18 MARCH 2018	**PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION**
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	**480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4**

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In today's reading from Jeremiah, the Lord declares a new covenant with his people. The Letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect high priest. In today's Gospel, Jesus approaches his passion. The Lord reaches out once again to his people. God, ever faithful, extends his hand to those who break the covenant. No longer depending on prophets to communicate, under the new covenant each individual will know God's law, his love, his mercy. God's personal invitation calls for a personal response. Will we receive it?

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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Rev. Rex Lumine

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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: 19 - 25 MARCH	
Monday	2 Samuel 7. 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Luke 2. 41-51a
Tuesday	**Numbers 21. 4-9; John 8. 21-30**
Wednesday	**Daniel 3. 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8. 31-42**
Thursday	Genesis 17. 3-9; John 8. 51-59
Friday	**Jeremiah 20. 7, 10-13; John 10. 31-42**
Saturday	Ezekiel 37. 21-28; John 11. 45-57
Sunday	Mark 11. 1-10; Isaiah 50. 4-7; Philippians 2. 6-11; Mark 14. 1– 15. 47

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

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

"Change my heart and help me to follow the way."

Regional Penitential Service - Tuesday, March 20
Holy Name of Jesus Church at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

Regional Penitential Service in French
Wednesday, March 21 ~ St. Vincent de Paul at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

All Day Individual Confessions - Friday, March 23
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

10:00 to 11:00 AM	Fr. Rex Lumine
11:00 to 12:00 NOON	Fr. Raj Arulraj
12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM	Msgr. Dave Tramontini
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Fr. Francis Ezenezi
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Fr. Trevor Scarfone

Prayers of Confession

✞ Gracious God, we confess that we often lose sight of the hope we have in you. Our failures and our self-doubts preoccupy our thoughts and paralyze us from your work. We feel at times intimidated and useless in making a difference in the world. We pray for your forgiveness and we ask for your help so that we might be steadfast and faithful to you. Help us focus on what you have given us in Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✞ Gracious God, you know the difficult paths we tread; you know the challenges we face. Forgive us when we wander away from your guidance. Reclaim us when we seek other gods that lead to our own destruction. Guide us back to you that we may rest in your shelter. Strengthen our resolve that we may face the demons of our lives and courageously resist the temptations that blind us to your love. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

Mass of Chrism
Pro-Cathedral

Thursday, 22 march ~ 7:00 PM

A Diocesan Celebration in which the entire diocese, bishop, priests, deacons and lay faithful gather.



Bishop marcel damphousse will bless the holy oils, and priests and deacons will renew their promises to serve God and his people.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
RECEPTION FOLLOWS IN PARISH HALL

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 19 March - Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Laurine Lalande - Tom and Dianne Wilson
Carol Ann Mantha - The Family
Stephen Zimbalatte - Connie Zimbalatte, Maryanne and Joanne

Tuesday, 20 March - Weekday in Lent
Charles Ethier - Larry and Theresa Ethier
Salvatore Patrizio - Children and Grandchildren
Lou MacInnis - Clifford and Margaret Riopelle



Wednesday, 21 March - Weekday in Lent
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Martin Beauchamp - Lorraine and Don Shago
Frederick Radcliffe - Ann Sullivan
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Thursday, 22 March - Weekday in Lent
NO 12:05 PM MASS TODAY
PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS OF CHRISM AT 7:00 PM

Friday, 23 March - Weekday in Lent
Gordon Sexton - Fred and Vicki Sexton
Terry Dominico - Jeannette and Randy Dominico
Intention of Ali Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

4:00 PM Saturday, 24 March - Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord
Geraldine Lefebvre - Carol Lefebvre and Family
Bruno Boaro - Family Members of Egidio Boaro
Dorothy Bethune - Dan and Judy Alexander

Sunday, 25 March - Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord
9:00 AM Lou Goyette - Laurette Goyette and Family
Int. of Giuseppina Verrillo - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intentions of the Donors and those Remembered in the Pro-Cathedral Memorial Fund

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

Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations

A beautiful way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial flowers and decorations in their memory. Your donation will help decorate the altar and sanctuary during the greatest season of the year ***... the Resurrection!***



Pre-printed white & green envelopes are available for your donation at the entrance to the church. Please fill out the requested information as neat as possible (printing would be best!).

Include your donation and return the envelope to the office or in the weekly collection. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. All donations over $10 are tax deductible.

Remember your loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season!



Development & Peace Share Lent 2018

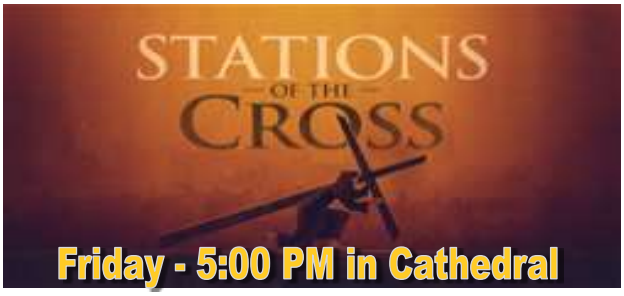
We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

Development and Peace envelopes are in the pews or if you use another envelope, please be sure to mark it clearly "SHARE LENT" and put your name and address on the envelope. Thank you!



INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, APRIL 10 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, April 9. *Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*



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.

Sunday Collection - 11 March	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$5,842.00	**$696.00**

Catholic Women's League

2018 MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE

Ladies, perhaps you do not use the church envelopes for collection and are doing it electronically! This means you would no longer get the pink CWL renewal envelope. Easily missed!! White envelopes for member's dues are on the table behind the pews. Please pick one up and come back. We have definitely missed you and will welcome your return.



Not a member yet? Please consider joining us. Come out for a meeting to see what we are all about. **Our next General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Guest speaker will be our very own *Evelyn Riddell-Gruber who will show a slide show and talk about her experiences with villagers in West Africa.*

2018 Membership cards are coming! As soon as they arrive they will be placed in a black box, also on the table behind the pews.

Thank you for your support for conscience rights for doctors, nurses and other health care professionals in Ontario. Nearly 30,000 letters supporting conscience protection were sent to Members of Provincial Parliament.



Here are the facts:

Bill 84 which is Ontario's assisted suicide legislation has gone to third reading. **Bill 84 has no conscience protections.** The government majority in Committee defeated opposition amendments that would have included them.

The care coordination service referred to in the Bill provides direct patient access. *It does not protect conscience rights as a referral is still required by the policies of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and other Colleges.*

A private member's bill will be introduced in the Ontario legislature by MPP Jeff Yurek on May 18, 2017. This Bill would make participation in assisted suicide voluntary and would overrule the policies of Colleges that force participation by doctors, nurses and other health professionals.
We need you to ask your MPP to support this Bill and to make this vote an open one in the legislature:
Parishioners can visit www.canadiansforconscience.ca, scroll down to: Support Conscience Rights and click on CONTACT NOW and on behalf of the Coalition for HealthCARE & Conscience they can write to their MPPs and tell them to support the private members bill which will be introduced by Conservative MPP Jeff Yurek on May 18.

For the third year in a row, the CWL council of the Pro-Cathedral is forming a **Relay For Life team**, 'Inspired by the Spirit'. This year's Relay event will take place on Friday, June 22 from 6 to 11 PM at the athletic field at CFB North Bay. If you are interested in joining our team or would like more information please Leah Pierce at pn.thebay@gmail.com or at 472-5687. If you cannot relay that is ok. Instead, support one of our wonderful team members! For more information about Relay For Life visit www.relayforlife.ca

THANK YOU..... *Thank you to our parishioners who have responded to our* ***Finance Council's appeal and*** *contacted the parish office to increase your donations.*

Thank you also to all those who signed up to donate using pre-authorized banking or VISA/Mastercard donations.

Electronic gifting is convenient, and ensures regular monthly offerings to help our Cathedral's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing a dependable flow of contributions, which increases the church's overall financial stability.

Why not participate in pre-authorized donations?

Food Bank Sunday ~ Next Weekend



Our next Food Bank Collection will be held NEXT WEEKEND!

Please be generous in helping to stock our shelves for our neighbours in need!

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

New Evangelization Summit - Friday, April 27th from 7:00 - 9:30 PM and Saturday, April 28 from 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. The conference includes 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. Cost of $25 includes lunch and light refreshments. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register online or at their parish office. Make cheques payable to North Bay Regional Parishes.
For information about the Summit visit the Ottawa website at www.newevangelization.ca The site for online registrations for NEW is online at http://nesnorthbay.ca For further inquiries contact Len at lslanthier@gmail.com 492-8311 or your local parish.

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.

Here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYZ57HD

Lent comes providentially, to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. Pope Francis

What's Happening in our Community?

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church, Sunday, April 8 at 3:00 p.m. Fellowship will follow with a potluck to share. Reminder--Begin praying the Chaplet and nine-day Novena starting on Good Friday**.**

3rd Annual Pasta Dinner at Holy Name Church "With a Twist" – Lena's Lasagna & the Trimmings & Sophia's Crepes. April 14 at 5:15 PM. Adults/$15, Kids Under 10/$10, Kids Under 5/Free. Tickets available by calling 497-1367. Take out will be available. Entertainment by the "Singing Godfathers"

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.

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

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.

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.

Sisters of St. Joseph Present:



Spring Equinox: A time of new beginnings on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM in the McColgan Room. Weather permitting—we will roast some marshmallows! Facilitators Daniel Currier and Sister Sharon Miller. No registration needed—small donation appreciated.
"Creation-And God Saw That It Was Good" A six session spiritual awakening program at St. Joseph's Motherhouse that will bring us closer to our ever-more-sacred home, and that we will experience ever more deeply the amazing love which holds us in this caring Universe. Presenters Sr. Noreen Muldoon, csj and Patty Dennis. Suggested Offering $60 for the series. Call 474-3800, ext 309 to register with Sr. Noreen. Begins April 10 and runs consecutive Tuesdays until June 12 from 9:15 to 11:45 AM
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: Taize 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.