03 MARCH 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!

The writer of Sirach gives examples of how what is good is separated from what is poor, especially in speech. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ has defeated death – it no longer has power over us. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the blind leading the blind to show there is a difference between what is good and what is evil. The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Tribulation and difficulties are sieves in our own lives – and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and actions.

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. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
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	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**
TUESDAY to FRIDAY	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Readings for the Week

Monday	Sirach 17. 24-27; 29; Mark 10. 17-27
Tuesday	Sirach 35. 1-12; Mark 10. 28-31
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	Deuteronomy 2. 4-10; Romans 10. 8-13; Luke 4. 1-13

What's Happening At-A-Glance

Right to Life Dinner	Sunday, 03 March	4:15-6:00 PM
Pancake Supper	Tuesday, 05 March	5:00-7:00 PM
Discovering Christ	Tuesdays	6:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Masses	06 March	12:05 & 5:00 PM
Bible Study	Thursdays	2:00 & 7:00 PM
Truth & Reconciliation	Thursday, 07 March	7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross	Fridays	5:00 PM
TGIF Social	Fridays	10:00 AM
Chili Cook-Off	Friday, 08 March	11:30-1:30 PM
CWL General Meeting	Wednesday, 13 March	7:00 PM
St. Paddy's Day Social	Saturday, 16 March	5:00 PM
D & P Walk & Hunger Meal	Friday, 29 March	12:00 NOON
Healing Mass for Widows	Sunday, 31 March	1:30 PM
Penitential Service	Wednesday, 03 April	7:00 PM
All Day Confessions (At Holy Name of Jesus)	Thursday, 04 April	10 AM-8 PM
Baptism Preparation	Tuesday, 09 April	7:00 PM
Truth & Reconciliation	Thursday, 11 April	7:00 PM
Mass of Chrism—Sudbury	Thursday, 11 April	7:00 PM



Widows Helping Widows

(We Welcome all Women to Join Us!)



Fr. Rex will celebrate a special Healing Mass for all widows on Sunday, March 31 at 1:30 PM in the Cathedral.

If you are a widow who doesn't usually come out **to our gatherings, please feel free to attend this special mass—you would be most welcome!**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 04 March - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Joanna Sokolowski - Connie Zimbalatte
Intention of Annette Dunn - A Parishioner

Tuesday, 05 March - Weekday in Ordinary Time
John Bernie - Jeanne Luesby

Wednesday, 06 March - 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, 07 March - Weekday in Lent
Bishop Eugène Larocque - Roy and Bunty Swanson
George Crichton - The Murphy Family

Friday, 08 March - Weekday in Lent
Pauline Borden - Dawn Marie and Mike Duffy
Margaret Rainville - Terry Rainville and Family

4:00 PM Saturday, 09 March - First Sunday in Lent
Lou MacInnis - Kelli and Family
Joanne Sokolowski - Catholic Women's League

Sunday, 10 March - First Sunday in Lent
9:00 AM Pauline Borden - Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
5:00 PM in the Cathedral



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.

COLLECTION - 24 FEBRUARY	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,503.10	**$1,152.35**

CATHOLIC WOMEN"S LEAGUE

The **General Meeting** will be Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall (one week later). The change is due to Ash Wednesday, falling on our regular meeting day. There will be a brief presentation of the New Strategic Plan. All new members are welcome!

In preparation for World Water Day March 22, 2019 the CWL asks you to consider the following:

- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth
- Turn off the tap while you scrub your hands
- Operate dishwasher and washer only when full
- Fix a leaky faucet
- Shorten the number of minutes for each shower
- Fill a pitcher with water and store in fridge so do not run water to cool
- Do not let the water run continuously to rinse dishes
- If washing dishes, put water in the sink rather than letting the tap run while washing
- Use biodegradable dish soap and then use dishwater for watering plants after competing dishwashing
- Collect rain water and/or melt snow to water plants

For more information visit http://www.worldwaterday.org/

Membership Early Bird Draw!

Ladies! It's time to renew or become a new member with the CWL. Those who paid their $25 membership dues before February 3 will have a chance to win! The prize is your membership free for the year! The draw will be held at the first General meeting of the New Year on March 13. For those who use parish envelopes – please note that you have a CWL membership envelope included in your box of envelopes which can be completed and dropped into the collection basket. For more information on how you can become a CWL member please contact Brenda Passmore, Membership Chairperson, at 474-0447.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our Finance Committee's request to consider using the pre-authorized donation methods. We appreciate everyone who has adopted this means of donations that is important to bring stability to our cash flow.

Again, ***if you are not currently donating*** we would be grateful if you could contribute whatever is within your means to help support the good works of our parish.

2019 Envelopes are in the Church for pickup. Forms for pre-authorized donations from your bank account, VISA or Mastercard are included in this weekend's bulletin, can be found on our website and are also located in the Cathedral entrance pamphlet holders. They can also be emailed to you—just call the parish office.

This Week! CWL Pro-Cathedral Council 100th Anniversary Fundraiser

CHILI COOK-OFF LUNCHEON

It's a Battle of the Bowls on Friday, March 8 in the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Come and sample a variety of Chili and then feast on your favourite!

Cost $9/person includes a bowl of chili, a bun, cookie and a beverage.

Pay at the door or advance tickets available by contacting Shirlene Condie-McVeigh 493-0718, Lisa Henry 493-4164 or Louise Defonzo 494-7474. Everyone welcome!!!

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Please … if anyone has found a pair of black leather gloves with black fur trim on them could they call the parish office or drop them off to the sacristy?

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

On May 4, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada, the US, the UK, and Australia. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. James Mallon, Michael Dopp, Cardinal Gérald Lacroix , Michelle Moran, Fr. Jon Bielawski, and Michele Thompson. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. North Bay is incredibly excited to be a host site for NES. This year, the Summit is **FREE** for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register now at www.newevangelization.ca

Location: **Pro-Cathedral**
When: **Saturday, May 4**
Time: **9:00 AM – 4:30 PM**
Cost: **FREE**

Speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization will provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church.

THIS SUNDAY – MARCH 3 Spaghetti, Meatballs & Lasagna Dinner – All you can eat!

Support Right to Life and join us from 4:15 to 6:00 PM at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall.
Adults/$15, Children 3-10/$5, under 3 free, Takeout $10
Also holding a silent auction.
For tickets: JP 476-0953, Harley 752-4105, Jeannine 724-3424

REGIONAL EVENTS

3-Evening Lenten Mission March 25-27 "From Indifference to Encounter: Why life is meant to be lived for Jesus" with reflections led by Fr. Daniele Muscolino. This mission takes place each evening at 7:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, North Bay. Evenings will include prayer, reflections, music and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone Welcome!!!!

Catholic Women's League Italian Lunch Fundraiser for our 100th Anniversary will be held Friday, April 5 from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM at The Davedi Club, 313 Airport Rd. Tickets are $20 person and available at The Davedi Club or by calling: 493-4164.

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 evenings at Villa Loyola: Lectio Devina Sharing Every evening we read and pray together the Gospel of the upcoming Sunday. Together we explore questions that may arise. What strikes me? What consoles me? We share our experiences and grow towards a better and deeper understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ's message for us. Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 PM March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 at Villa Loyola, Sudbury. Director: Fr. Wim Dombret, S.J. Cost: Free admission/a tax receipt provided for donations of $20 or more To register call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church invites applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Duties include, but are not limited to, secretarial and receptionist services for parish ministries, committees/groups/programs, some daily, weekly, monthly and annual accounting duties such as banking, preparation of annual Financial Reports, T4 slips and T4 summaries, record weekly envelope contributions and issue income tax receipts at year end, etc. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by March 15 to Pastor through the Parish Office. Interviews will take place in April with full-time employment to begin May 6.

Lenten Mission: A Lenten Mission, "Journey with the Canadian Martyrs" will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 120 Memorial Park Drive, Powassan, Sunday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 27, 2019, starting at 7pm every evening. The retreat master is Rev. Steve LeBlanc, S.J. , from the Canadian Martyrs Shrine in Midland, Ontario. The Reliquary of the Martyrs will be exposed in the Church. Individual blessings with the relics of the Canadian Martyrs will be given. Each evening includes a reflection on the self-sacrifice of the Canadian Martyrs weaved into the passion narratives of Jesus Christ. Please mark the dates on your calendar. Everyone welcome. Goodwill Offering. For information contact Laurie at 705-724-2118.

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.

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.

Lenten Retreat Day – "Lent…A Transforming Time!" Saturday, March 9 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM with facilitator Sister Linda MacIsaac, csj. Suggested Offering: $30. Register with Sr. Pauline Guindon, Spiritual Growth Ministry, 474-3800 x213 / email: pguindon@csjssm.ca

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.

Sisters of St. Joseph – Motherhouse Present:
Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 pm at the Motherhouse. 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.



Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes.

Together, we're walking
in solidarity with forced migrants around the world.

Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall—March 29

Development & Peace Hunger Meal & Walk

Everyone Welcome!