

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2015

Please Note: Father Tony is away in Sudbury on April 29 & 30 for Priests' Meetings

HAPPY
EASTER

- Mon, Apr 27 8:00 am** Doreen Walsh by Diane & Philip Aultman
Evelyn Desmarais by Al & Bette Lamothe
Al Gallant by Reg & Rita Gauthier
- Fri, May 1 9:30 am** Lena Kennedy by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
Intentions of Paul Lafontaine & Ron McKenzie by Isabelle Lafontaine
Intentions of Emily Weisflock by Len Weisflock
- Sat, May 2 5:00 pm** Andre Lamothe by Marilyn & Raymond LaSalle
Clayton Boucher by Ron & Dorothy Aultman
Mary Jane Purdon by Marc & Donna Perreault
- Sun, May 3 9:00 am** For the intentions of All Parishioners by Father Tony
11:00 am For those who suffer the effects of abortion by St. Peter's Catholic Women's League
Denis Tremblay by Frank & Nancy Tremblay
Philip Aultman by Andy & Joan Groulx

Father Tony's homily is available online at www.aaog.blogspot.com



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:



OFFERING

Mar 2015 Pre-Authorized Donations \$2 980.00
Sunday, April 19, 2015 \$3 974.20

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Ministry Formation Collection

The special collection entitled Seminary is now called Ministry Formation. The new name more accurately reflects the needs of the Church today to support the faithful commitment of priests, deacons, seminarians, pastoral workers and many lay ministries. The proceeds will be used for professional development of lay leadership in ministries at the parochial or diocesan level as well as ongoing support for vocations and professional development of the clergy.



- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
6:30 pm Confirmation Session (Parish Hall & Church)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting (Upper Room)
Thu 1:00 pm Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
Fri 5:00 pm Marriage Prep Course (Parish Hall)
Sat 9:30 am Marriage Prep Course (Parish Hall)

WISDOM QUOTE:

“Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.” Helen Keller

“The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” In 10.11 Are you being asked to lay down your life for the sheep? Are you discerning the call to priesthood? Contact Father Tony or Father Pat Woods at the Office of Vocations 705-674-2727 ext250 or pwoods@diocesecentre.com and check out www.beapriest.ca Please pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life.



Evoke a vocation

When we pray for “vocations” we still seem to mean a call to religious life or to ministry. We don’t pray for an increase in vocations to married life (though praying for thoughtful and faith-filled marriages is not a bad thing at all!). Are we praying that God will persuade people (other people!) to take up church ministry? Does not God already love the church and each person more than we can ask or imagine? What then do we pray for on Vocation Sunday? Such a day should wake us up, not God, so that we recognize how much we care for the church and how much we make inviting women and men to ministry a priority in our parish.

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me.”

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Are you looking for a new adventure? Ladies 16 years and older are invited to come join the Catholic Women’s League for an evening of friendship, spirituality, support and fun. Consider us new friends that you never met before. Our dues are \$20 per year. St. Peter’s Catholic Women’s League Organization Chair Person Ann Cousineau 705-497-3147.

St. Peter’s Choir is looking for a vertical file, letter size four drawer file cabinet in good condition. Please call the Parish Office if you can help 705-472-1817.

The **18th National March for Life** will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Ottawa. This year’s theme is “When Faced with Hard Choices, LET LIFE WIN”. All lay faithful are invited to participate. To reserve your seat on the coach buses leaving North Bay, contact North Bay Right to Life 705-474-3666. The cost of the trip is \$20/person, however students are free.

Near North Palliative Care Network presents their 4th Annual Fund Raiser Concert on May 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter the Apostle Church. Tickets are \$10/adult; \$5/children; 5 and under are free. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Frank 705-474-3809

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Apr 27 – May 3	
Monday	Acts 11.1-18; John 10.1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11.19-26; John 10.22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12.24-13.5; John 12.44-50
Thursday	Acts 13.13-25; John 13.16-20
Friday	Acts 13.26-33; John 14.1-6
Saturday	Acts 13.44-52; John 14.7-14
Sunday	Acts 9.26-31; 1 John 3.18-24; John 15.1-8



Knights of Columbus Council 1007

will be distributing roses on Mother’s Day weekend following the Saturday Mass on May 9th and the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, May 10th. Roses for Life are free but donations are greatly accepted. All proceeds go to Birth Right and Right to Life.



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 followed by Mass.

Catholic Education: Exploring Paths of Joy

Catholic Education Week takes place from Sunday, May 3 to Friday, May 8. The disciples asked Jesus to ‘increase our faith’. That is our goal in publicly funded Catholic education in collaboration with the family and the parish. We know that keeping the theme of faith alive is a constant challenge in the world of 2015. But, we can be assured by the words of the disciples, “were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?” (Lk 24:32) We are in need of the support and prayers of the entire Catholic community to counteract the increasingly strident demand that the funding of Catholic schools be terminated. Once again we will have a province-wide mass scheduled for May 7, 2015 in our high schools organized by our Catholic Student Trustees.

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In the first reading, Peter reminds us that there is no salvation except through Jesus. In our second reading and in the Gospel, we are reminded of two important truths of our faith – that we are the children of God and that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We may not connect immediately with the central image of our Gospel today – the Shepherd with his sheep. Perhaps we do not see ourselves as docile sheep. But this image may become more understandable if we truly embrace Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and allow him to guide us on the path to eternal life.

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Sandwich Card Party Holy Name Parish Hall, April 27 \$6.00 per person. Lunch at 12:00 noon with cards to follow until 4:00 PM. Door prizes - Card players, bring your own cards and try to make up tables of four. For ticket information or reserving a table contact Don Brown at 472-6429. Lunch at noon \$6.00

Ascending Life Gatherings for retired and older persons meets for spirituality, mission and friendship, Thursdays April 30, May 28, June 25 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall at Pro-Cathedral. Reflect and share on the monthly themes: The Good Shepherd; Pentecost Sunday and The Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Why not get your ARISE group together from last season and join us!**

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Springtime of the Spirit Regional Prayer Group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Recitation of the rosary, praise and worship, meditative prayer, sharing and fellowship.

March for Life - Thursday, May 14 All Canadians are called to assemble on Parliament Hill and march through downtown Ottawa to draw attention to the injustice of abortion. North Bay Right to Life will provide a bus for people to attend this "Let Life Win" National event. Bus leaves North Bay on Thursday, May 14 at 7:15 AM from parking lot between Staples/LCBO and returns the same evening. Cost: \$20/person. Registration and payment must be made in advance at the Right to Life office: 323 Algonquin Avenue North Bay. Phone 474-3666

North Bay Regional Eucharistic Adoration: Holy Name Church, Mon-Wed-Fri (Noon – 6 PM), Tuesday (Noon - 9 PM), Thursday (Noon - 5 PM). Come and visit Jesus in this Sacrament of love. To make a commitment call Lena Butler, 497-3434

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

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.

Good Shepherd Atrium Located at the Pro-Cathedral Church, the atrium for the Catechesis of the program provides a special place for children 3 to 5 years old to follow the church calendar, come to know Jesus, through parables, songs, art work, geography and more. Materials are faithful to the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Faith. For information, visit www.cgsac.ca, call Erin Tayler 476-8509 or Lynn Boivin at 494-7226 or email corpuschristi.atrrium@gmail.com

St. Joseph Motherhouse presents the following programming:
Shalom Directed Retreat Sunday, July 19 at 7:00 PM to Saturday July 25 at 1:00 PM. Offering: \$450:00. For more information contact Sr. Phyllis O'Connor at 474-3800, extension 213 or email her at poconnor@csjssm.ca

Christian Meditation Retreat "The Struggle is the Way" will be held Friday May 1 from 7:00 PM until Sunday after lunch at Clarion Inn in North Bay. Presenter George Zanette, a Benedictine Oblate and former Canadian Christian Meditation Coordinator. Join us for a weekend of meditation, story-telling, poetry, sharing and healing to affirm your own journey. Commuter: \$80/person includes 2 lunches and 1 dinner). Double Occupancy \$217/person; Single Occupancy \$329. To register contact Chris Tanner at christopher.tanner@sympatico.ca

CLAY- (Catholic Live Attitude Yes!) A Youth Program for JK to Grade 5, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm at St. Gregory's School Gym, 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 705-724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

THE EDGE Youth Group for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's 6:45-8:30 pm on Monday evenings in the downstairs hall of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Powassan. Explore issues of our faith through live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, scripture, crafts etc. Double bonus: snacks and prizes! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline at 724-5964 or Jeannine at 724-3424 for information. Let us know if you need transportation

Summer Retreat at Villa Loyola ~ Praying with the Words of St. Ignatius: a pilgrimage through the Spiritual Exercises. Sunday August 9 (7pm) to Friday August 14 (1pm) with director, Fr. Joseph Schner, S.J. Cost \$475.00 (spiritual direction, private room, meals and taxes included). Register by calling 705-522-3502 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca

Marriage Preparation Program Weekends
May 1-2, October 23-24. Couples should register early by calling 472-5821. Series limited to 18 couples – register early! Material cost \$40/couple payable at time of registration.

Birthright is looking to fill the position of Director of the North Bay Office. Anyone interested can apply in writing to: Box 733 - North Bay, Ontario - P1B 8J8. If you would like to know more about Birthright or would like to assist us in our good works, call 474-2999 or visit: www.birthright.org. You will find us at #411 - 269 Main Street West, 4th Floor. If you are pregnant and need someone to talk to, call us. Our service is confidential and we will listen to you ~ we care. Our telephone number is 474-2999.

NEW DIOCESAN POLICY MASS STIPENDS

A recent directive has been received from the Diocesan Office indicating that Mass Stipends are increased to \$15 per Mass effective February 2, 2015. All masses after that date will be increased from \$10 to the new stipend of \$15 per Mass. Mass stipends will now receive a tax receipt.