

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 2, 2017

- Mon, Apr 3 9:00 am** Mary Weisflock by Len
Jim Crockford by Frank & Nancy Tremblay
- Wed, Apr 5 9:30 am** **Holy Cross School Mass**
Claude Mantha by Mike & Rita Fortin
Laurent Dumais by Normand & Angeline Chartier
- Thu, Apr 6* *Chrism Mass at St. Jerome Church in Sault Ste. Marie*
- Fri, Apr 7 7:00 pm** **Way of the Cross**
- Sat, Apr 8 5:00 pm** Leo Moreau by Annette Fournier & Family
Jeannette Beaulieu by Mike & Delma Ketter
- Sun, Apr 9** **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**
9:00 am Ted King by Rosellen
Intentions of Jake & Denise Turcotte by Fred, Shirley & James
11:00 am For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony

Father Tony's homily is available online at www.stpetertheapostle.ca →About→Meet Our Pastor→Our Pastor's Homilies

PRAYER LINE: *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED: *Mignonne Serran*, mother of Christine Miller

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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Apr 3-9

Monday	Daniel 13.1-9,15-17,19-30,33-64; John 8.1-11
Tuesday	Numbers 21.4-9; John 8.21-30
Wednesday	Daniel 3.13-20,24,49-50,91-95; John 8.31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17.3-9; John 8.51-59
Friday	Jeremiah 20.7,10-13; John 10.31-42
Saturday	Ezekiel 37.21-28; John 11.45-57
Sunday	Matthew 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-7; Philippians 2.6-11; Matthew 26.14-27.66

WISDOM QUOTE:

“Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God’s grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God’s grace.” Anonymous

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women’s League **General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm. All members welcome.

Schedule of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars
3:30 pm SNAP (Parish Hall)
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meetings – Columbus Club, Executive and General (Parish Hall)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!

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Prayer for Families

God, who died and rose again, walk with us as we follow you to the crosses of our own lives. Help us to trust that you will raise us to new life precisely in and through our dying. Remind us that you raise us to new life not only for our own sake, but to proclaim to the world your power over death. Help us to be willing to make our lives a faithful witness to your Resurrection story. Amen.

Ladies of St. Peter the Apostle:

North Bay will be hosting this year's 97th Annual Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention from April 28th to April 30th and will be held at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre on Lakeshore Drive. For inquires and registrations please contact Marcelle Beaulieu at 705-475-1851 or email: randmbeaulieu@bell.net Closing date for registration is April 11, 2017.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reflect: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8.7

Pray: Father, it is always so much easier to notice the faults in others than in myself. I take consolation in believing that I am not as bad as I judge someone else to be. Remind me that I am not to judge or condemn. I am to grow in the grace that you offer me. I am the only person I need to worry about; you will look after the rest. As I seek your forgiveness and grace, may I extend that same mercy to others. Amen.

Act: What stones have you been throwing at others? This Lent, promise to drop the stones.

Good Friday 2017 Pontifical Collection in support of the Holy Land

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday April 14, 2017, and our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Please join Bishop Damphousse and Monsignor Jean-Paul Jolicoeur as they explain the reason for the *Collection for the Holy Land* in a video produced by the Diocese: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjbl-vykMBc>

Solidarity Sunday

Thank you for your generosity! Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Paraguay to Syria, to Indonesia and beyond! We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

Confirmation Information Night 2017

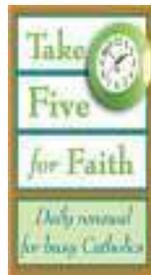
Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm



in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are also welcome. Please include a copy your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office or on the church website www.stpetertheapostle.ca Candidates requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are presumed to be in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and to have previously received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the Parish Office at 705-472-1817.

CHRISM MASS 2017

The Chrism Mass will be held this year on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Jerome Church, Sault Ste. Marie. This is truly a diocesan celebration. We would hope that deacons, members of the Diocesan Order of Service, religious women and men and the people from all four sectors would feel this solidarity within our own Church by celebrating with the Bishop and the priests of our Diocese. All are invited to participate in this bilingual diocesan celebration. A reception will follow in St. Jerome Parish Hall.



Earthen vessels

When we hear talk of flesh in scripture, we usually think of it as the human body, our flesh and bones. Saint Paul often pits flesh against spirit in his Letters. If at those times we understand Paul's references to flesh to be referring to the body only, we would believe our bodies to be rather nasty indeed. But the news isn't that bad. By flesh Paul means "self-centeredness" versus spirit, or "God-centeredness." Are we oriented toward ourselves or to the ways of God? If the first option is true for us, then our physical existence, bodies included, can be a drag on our spirit. If we look to God, though, before all else, then our material lives, bodies included, become sacred vessels that house the divine.

"You are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."

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Take Lots of BEER during Lent

B **Bible**...Read your Bible and be enriched by the word of God.

E **Empathy**...Empathize with the poor and neglected and do something about it.

E **Eucharist**...Go to Mass frequently – everyday if possible.

R **Reconciliation**...Restore your relationship with God and with others through reconciliation.



Message for Good Friday 2017

Dear brothers and sisters:

May the Lord grant you his peace!

Friar Francesco Patton, OFM

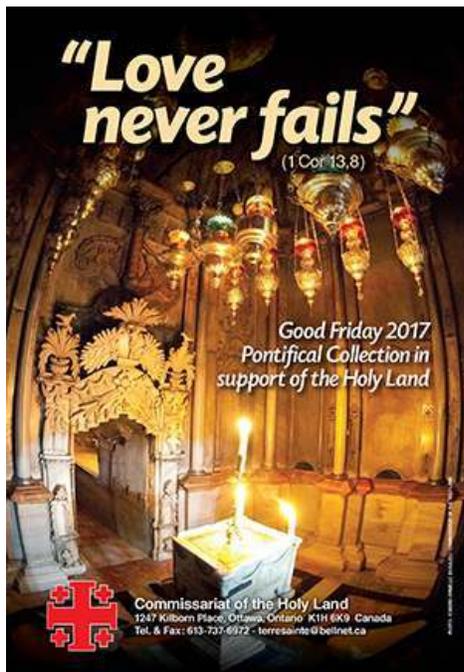
This year is truly special for Franciscans of the Holy Land as we are celebrating the eighth centennial (1217-2017) of our presence in these Holy Places. The Church herself has put us in charge of their upkeep

and asked that we look after the local community, while being further mandated to offer ourselves up as bridges of peace. This year the grace of celebrating Easter in the fully restored Edicule of the Tomb of the Holy Sepulchre is granted to us, thanks to the collaboration with our brothers of the Greek Orthodox Church and the Armenian Orthodox Church. So I wish to bring to your attention the value and the meaning of this place which is absolutely the most important for all Christians of the world and a key site to interpret our lives and our history.

The Holy Sepulchre is first and foremost where the Lord Jesus partook in our existence till the very end, entering into the mystery of death that seems to contradict the very meaning of our lives. Once anointed with scented oils and wrapped in a shroud, Jesus was laid to rest in a tomb dug out of a stone and, like a seed, he was deposited deep in the ground. The physical location that retains the memory of his burial testifies that the incarnation of the Son of God is so real, so complete and all encompassing that it goes so far as to include the experience of death, which is the final experience of every human existence.

The Holy Sepulchre is mostly that place where death was vanquished. When Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb, on Easter morning, she finds it empty. Peter and John discover the same after having raced to the tomb and, out of breath, peered inside. This place is important to us because that very first Easter morning has become a sign that testifies, in a physical mode, that death has been vanquished. The empty tomb is a wordless yet eloquent testimonial of this event. The empty tomb is the place where a new world began, even physically speaking, in that instant of light where Jesus is resurrected.

This is why this place, this very spot where the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus happened, is also the foundation of our faith and of our hope. We would like to see right away the plenitude of the world's renewal. We long to see this world and humankind find peace and we have no greater



desire than to see humankind rid of borders and experience universal brotherhood. But instead our hand, groping in the dark, feels that walls and barriers, weapons held menacingly, hearts filled with hatred and preachers of violence continue to prevail over peace.

The experience of the empty tomb however teaches that we must learn to discern the signs that the Lord brings to our attention so as to sense in them the power of his Resurrection. My heart goes out to so many children of all faiths, including those of Aleppo, who, over the last few months, have responded to the invitation to pray for peace. My heart also goes out to the children of our schools in the

Holy Land, both Christian and Muslim, who are growing up side by side and getting to know and respect one another, all the while embracing in friendship so as to be the seedlings a different future. I put hope in the initiatives of dialogue, of sharing and social commitment that brings together Jews, Christians and Muslims and who, together, represent no more than a seed, yet holding the very real possibility of entering into meaningful relationships beyond community boundaries. I am further heartened by the ecumenical dialogue that has become more cordial and fraternal these last few years in the Holy Land, between the leaders of the different Churches and their faithful.

The mere sight of the empty tomb however is not enough to detect in our time the power of the Resurrection. Its contemplation in faith is needed. Catching a glimpse of those scattered seeds of hope sowed by the Lord requires the very same faith, even here in this Holy Land, as in all the parts of the world, once we have cast away the fear of being branded as naive.

This is why I wish each and everyone the opportunity at Easter to partake in the experience of Mary Magdalene, of Peter and John and so participate in the discovery of those signs, as elusive as they may be, that allow to believe that Jesus has risen, that he is the Lord and that, in spite of appearance to the contrary, he sets the course of history and leads humanity to that fullness of life in Him.

Friar Francesco Patton, OFM
Custos of the Holy Land in Jerusalem
Holy Friday 2017

April 2, 2017 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

In the reading from Ezekiel, the prophet tells the Israelites that they will know God because he gives them life and frees them from enslavement. Saint Paul explains to the Romans that the life-giving spirit they received through Christ frees them from both sin and death. In the Gospel reading, Jesus proclaims that he is the resurrection and the life and that all who live and believe in him will never die. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus saying, I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live. These words clearly identify Jesus as the Son of God, the author of life and the one who brings our salvation. The words also give the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven to all who believe in him and persevere in faith.

Register for Discovering Christ

St. Peter's Church Tuesdays at 6:00 PM from April 25 to June 6
Seating is limited to 80, so register early!

Go online at christlifenorthbay.org or contact Len Lanthier
705-724-1368 or lsanthier@gmail.com

Joshua Sullivan will be leading Praise and Worship beginning at 7:00 PM each Sunday evening during Lent in the Pro-Cathedral. ALL are very welcome and encouraged to attend this uplifting experience!

Mass of Chrism will be held Thursday, April 6 at St. Jerome's Parish in Sault Ste. Marie at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend this special Diocesan mass where Bishop Damphousse will concelebrate with his presbyterium and at which the holy chrism is consecrated and the holy oils are blessed.

Regional Outdoor Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14 begins at St. John's Anglican Church (301 Main St. East) at 5:00 PM and up Main Street to Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Parish. The youth stop along the way to enact each Station. All are welcome to come and support our youth in this sacred evening by walking with us or joining us at the Cathedral at approximately 5:45 PM for Regional Indoor Way of the Cross.

Divine Mercy Sunday is on 23 April at 3:00 PM at St Peter's Church. Fellowship will follow with a potluck supper. Reminder – begin the Chaplet and 9 day novena on Good Friday.

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Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

Celebrate Spring with a Contemplative Art Retreat Day. Like the Unfolding of a Flower, Experience the Elegance that is YOU! Sunday, April 23 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Joseph's Motherhouse. Facilitators: Sr. Sharon Miller & Sr. Pauline Guindon. Cost: \$75 includes lunch, art supplies & take home project. Limited space (12 to 24 participants) – register soon. Non-refundable reservation fee of \$15, balance to be paid on the day. Call 474-3800 ext. 213 to register.

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30am at St. Peter's Parish.

The New Evangelization Summit 2017 is scheduled for May 12-13, mark it on your calendar. Eight great speakers – including Bishop Robert Baron. Cost is \$25.00/person. For more information contact Len Lanthier lsanthier@gmail.com 705-724-1368

20th National March for Life being held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11. North Bay Right to Life is chartering a bus leaving Staples parking lot around 7:00 AM & returns approximately 9:30 PM the same day. Adults \$25.00 Students \$20.00. Seats must be paid in advance. To book call Jeannine 705-724-3424. Your attendance can help to restore a culture of life.

Marriage Preparation Weekends: Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Next session will be held 21-22 April. Register early!

North Bay pregnancy Help & Resource Centre, 323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8. Open weekdays 10:00am – 4:00pm. 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.

Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday at 11:55 AM at Pro-Cathedral prior to the 12:05 PM mass.

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 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

CLAY- (Catholic Love Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, Powassan, back entrance. Come out and join us for games, crafts and faith teachings in a fun filled and positive environment. For more information please contact Laurie Dobbs at 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Join us Mondays at 6:45 PM in the hall of St. Joseph's Church, Clark St., Powassan. No need to pre-register. Call Pauline at 724-5964 for more information.

Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Parent Involvement Committee welcomes Dr. Jean Clinton for a keynote address on April 12 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Auditorium. Topics such as how relationships impact learning and development and the influence of social media. Free event with free childcare available with RSVP by April 10. Register at www.npsc.ca or by calling 472-1201.

L'Arche North Bay Community Walk, Saturday, May 6 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Waterfront Rotary Rotunda. Walk the distance and pace you wish. Help support the needs of the community. If wishing to make a donation, contact the L'Arche North Bay office at 474-0081 or website: larchenorthbay.ca

April Showers Tea and Bake Sale St. Brice's Anglican Church, April 22 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sandwiches, pickles/veggies, dessert tea and coffee will be served for \$5.00. Children under 10/ \$2.50. Cardmakers' unique cards also for sale. All welcome.

Strawberry Luncheon and Bake Sale at Redeemer Lutheran Church (Ferguson) on Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics are held each month in North Bay and blood donations are needed especially during the summer to meet patient needs. Please book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 You have the power to give life! **Next Clinic: April 11 & 12** at Clarion Resort ~ 201 Pinewood Park Drive