16 April 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In Acts, we hear a description of the early Church as a community of deep faith, shared possessions, and continual growth. Saint Peter speaks of the power of faith that endures through adversity. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself twice to his disciples. Thomas would not believe without seeing Jesus. Jesus gives Thomas a great gift when he invites Thomas to touch his wounds. In his wounds, Christ displays his response of mercy to our sinfulness. When we doubt, we can ask the Lord for the grace to touch his wounds through prayer and to receive his mercy for us.

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.

Most Rev. Thomas Dowd, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Rev. Larry Rymes
Pastor of the Pro-Cathedral Parish

PERMANENT MINISTERS

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Albert Falconi
Rev. Mr. Donald Shago
Rev. Mr. Rick Hamelin
Rev. Mr. Gary Westenenk

Diocesan Order of Women

Mrs. Shirley Falconi
Mrs. Norma Milligan
Miss Ruth Godon

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, CR Chaplain, Nipissing-Parry Sound District Schools

Our faith community dates back to 1886 when we were **originally located on Main Street West and called St. Mary's of** the Lake. 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 Sacraments



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: 3:00 to 3:45 PM each Saturday.

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: Each Friday from 11:00 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	
Tuesday—Thursday	**8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**
Friday	**8:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

READINGS: 17—23 APRIL 2023	
Monday	Acts 4. 23-31; John 3. 1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4. 32-37; John 3. 7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5. 17-26; John 3. 16-21
Thursday	Acts 5. 27-33; John 3. 31-36
Friday	Acts 5. 34-42; John 6. 1-15
Saturday	Acts 6. 1-7; John 6. 16-21
Sunday	Acts 2. 14, 22b-28; 1 Peter 1. 17-21; Luke 24. 13-35

Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 18 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 17.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.

EASTER MEMORIAL Decorations

With the Memorial donations received, we were able to decorate the church for the Easter Season. The Easter Sunday Masses were offered in remembrance of all those whose names were received. The following names are in addition to the names published in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. *Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers.*

Mr. and Mrs. W. St. Louis Pauline St. Louis
Lucille Desormeau
Katie & Lorne Brownson Donald Cameron

Weekly Collection Report
EASTER WEEKEND & GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTIONS

Sunday Collection	Building Fund
$3,293.00	$963.00

Holy Land Collection	Flower Collection
$1,144.00	$1,175.00

Share Lent	Easter Collection
$4,164.50	$3,563.50

Thank you all of our Pro-Cathedral parishioners and Easter visitors for their generosity!

ROOF CAMPAIGN WEEKLY REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance April 2 $94,027.26

Week Ending Sunday, April 9

35 Tax Receipted Donations	$ 639.85
Roof Loose	$ 743.75
Orchard Gift Card Profits	$ 100.00
Total:	**$ 1,483.60**

50/50 Draws

March $924.48 **Total:** **$ 3,532.13**

Roof Campaign Balance April 9 $96,435.34

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 17 April - Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 18 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Ernie Hedican - Mary-Lynn, Dale, Tom and Nancy Ann
Emile Lamothe - Armand and Barb
For a Special Intention - Margaret Ashcroft

Wednesday, 19 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Serafim Carreiro - The Carreiro Family
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo

Thursday, 20 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Maria Miscio - The MacIntyre Family
Ron Sutcliffe - The Sutcliffe Family

Friday, 21 April - Weekday in the Season of Easter
For the Godchildren of Fleurette Ranger
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner
Intention of Ray and Marlene Walter - Richard Levesque

4:00 PM Saturday, 22 April - Third Sunday of Easter
Aurele Boudreau - George and Marie Boudreau
Ken Selin - Karen Beaulieu
In Thanksgiving - Carol and John Rowe

Sunday, 23 April - Third Sunday of Easter
9:00 AM Sam and Lillian Veraldi - Myrtle Veraldi
Dianne Wilson - Mary Lou Smith
Leonardo Miscio - The Children

11:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners - Rev. Larry Rymes



This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, a charity in North Bay under Licence #RAF1286202

PURCHASE YOUR APRIL DRAW TICKET BY VISITING

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

Tickets Amount
1 for $5, 4 for $10, 20 for $20, 100 for $50

These draws are run through a government-approved website called rafflebox. Draws will be held monthly and your regular purchase of tickets will help our Roof Campaign as 100% of our profits will go to this fund. *All purchases must be made on the secure rafflebox website with a credit card and the purchaser must reside in Ontario.*

Catholic Women's League News



On behalf of The Catholic Women's League of the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption I extend to all, the blessings of a joyful Easter Season! In the world where God's spirit is sprouting seeds of new beginnings, may we continue to seek the ways and means of service to God and others, in his name, that all may know the blessings that Easter brings. Amen

Annette Dutrisac, CWL President

Special Gathering at the Motherhouse, April 5



Mother Nature it seems, had plans of her own on this date, in sending down a day of sleet , snow and in some cases, white outs, causing the necessity of cancelling the gathering. To all the ladies who indicated their intentions to attend this gathering, we are so disappointed that we could not gather. Your executive had a great day planned. Attempts are being made to reschedule, this special event in the near future, hopefully in the fall. Details will follow as plans are made.

Special Devotion to Our Lady on May 3



To officially welcome Spring and in honour of Our Lady, a special celebration has been planned for May 3 in the Cathedral.

Gather with us at 7:00 PM for this celebration and stay for our reception that follows in the Parish Hall.

We extend a warm Welcome to ALL to join us!

Attention All Parishioners and CWL Members!

Our Convention is coming soon!



At past conventions all attendees would receive a "Welcome Kit or Delegate's Bag" that might contain items such as a package of tissues, a pen, a notepad, promotion material, a bookmark, etc. Often many of the items were just left at the hotel. **This year, our CWL Councils are asking for donations of hygiene items that will be brought to the convention and donated to Inner City Home Sudbury,** which was established in 1986, and provides emergency food bank services to approximately 1,200 households a month.

A designated box has been placed at the back of the church to collect these articles over the next three weekends. Suggested hygiene items include brushes, combs, hair ties, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, conditioner, hand/body cream, and razors. Please help our Pro-Cathedral Council collect an impressive amount of these products to donate to our host city.

Thank you for any donations you can provide!

Catholic Women's League

CWL NATIONAL BURSARY FUND

Have you been thinking of expanding your knowledge of the Catholic faith? The National Bursary Fund (available to all members) assists women with the cost of furthering their education. The fund may be applied to various educational opportunities on spiritual growth, adult lay formation, youth ministry, parliamentary procedure, literacy tutoring and ministry to patients in palliative care or shut-ins. The maximum award is $1,000 per year per applicant, and a member can receive up to $4,000 in her lifetime.



Applications to the National Bursary Fund (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) ***must be submitted to national office and post-marked by May 15th and completed on the official form (use this link):***

https://cwl.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/552-National-Bursary-Application-Form-2021.pdf

CWL Pro-Cathedral Council Bursary

Two (2) Bursary Awards in the amount of $400 will be available to 2 students entering post-secondary education in September 2023.

Bursary Criteria: Applicants must be first year daughters or sons of members of the Pro-Cathedral Catholic Women's League who are in good standing. Where the mother is deceased, consideration will be given to grand-daughters/sons of a member in good standing.

For a full list of criteria, the application and delivery instructions, visit: procathedral.ca/GROUPS/Catholic Women's League. Applications are also available at local high schools and at the parish office.



Presentation of the bursaries will be made on Thanksgiving Sunday in the Pro-Cathedral at one of the Sunday Liturgies.

Application Deadline is 4:00pm on June 2, 2023

For more information contact Education and Health Chairperson: 471-5096 or dianecarmichael@hotmail.ca

The Ontario Provincial Council Education & Health Standing Committee presents, as part of National Hospice Palliative Care Week (May 7-13) ~ The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

HORIZONS OF HOPE ~ Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care

To assist caregivers and family members facing a terminal illness to understand palliative care from a theological, ethical, and medical perspective. Everyone is welcome to attend this ZOOM presentation on May 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Contact Shaila D'Souza at shailaflavy@gmail to register by May 7.

Go Make a Difference—Catholic and Living it!



THIS SUNDAY - APRIL 16

St. Peter's Church will host the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday at 3:00 PM followed by a potluck with cake and refreshments. Please bring your goodies to the Church hall before the Celebration.

Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the 8th day of Easter, the Sunday after Easter Sunday and celebrates the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. This feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2020, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. Christ's Divine Mercy is the love that He has for mankind, despite our sins that separate us from Him.



In today's first reading, we hear reports of the lives of the first disciples soon after Pentecost: communal living, breaking bread together, prayer, selling of their property and possessions and redistributing among themselves according to individual needs. To our ears today, this idyllic community living seems almost incredible. Yet these first disciples were infused with the Holy Spirit, who enabled them to proclaim the Gospel and think of others before themselves. As Christ's disciples today, how are we behaving toward one another? If we truly are among those who have not seen and yet believe, let's act in full confidence. As we heard in the second reading, our faith is "more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire." We certainly aren't perfect, and our faith at times can be sorely tested, and yet this is our call: to share this faith by doing good works in Christ's name to make disciples and build the kingdom of God.

FARQUHAR'S Orchards
FRESH FOOD MARKET

$25 Gift Cards Available at the Parish Office

* Great Gift Idea *

Purchases Support the Roof Campaign

I would like to warmly invite you to my *ordination* to priesthood at Canadian Forces Base North Bay (Queen of Peace Chapel)
Bishop Scott McCaig CC, Military Ordinariate, Celebrant
Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 AM

If you cannot attend, your prayers are appreciated.
If attending in-person, please rsvp for refreshment numbers

In Christ,

Captain Henry Hoy, 22 Wing Chaplain

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Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School board upcoming PIC Speaker Session on Monday, April 17 titled: ***What I Have Learned From Kids!* with Trish Tessier, MA, RP.** The session will focus on supporting self-regulation, resiliency and positive mental health in children and adolescents. SJ-SH Bishop Carter Auditorium, beginning at **6:00 pm** For registration, visit: npsc.ca

St. Joseph's Church—Powassan Euchre Tournament Fundraiser: Join us for a fun day of cards while supporting the church restoration. A light luncheon is provided and there are prizes to be won. Located at 250 Clark Street, Saturday April 22. From 10am - 2pm, $20/person

North Bay Pregnancy Help Resource Center presents A Night to Give Hope—Dinner Gala Fundraiser. Friday, May 12—Davedi Club. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30 PM. Three-course meal. Reserve tickets: nbphrc@hotmail.com or 475-9270 $50/Ticket

North Bay Right to Life / Pro-Vie has chartered a bus to attend the Annual March For Life in Ottawa on Parliament Hill on May 11. The bus leaves Staples parking lot at 7:00am & returns before 9:00pm. Adults $30.00 Students $10.00. Everyone must register & pay in advance by calling Jeannine 724-3424 or Tom 471-6355.

North Bay Right to Life Collects returnable bottles and cans—drop off at 1498 Pinegrove Crescent under the carport. Thank you!

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. ***We need adorers—can you help?*** Please call Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

Good Samaritan Corner



The Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay recognize that the homeless have urgent needs.

Backpacks of Love Campaign

The drop off day is Saturday, May 6, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Pro-Cathedral garages (corner of Plouffe & McIntyre Street). For more information contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687.

New item donations include: Sturdy backpack or duffle bag, silver emergency blanket, tarp, small hairbrush (not combs), toilet paper, towelettes/wipes, lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, sunscreen (cream only), insect repellent (cream only), sun hats/ball caps, rain poncho, 6 pk of socks – light & heavy, reusable water bottle, deodorant, travel size shampoo, conditioner, and body wash.

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted by cash or e-transfer at email address: CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com

Spring is here! Spring cleaning may be on your to-do list. If so, instead of sending gently used clothes, blankets, towels, and sheets to the landfill, drop them off at Rebuilt Resources (1356 Regina St). They provide vouchers to our brothers and sisters who transition from shelters to affordable housing. For more information visit https://rebuiltresources.com/
or call them at 497-7878.

For more information about the Compassionate Committee for the Homeless in North Bay visit https://www.facebook.com/compassionatecommitteeofnorthbay or contact Leah Pierce at 472-5687 or at CompassionNorthBay@gmail.com