30 December 2018

Feast of the Holy Family

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

480 McIntyre Street West - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 2Z4

Welcome to Your Father's House!



Today we hear about the birth of Samuel and how his mother gives thanks in the Temple and dedicates her son to the Lord. John, in his letter, highlights our dignity and destiny – we are God's children now and are commanded to love one another. The Gospel from Luke relates the story of Jesus at the age of twelve remaining in the Temple after his family had departed, and the subsequent worry and searching for him that his parents experienced. By being born into a human family, the eternal Son of God has blessed every family, and so made marriage and family a pathway to holiness and eternal life. In the face of God's ever-flowing generosity, highlighted for us today in the blessing of family life, we become aware of our human shortcomings and our need for God's mercy and love.

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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Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

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Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

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Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

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.



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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 & Tuesday	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Wednesday to Friday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Readings for the Week

Monday	1 John 2. 18-21; John 1. 1-18
Tuesday	Numbers 6. 22-27; Galatians 4. 4-7; Luke 2. 16-21
Wednesday	1 John 2. 22-28; John 1. 19-28
Thursday	1 John 2. 29; 1-6; John 1. 29-34
Friday	1 John 3. 7-10; John 1. 35-42
Saturday	1 John 3. 11-1; John 1. 43-51
Sunday	Isaiah 60. 1-6; Ephesians 3. 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2. 1-12

New Year's Day ~ Monday, 01 January

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:00 AM Mass



January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church. This is the day where we honour Mary in the Octave of Christmas for **saying "yes"to Gabriel at the Annunciation to become** the Mother of Jesus. It is a Day of Obligation in Canada as are all Sundays.

Have you purchased your Living with Christ SUNDAY MISSAL
Limited copies available in the Sacristy for $5



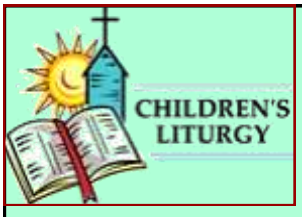
INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

A Baptismal Preparation Meeting will be held in the Lower Sacristy on TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 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, January 14.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

Liturgy Committee Meeting
12:30 PM - 17 January 2019
Lower Sacristy

Collection Reports for Christmas and New Year's will be posted in the 06 January Bulletin



Our program for children aged 4-12 years of age gathers at our 9:00 AM mass each week. Our focus is to incorporate a variety of experiences that appeal to a young child's natural sense of wonder about God.

We welcome your children to experience the Celebration of God's Word with us!!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 31 December - Nativity of the Lord
Gerald Knight - Myrtle and Sam Veraldi

Tuesday, 01 January - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Msgr. Dave Tramontini

Wednesday, 02 January - St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops/Doctors
Intention of Living and Deceased Members - Catholic Women's League

Thursday, 03 January - Weekday in the Octave of the Nativity
Intention of Paul and Mary Lou Smith - Judy and Robert

First Friday, 04 January - Weekday in Octave of Christmas
Intention of Lloyd and Katherine Voisin - Teresa and Frances

4:00 PM Saturday, 05 January - Epiphany of the Lord
Maudena Farnsworth - Sue and Aurele Boudreau

Sunday, 06 January - Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM Sylvia Renette - A Parishioner

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

Reminder: Masses scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday are not verbally announced masses.



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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean," and renews us in Christ.

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (John 20:21-23).

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD IN THE CATHEDRAL
EVERY SATURDAY FROM 3:00 TO 3:45 PM
JUST PRIOR TO THE 4:00 PM MASS.

If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invites you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way too.

World Day of Peace - January 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968. Here is an excerpt from Pope Francis' 2019 message. The full text is available at www.vatican.va by typing World Day of Peace into the search engine.

"Peace be to this house!"

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (*Lk* 10:5-6).



Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house!"

CWL Warmth & Comfort Initiative
SOCK IT TO THE CWL!

SOCK IT TO THE CWL! The CWL theme extending into 2019 remains focused on homelessness. A program called "Warmth and Comfort" has been initiated, where CWL Councils across Ontario have been asked to collect new socks for men, women and children. The goal of this initiative from now until January 2019, is to collect 2,019 pairs of socks! The socks collected will be donated locally to places such as homeless shelters, warming centres, drop in centres, clothing banks, crisis centres, hospital palliative care units, emergency departments and senior homes. Socks may be dropped off in the designated basket at the entrance to the Cathedral. Winter weather has arrived early so please donate now!



The New Executive will be installed on January 27 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Executive Meeting: Monday, 28 January at 7:00 PM in the Lower Sacristy.

General Meeting: Wednesday, 05 February at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall - Join us!!!

Aiding Your Church ~ The Message of Stewardship

Stewardship is an attitude of the mind and of the heart. When a person makes a specific commitment of their time, their talent, and their treasure to the church, it is because they see our church as their spiritual home. By making stewardship an integral part of our mission we become a living testament to our faith.

2019 Envelopes are in the church for pickup. Have you given any thought to donating this year through pre-authorized donations, VISA or Mastercard? If you are already using these methods, have you reviewed your stewardship commitment since you began?

The Pro-Cathedral needs everyone to become stewards of the gifts they have been given by God ... whether it is clothes for the poor, food for the hungry, or simply arms outreached to someone who is lonely.

There are several ways in which you may contribute financially to the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.

Weekly Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes can be provided to you for your weekly contributions. They are currently available at the back of the church by asking an usher or by calling the parish office. Remember to write your name and address on the first five or six that you use.

Postdated Cheques

You may wish to donate weekly by postdated cheque. Many of our parishioners who are lucky enough to be "snow birds" for the winter months leave postdated cheques for their weekly offerings. Also, for those who are often away in the summer months, this option provides a means to donate even though you may not be able to attend church regularly. Authorization forms are located in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the Cathedral.

If you have never donated, please consider supporting our parish financially — we need your support.

VISA / MASTERCARD

Convenient, safe, and reliable, VISA or Mastercard contributions can be made weekly, monthly, or at any time at your convenience. Pick up a form at the entrance to the Cathedral in the pamphlet racks to designate your donations. It's safe, easy, and absolutely free.

ALSO - Talk to your tax professional or financial consultant about how you can donate by making the Pro-Cathedral a recipient of ***securities*** (bonds, mutual funds, etc.); ***life insurance***, ***gift annuities***, ***endowment funds***, ***bequests***, ***real estate***, and ***gifts of retirement plan accumulations***.

REGIONAL EVENTS

Discovering Christ begins Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM – at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. A seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children. A typical session consists of seven weekly sessions and a retreat day. The weekly sessions include four components: a meal, prayer time, a video teaching, and small group discussion. This is a free program and everyone is welcome to attend! Consider this your personal invitation to make 2019 a year to renew your faith! For more information and to register visit our Christ Life website at www.ChristLifeNorthBay.org

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.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Alphonsus in Callander: Every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).
St. Peter the Apostle: First Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited.
Holy Name of Jesus: Tuesday to Friday 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.
Pro-Cathedral: First Friday of the month 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon followed by 12:05 PM mass.
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.

Marriage Preparation Weekend February 8 & 9, May 31 & June 1, October 25-26 (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 payable at time of registration. Limited to 18 couples - register soon!

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party January 28 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. $8 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics held every second Wednesday! 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 dates January 9 & 23 at The Elks Lodge off Trout Lake Road.**

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.

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!

Service of Healing & Prayer, Christ Church Anglican on Greenwood Avenue 3rd Sunday of the Month 7 PM. Next service 20 January. Everyone welcome. Music, traditional and contemporary, scripture and teaching on theme of healing, opportunity for individual prayer.

Spirituality for Seniors. "The spiritual task of aging is embracing the blessings of this time and overcoming the burdens of it." Joan Chittister As we age it becomes more difficult to access spiritual enrichment opportunities, especially in winter and after dark. Would you be interested in being part of a small prayer group of 5-7 other seniors? These would take place once a month in the afternoon, and be held in an apartment building or someone's home. Would you consider hosting such a prayer group in your home or apartment? For further information, contact Sister Phyllis O'Connor, csj at 474-3800- ext 487 or poconnor@csjssm.ca

Sisters of St. Joseph – Motherhouse Present:
Christian Meditation: The last session for 2018 will be on Tuesday, December 11th from 1:30-2:30pm at the Motherhouse. Our first session of Christian Meditation for 2019 will be on Tuesday, January 15th and will continue on a weekly basis. Contemplative prayer is the opening of oneself to the love of the Spirit of God
Taize Prayer: Third Thursday each month 7:00--8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. The silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives, and Peace in the world.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please help keep our records up-to-date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place in the collection.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ P/C: _____ Cell Phone: _____

☐ I am new to the parish and I wish to register

☐ I am unsure if registered, please check

☐ I have recently moved, please update



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