24 JUNE 2018

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West North Bay, ON P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the first reading, we hear that God calls and forms his servants from the womb. The reading from Acts speaks of those whom God raised up to do his work, including John the Baptist. This account of the birth of John the Baptist is one special message from God after another. First of all, John's mother was past the usual age of child-bearing. John was an unexpected gift from God. (Remember, the name John means "gift of God".) When Zechariah agreed that, indeed, this child's name was "gift," he could once again speak and bless God. The neighbors certainly got the message, and wondered in awe, "What will this child be?" God's plan for salvation, coming to be through his chosen people who freely say "yes," includes John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus and his ministry.

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.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
Tuesday — Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**OFFICE CLOSED**

Readings: 25 June - 01 July

Monday	2 Kings 17. 5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7. 1-5
Tuesday	2 Kings 19. 9b-11, 14-21, 31-36; Mt. 7.6, 12-14
Wednesday	2 Kings 22. 8-13; 23. 1-3; Matthew 7. 15-20
Thursday	2 Kings 24. 8-17; Matthew 7. 21-29
Friday	Acts 12. 1-11; 2 Timothy 4. 6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16. 13-19
Saturday	Lamentations 2. 2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt. 8. 5-17
Sunday	**Wisdom 1. 13-15; 2. 23-24; 2 Corinthians 8. 7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5. 21-43**



This Sunday, June 24 will be the final Sunday for The Liturgy of the Word for Children. We will begin again September 16th.

Thanks to the many parents for supporting this process by making Liturgy of the Word part of the faith journey of your child.

There are many adults in our Parish who have taken this ministry and been faithful to the call to spread the Good News. I would like to thank, Suzanne Lukasik, Jennifer Rachmann, Jennifer Palangio, Rob Dufort, Annette Dutrisac, Georgie MacIntyre, Carmelina McParland, Maria McParland, Kim Morrissette, Anna Morrow, Louise Cappadocia, Dan Seguin, Mary Lou Smith, Erin Tayler, Cathy Cartwright and Cheryl Clayton as well as two new members this year Linda Lancaster and Patricia McVicars . A special thanks as well to Antoinette McParland who provided the music for each Liturgy, John and Matthew McParland were the cantors encouraging all to respond in song.

Thanks so much to all for taking the time to prepare each Liturgy and reflecting with those present.
God bless each of you.

Darlene Truchon Co-ordinator

GLORY GARDENS!



THANK YOU so much to all our parishioners for their generosity in donating perennials and annuals to our gardens.
Give everything a couple of weeks to settle in and our gardens will be even more beautiful than they are now!
We really appreciate everyone dropping off their many donations over the past weeks.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Please prayerfully consider your gifts and how you are being called to use them. We are in need of Eucharistic ministers for both home and church ministry. This ministry is a very special way to become more active in, and to help nourish our Parish Community. We are meant to give to and receive from one another. Why not give it a try for a few months? There is training and scheduling to meet your needs. Call the parish office if you are interested in this ministry.



MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 25 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Vivian Mallory - Terry and Keith Campbell
Judy Ferguson - Roy and Bunty Swanson

Tuesday, 26 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Stephanie Cosgrove - Catherine Cosgrove
Pat Hastie - Clifford and Margaret Riopelle
Dan Donnelly - Doris Chapman

Wednesday, 27 June - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Dr. Anil Patel - Elizabeth and Mary Louise Delarosbel
Patricia Murphy - Ron and Dorothy Aultman
Intention of Lorenza Thompson - The Divine Will Prayer Group

Thursday, 28 June - Memorial of St. Irenaeus, Bishop/Martyr
Bill Balfour - Mary-Ellen Balfour
Ethel Lynch - Jim and Eileen O'Connor
Msgr. Dave Cresswell - Roy and Bunty Swanson

Friday, 29 June - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Jeanne Hodgins - Vivian Molnar
Intention of Lisa Demarco - Bonnie Parslow

4:00 PM Saturday, 30 June - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Maurice McGuinty - David and Michelle Overholt
Patricia Murphy - Larry and Lois Keenan

Sunday, 01 July - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM David Reid - Jack and Maudena Farnsworth
Marco Plutino - The Plutino Family

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



✝ MEMORIAL FUND ✝

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

PATRICIA MURPHY

Worldwide drop in numbers of priests, seminarians



The number of Catholic priests and seminarians has dropped significantly over the past four years, new Vatican statistics show. The Annuarium, a statistical record made public on June 13, showed a slight decline in the number of world's priests, and a more troubling 3% decline in the number of seminarians. The decline is most visible in Europe and the Americas. Africa is bucking the trend, with a steady rise in the number of priests and in the overall Catholic population.

SUNDAY COLLECTION - 17 JUNE	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,940.00	**$853.00**

✞ **When God sends us to do his work, he first prepares us. He gives us people who care. Whatever name we are called, we too are "gifts of God." When we use our gifts for good today, everyone says, "You are going to do great things in the future." Who are the people who care about you? Do you see yourself as a gift of God? How can you remind yourself that you are? How are you using your gifts? What do you hope to become in the future? How could you be like John and work for God in this world? How could you work for God today?**

You can learn a lot from Jesus by often being in his company.

Habitat for Humanity
Lunch Program at 481 Algonquin Avenue

You may have seen that Habitat for Humanity will be working on the small grey house located at the corner of Jane and Algonquin Avenue, near the lights. The project is expected to be complete by the end of this calendar year.

As a parish, we have been asked if we could contribute by helping them with their lunch program for the volunteers who will be working on site.

Most days, the lunch program would serve 5-6 people *and very occasionally* up to 15 people if they had a special work crew on site (hospital employees, military personnel, etc.) Ideally, they would give one-week notice if there were to be a larger group.

Their volunteer coordinator would "gladly and gratefully accept as many days as you could commit to us: 1 day over the duration of the project, 1 lunch day each week - whatever you feel comfortable donating."

We are asking our parishioners if this program is something you would like to support? Bag lunches can be made in either your home or here at the Cathedral when the hall is available. Simply a sandwich, vegetable, fruit and a desert. May be you own a restaurant and would like to deliver a meal? As a parish, we can provide the supplies and/or also accept donations of food towards making the lunches. We can drop off lunches to the site or they can designate someone to pick up the lunches which should be ready by 11:30 AM. This is a family opportunity to give back too—don't forget—kids can help too!

Is this something you would like to be involved with? Every week? Once a month? Once over the duration of the project?

Call Karen at the Parish Office. She will keep a list of names of who is interested, what commitment people would like to make and then we can gather to best determine how we can

To Jane and the Choir,

Thank you for welcoming me into the choir. I wasn't sure what to expect, but everyone was so nice and made me feel right at home. The highlight of my time in the choir was Easter. I have never experienced the message of Jesus like that before. It was an amazing experience. Thank you so much for letting me be a part of it.

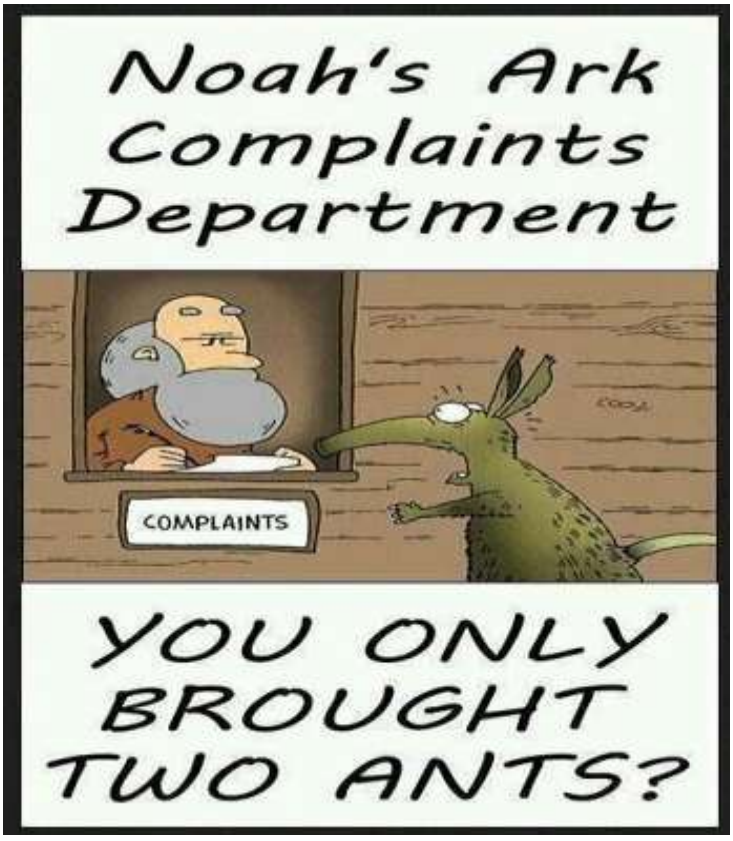
I will miss you all!

Sherri
(Family moving to Ottawa)

Church Cleaning Volunteers



Do you have time to help us out on Friday mornings? Cleaning supplies and coffee supplied! We just need you to help out with some dusting, wiping down woodwork, removing debris from the pews, etc. Call the parish office if you can help out!





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?

Summer Opportunities at the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board is offering a variety of opportunities for students this summer. Bears Hockey camp is running from July 3 - 27 for students in grade 8, 9 and 10 providing students the chance to earn up to one credit in physical education. The Summer Camp Program is running July 3-20, giving grade 7 and 8 students the chance to build their literacy and numeracy skills, in an engaging and interactive way. For details and registration information visit http://www.npsc.ca/programs/continuing-education/summer-school.aspx.

A Retreat for Young Adults: Join other men and women, 18-39 and Sisters of St. Joseph on a pilgrimage to North Bay. Through interactive activities, prayer and fellowship, we'll delve deeper into our living faith. Friday, August 24 to Sunday, August 26 at the Motherhouse on Lake Nipissing and camp on Trout Lake. Cost $150 includes meals, accommodation (single bed cottages) $70 if you do not require accommodation. **Register by July 2nd and cost is only $120!!** Register by contacting Kataryna Ryba at faithconnections@csj-to.ca or 416-467-2645

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.

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.

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.

Marriage Preparation Weekend September 7 & 8 (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!

St. Joseph-Scollard Hall "Class of 1988 Reunion": Teachers and students - you are invited to join us for an evening of sharing memories and good times on August 4 with 6:00 PM gathering followed by dinner at 7:00 PM and dancing to the tunes of the 80's all night! Tickets $50 available at Vic's Shoe Repair or via email: sjsh1988reunion@yahoo.com. Follow us on Facebook at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Bears Graduating Class of '88

Summer Retreat at Villa Loyola "Throughout the years God lives with us" from Sunday August 12 (7pm) to Friday August 17 (1pm) with director Fr. Joseph Schner, S.J. $500 all-inclusive or $300, commuter. Register: Call 705-522-3502 Monday to Friday or email at loyola@isys.ca

Catholic Charities collects clothing for free distribution to those in need. Clothing for men, women, children and infants, shoes, or accessories. Also towels, tea towels and sheet sets. Drop off to Catholic Charities entrance off Algonquin Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:30 AM or weekdays to the Pro-Cathedral Rectory (480 McIntyre Street West.). Items should be clean and in good repair. PLEASE — Due to Space Limitation Seasonal Clothing Only!

Road trip anyone? Masses at Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Sudbury this summer (271 Van Horne Street):
Mass for Canada Day: Father Gérald Lajeunesse will preside to celebrate Canada Day on Monday July 2. Mass at 7 PM preceded by the Rosary at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome!
Mass for the Feast of Saint Anne: Father (to be determined) will celebrate mass at 7 PM preceded by the rosary at 6:30 PM to celebrate the Feast of Saint Anne, the patron saint to the native people, on Thursday July 26. Everyone welcome!
Mass for the Feast of the Assumption: Bishop Marcel Damphousse will preside at a 7:00 PM Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on Wednesday, August 15. Preceded by the Way of the Cross at 6:30 PM. Everyone welcome!

Catholic Charities Food Bank is looking for assistance on either Tuesday mornings for distribution of food from 8:30 to 11:30 AM and/or anyone who can help pickup and carry food into the Food Bank on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Clients from the entire North Bay region are served by this non-denominational service. Their mandate is to provide free food and clothing service to clients in a manner that allows them to have dignity while receiving assistance. Catholic Charities consistently serve 50-100 clients each week. For more information on how you can help, please call Theresa at 476-1515.

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics will now be held every second Wednesday in order to serve clients better! Held 1-2:30 PM and 4-7:30 PM. Please book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic June 27. Held now at The Elks Lodge off Trout Lake Road.**

Kindergarten Information Sessions are happening throughout May and June. Visit npsc.ca/schools and contact your nearest English Catholic school for more information. Register today. Come and see the rich learning opportunities that await your child in one of our caring Catholic schools!

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.

Holy Hockey! The Story of Canada's Flying Fathers (many from our Diocese!) is now available. Beginning in 1964, a group of priests were brought together to play hockey to raise funds for local charities. Enjoy this book of history, photos, and hilarious stories for $25. Email: www.burnstownpublishing.com or call 613-509-1090 to order your copy. All proceeds donated to charity.

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.