceccanese
Eucharistic Lobo - The Lobo Family

Sunday, 04 March - Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Rev. Mr. Donald Milligan - Norma Milligan & Family
Beatrice Arcand - Shirley Valenti
Bob O'Neill - Joe and Louise Defonzo

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

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FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:00 PM in the Cathedral



IF YOU WANT TO LIFT YOURSELF UP
LIFT UP SOMEONE ELSE!

SHARE LENT 2018



During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence.

In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan's work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. "At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it."

Nayla Tabara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan

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Pro-Cathedral Men's Club

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 2017

Thank you to everyone who donated their time **to make this year's Pancake Supper a success.** The food was delicious as always. Special thank to all our wonderful volunteers and to everyone who attended and supported this event!



We had an excellent turnout and a lot of fun!

The Men's Group of our parish was formed to foster fraternity and attend to the needs of the Cathedral community. It is of interest to those men of the parish who are of post-secondary school age. The club takes on ventures such as renovations and fundraising for specific projects.

FIRST EUCHARIST REGISTRATION

Our second preparation meeting for First Eucharist will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 5:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

To attend this meeting your child should have received his/her Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

This gathering includes a Pizza Dinner! RSVP by Sunday, April 22 kathystorie@icloud.com or call the Parish Office at 472-3970.

If you still have your name tag from First Reconciliation sessions, bring it with you. If not, no worries, we'll get you a new one!

Children who are Celebrating and their Parents/Guardians Should Attend

If not already provided, bring your child's Baptismal Certificate to this meeting even if they were baptized at the Pro-Cathedral.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, MARCH 6 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, March 5. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

elopment and Peace Meeting to discuss Share Lent mpaign and plan for our Hunger Meal will be held at PM in the Lower Sacristy on Tuesday, 27 February. ou are interested in finding out more about Development Peace and would like to get involved or just want to help ur Hunger Meal—feel free to come out to this gathering!

Catholic Women's League

The winner of the free membership is Shannon Kelly, (daughter of Diane Carmichael). Those that paid their annual $25 membership before January 31st had their names entered into a draw for the return of the cost of the membership.

Dates to remember: the next **Executive meeting** will be held on Monday, February 26 at 7:00 PM in the Lower Sacristy.



The next **General meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall – ***the Guest Speaker will be Dennis Chippa, Executive Director of the Gathering Place and North Bay Warming Centre.***



Members of the National, Provincial and Diocesan Legislation CWL networks encourage parishioners to visit www.ssmcwl.ca and watch "The BIG Interview" with Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennett (hover on Executive and scroll down to Legislation to find the video). It is in thanksgiving for this communication vehicle that provides excellent information and insight into the issues of religious freedoms.

Sunday Collection - 18 February	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,850.50	**$806.00**

February Visa/Mastercard Donations	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,655.00	**$1,981.00**

January Pre-Authorized Donations	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$6,353.00	**$994.00**

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: You will 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.



NEXT SUNDAY—JOIN US!

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 be held in conjunction with the dinner If you have small items to donate, please call Nicky at 474-3018 (leave a message) for pick up or drop off items at the Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre during business hours.

What's Happening in our Community?

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party February 26 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.

Development & Peace Hunger Meal Friday, March 16. Join us at our 12:05 Noon Mass at the Pro-Cathedral followed by our meal in solidarity with those who suffer with hunger in the parish hall. A simple fare of soup and a bun will be served. Everyone welcome. Free, however, any donations offered that day at the meal will be submitted to the Share Lent Collection. If you wish a receipt for any donation over $10 please put your offering in an envelope with your name and address on it.

New Evangelization Summit - Friday, April 27th from 7:00—9:30 PM and Saturday, April 28, 8:45 AM-4:30 PM the New Evangelization Summit will be live-streamed from Ottawa to North Bay at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall School. This year's conference will include 6 world class Catholic speakers Sr. Ann Shields, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, George Wiegel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis equipping us with the tools for evangelization and Catholicism in our world today. For information about the Summit, please visit the Ottawa website at www.newevangelization.ca . More information regarding registration will follow soon – for now – book these dates so you don't miss out on this special event!

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. 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.

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.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite young men and women, single or married, ages 16 to 35, to fill in a survey which will assist us in planning programs for faith development. This will require approximately 10 minutes of your time. We thank you in advance for your help.

The Board of Directors for **North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries** announces that Mr. Darren Denomme has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals effective February 26, 2018 and thanks him for his many years of service to our area families. They also announce that Ms. Joanne Griffiths has been appointed to the position of Cemetery Manager for our Catholic Cemeteries, coming to us with knowledge in the government and private sector. Ms. Griffiths can be reached at jgriffiths@nbrcc.ca. All other information for the cemetery remains unchanged.

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.

Lenten Mission: The Lenten Mission at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 120 Memorial Park Drive, Powassan, will be held Sunday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 7, 2018, starting at 7pm every evening. The retreat master is Father Andrew Ayala, IVE, Congregation of the Eternal Word. He is a priest currently serving in the Peterborough Diocese. The theme is "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord". Please mark the dates on your calendar. Tuesday evening, March 6, will include a Lenten Penitential Service, with individual confessions. For more information call Laurie: 705-724-2118. The cost is a goodwill offering.

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

Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital? Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing Entrance). And ... Eucharist is distributed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by ministers of Holy Communion. Let pastoral care know your family member would like to be added to the list for visitation.

As we continue our Lenten journey, Jesus challenges us. Christian discipleship is not about worldly greatness or places of honour, but dying to oneself and service to others. Jesus has come to give his life as a ransom, and anyone who truly seeks to be his disciple must be ready to do likewise.
In whatever our walk of life we must strive for the good of others, even if it means putting aside our own hopes and dreams, and even if it brings persecution and opposition. Staying faithful to the truth of the Gospel, standing strong in the face of rejection and derision, was once the hallmark of a true prophet. Now it is the hallmark of the true Christian believer.