14 MAY 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRO-CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

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

Welcome to Your Father's House!



In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Philip goes to Samaria, proclaiming Jesus and working signs. Peter and John go there to lay hands on the newly baptized. In the second reading, Peter urges proper Christian conduct in imitation of Christ. In Jesus' farewell discourse, he promises to give the Spirit and to return soon. The disciples must keep his commandments. All three readings today mention the reception and action of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation in the Spirit completes Christian initiation in Samaria. Jesus, the model of Christian behavior, was brought to risen life in the Spirit. He bestows the Spirit of Truth on those who keep his commandments. As we approach the Eucharist, let us thank God for his gracious gift.

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

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

READINGS: 15-21 MAY 2023

Monday	Acts 16. 11-15; John 15. 26-16.4a
Tuesday	Acts 16. 22-34; John 16. 5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17. 15, 22—18.1; John 16. 12-15
Thursday	Acts 18. 1-8; John 16. 16-20
Friday	Acts 18. 9-18; John 16. 20-23a
Saturday	Acts 18. 23-28; John 16. 23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1. 1-11; Ephesians 1. 17-23; Matthew 28. 16-20

Security at the Pro-Cathedral

We need everyone's help to ensure that our building is safely locked up. Here are a few things you can do:

⇒ Last out? Double-check doors are pushed closed after leaving so they latch. Try them. Sometimes they stick on the threshold and don't close properly.

⇒ If you are inside and have locked the Upper Sacristy door, or outside when leaving, push on it to ensure it has latched properly.

⇒ Double-check after using your fob that the door is latched and locked.

⇒ Ensure that windows that have been opened during any gathering are shut and locked before leaving.

Thank you everyone for your usual cooperation!



Sunday Collection: 07 May	
Sunday Offering	**Building Fund**
$4,383.50	**$566.00**

ROOF CAMPAIGN WEEKLY REPORT

Roof Campaign Balance April 30		**$107,216.28**
Week Ending Sunday, May 7		
34 Tax Receipted Donations		$ 866.95
Roof Loose		$ 261.85
Orchard Gift Card Sales		
11 Cards X $5.00 Profit		$ 55.00
Profit to 07 May	**Total:**	**$ 1,858.60**
Roof Campaign Balance May 7		**$108,400.08**

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses are Held at 12:05 PM

Monday, 15 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
No Celebration on Mondays

Tuesday, 16 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Addie and Laura Schiavo - Arthur and Lucille Schiavo
Michael Keenan - Suzanne Lukasik

Wednesday, 17 May - Weekday in the Easter Season
Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Barbara Belisle - Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Jeannette Dominico - Catholic Women's League
Mary Miscio - Maria Miscio and Family

Thursday, 18 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Linda Jamieson - Peter and Family
Members of the Defonzo Family - Joe and Louise Defonzo
Intention of Kristy and Nicholas Beaulieu - Karen Beaulieu

Friday, 19 May - Weekday in the Season of Easter
Lloyd Voisin - Katherine Voisin and Family
Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Parishioner

4:00 PM Saturday, 20 May - The Ascension of the Lord
Giuseppe Tedesco - Maria Gosselin
Michael Keenan - Marg and Gene Mullan

Sunday, 21 May - The Ascension of the Lord
9:00 AM Pauline Parks - The Family
Helen and Tom Deacon - Mary Ellen Balfour
Marilyn Campbell - Dawn Waltenbury and Family

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

Parishioners,

Our Social Committee is looking for volunteers to help out with some of our events. Next one up—Taco Trivia Night on Sturday June 3 .



CHECK OUT INSERT IN BULLETIN!

If you can help us out—that would be great! Maybe you attend our socials because they are fun and wouldn't mind staying for an hour afterwards to help clean up?

Pease call the Parish Office as soon as you can to let us know how you can assist your Parish Social Committee! THANK YOU!!!

OFFERING A MASS



Offering Mass intentions is a tradition of prayer, support, and community. You may request a mass for someone who is deceased; for the intentions of someone who is living; for those who are sick and suffering who need prayers; or in celebration of a special occasion. Contact the parish office if you would like to book a mass. Mass Stipends are $15.00



First Eucharist Preparation

A reminder for all children who have registered to celebrate First Eucharist!

The following are our Preparation Dates:

2nd Preparation Mtg. Wednesday, 24 May	6:15 PM	Parish Hall
Sunday, 04 June	10:00 AM	Parish Hall
Sunday, 11 June	9 or 11 AM Mass	Celebration in Church

If you have a child who is interested but did not register in September 2022, please contact the Parish Office. Those children who have already celebrated First Reconciliation (Confession) are invited to register.



Baptism Preparation

Our next meeting for parents will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 16 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, May 15.

Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.



MAY 50/50 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral

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

Purchaser must reside in Ontario.

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



Baking Needed for Funeral Lunches

We could really use your help to re-stock our baking supplies for our funerals. Homemade baking is a special component of providing lunches to our bereaved families. Fancier items such as bars, squares, brownies, shortbreads are welcome. Drop off items that freeze well to the office. Call Shirlene 493-0718 for info.



The Pro-Cathedral Prayer Line consists of 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

Catholic Women's League

Dinner and Service Awards, June 7

Ladies mark your calendars for this dinner, which is still in the planning stages.
As a change from our usual fare, I can advise you that this year we will be serving a delicious Chinese Meal, from Manshou, on Lakeshore Drive. Dinner tickets will be on sale by next weekend and are only $20 for a delicious buffet dinner!
Contact persons are Louise Defonzo 494-7474 and Ruth Godon 476-4984. ***We ask that you purchase your tickets prior to June 1.***

We look forward to gathering again with you in fellowship!

Annette Dutrisac

Catholic Women's League



CWL NATIONAL BURSARY FUND

Applications must be postmarked by May 15!

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. Applications with supporting documentation – ***must be submitted to national office and completed on the official form. 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





In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his disciples that when he leaves he will provide "another Advocate" for them. We see this truth in action in the first reading, as with the laying on of hands by the apostles, those who had been baptized in Jesus' name "received the Holy Spirit." Christ's life, death and resurrection not only conquered death and brought us new life – it made way for the Holy Spirit who has come to dwell among and within us. The Lord has not left us alone. So while we may have a sense of what the sequel to our journey is, we trust the author of our story to help us write the ending of this one.

The love of God and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit brought the earliest disciples, and us, to the journey – to our own story of a life of discipleship. And while the Bible is indeed "a book," it is also a compilation of books, letters, and events, and more, that give words to a living history of salvation that began before time and is outside of time and eternal. The Good News cannot be contained in pages – it must be lived, shared, and loved. And yes, it is good to know how it ends, but even that pales in relation to the joy and worthiness of the reading and living of the Word. That is for us to experience, and to share! As much gratification as there is in sharing our favorite new bestseller, we need to double and revamp our efforts when it comes to the Gospel. Give it away freely, to everyone, and shout out the ending. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And the Holy Spirit sets us free to love him and one another.

In order to truly live the Word and spread it to others as Jesus commanded, we must be familiar with the Scriptures. If you haven't already, why not start reading the Bible?

Nipissing –Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

- **22nd annual SEAC/PIC Carousel Event May 16:** This year's Carousel will be an interactive, in-person evening of networking and workshops focused on supporting children and youth. The workshop will feature various topics including Supporting Students in FSL; Mathematics; Vocabulary Development; Motor Strategies, Emotioanl Vulnerability, Mental Health & Well being; Adult Education and Family Enrichment, & More! Registration on the npsc.ca website
- **If your child is starting kindergarten this September**, you're invited to their schools' kindergarten orientation sessions! You'll meet your child's teachers, tour the school, and have a chance to ask about our regular and early French immersion programs. Register your child for kindergarten today to join in all the fun! Once the school receives your child's registration, they will contact you regarding the session. We look forward to welcoming you to our caring, Catholic learning environments. Visit npsc.ca for details.



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. FUNNY isn't it? *Do your neighbors know what you believe?*

SHALOM PLACE invites you to a Zoom program: ***"Faith in Five"*** ~ An hour of reflection and discussion on SCRIPTURE!!!

Date:	May 17 2023
Time:	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Facilitator:	Sr. Mary Jo Radey, CSJ
Cost:	Your free-will offering supports the ministry of Shalom Place. Thank you for your generosity!
Register:	By May 1, May 8 or May 15 shalomssm@shaw.ca OR 705-254-4690

Join us for a Pentecost Experience! Discover the gifts God gave you & learn how to use them; what gives you life, and where the Holy Spirit is present in you—and how to put this into action in your life*!* Adults, seniors, young adults and teenagers are encouraged to attend! Friday, May 26 (7pm-9:30pm) and Saturday, May 27 (10am-8pm) at Holy Name Church. Prayer, music, talks, reflections and fellowship. Meals provided, no fee to attend, but you must register in advance. Visit: www.holynamestalphonsus.com/pentecost

Regional Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday to Friday from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM at Holy Name. *We need adorers—c*all Karen Beaulieu at 495-6675.

Good Samaritan Corner



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

Didn't get a chance to donate to the Backpacks of Love campaign? It's not too late to help the homeless. Volunteers will be packing backpacks on May 27th and so please consider donating financially through e-transfer at our email address compassionnorthbay@gmail.com

Did you know that North Bay has a Healthy Community Ambassador Program? People like Kassidy and Benji are part of the HCAP designed to proactively promote safety and well-being in our downtown core and surrounding areas further ensuring that our community remains safe and inclusive for all those that choose to live in North Bay. Its main focus is on engaging vulnerable people, ensuring they are connected with services available and to support downtown and surrounding area business owners and patrons by responding to situations that do not require the assistance of police.

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