

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 11, 2018

*Sin separates us from God.*

Wed, Feb 14 **ASH WEDNESDAY**



9:00 am Irene Martin by Family

11:30 am **St. Luke School Mass**

Cathy Friend by Al & Bette Lamothe

7:00 pm Jean Calibani by Patricia & Michael Cassidy

Thu, Feb 15 9:00 am Harold Boell by Marie

Fri, Feb 16 9:00 am In thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Jude for favours received by Laura Deschamps

7:00 pm **Way of the Cross**

Sat, Feb 17 5:00 pm Intentions of Walter Mendoza by Faye Grottoli

Ashley Anne Cameron by Family

Sun, Feb 18 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 am Giovanna & Giuseppe Repaci by Domenic & Virginia Repaci

Quinto Marchione by Rossana Marchione & Family

11:00 am For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Francis

**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:** *Adelard (Eddy) Jodouin; Giulia Tignanelli; Geraldine McCauley; Evelyn Doucette*

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Sunday, February 4, 2018

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## Best Lent Ever

Don't give up chocolate this Lent. This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, beginning Ash Wednesday, you will receive an email with:

*Inspirational Videos*

*Practical Tips*

*Encouraging Stories*

Discover how to open your heart to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent – have your Best Lent Ever! Sign up today at [DynamicCatholic.com/40Days](http://DynamicCatholic.com/40Days)

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon 10:00 am Rising Stars (Parish Hall)

Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)

Thu 6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members

*New Members Always Welcome!*

7:00 pm Catholic Women's League

General Meeting (Parish Hall)

Sat 9:00 am Parish Hall Occupied All Day

Sun 12:00 pm Choir Practice – All Members

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 12-18

Monday James 1.1-11; Mark 8.11-13

Tuesday James 1.12-18; Mark 8.14-21

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 58.1-9; Matthew 9.14-15

Saturday Isaiah 58.9-14; Luke 5.27-32

Sunday Genesis 9.8-15; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.12-15

*Sunday, March 4, 2018 is the Right to Life Spaghetti Supper, and tickets will be available for purchase next weekend, February 17 & 18 after all Masses.*

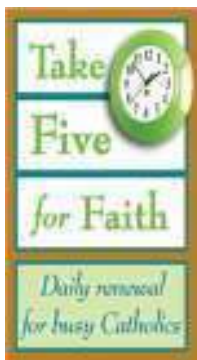
### **MADE FOR MORE: DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018**

All high school aged youth are invited to participate in the **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018 "Made for More"** on **Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.** Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. Registration fee is only \$20! Register online at [www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018](http://www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018) or pick up a Registration Form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain. This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.



#### ***No Scents Makes Sense!***

Many of your fellow parishioners suffer from allergies to hairspray, after shave, perfume, eau de cologne, etc. Please think of those around you as you prepare for Mass so that they too, may enjoy coming to church each week.



#### **Rise up in faith**

As any baker can tell you, a small amount of leaven—yeast—goes a long way, working its effect on a much larger mass of dough. For this reason Jews of Jesus' age saw the fermentation process brought on by leaven as a metaphor for a corrupting influence, something that in excess was in danger of overflowing its container. Jesus warned his disciples to be on guard against the "leaven" of leaders—religious or political—who sought to manipulate the people by exercising authority beyond proper boundaries. Jesus had a healthy skepticism about authority not grounded in humility and respect. And that's a wise attitude, history teaches us.

*"Guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."*

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### **Welcome Bishop!**

Bishop Dampousse will visit St. Peter the Apostle Parish community and celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **WISDOM QUOTE:**

"Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air." John Quincy Adams

### **Embracing Stewardship**

*A leper... said to Jesus, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.'*

*Moved with pity, Jesus...said to him,*

*'I do choose. Be made clean!'* Mark 1:40-41



It is a matter of choice! We each decide how we want to live out our Christian calling. The important thing is that we take the prayerful time to choose.



**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.

### **CWL NEWS**

The Catholic Women's League **General Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us for an informative evening of general information to be presented by our guest speaker, Mr. Sandro Orlando, of the firm Lucenti Orlando & Ellies Professional Corporation / Barristers and Solicitors. Hope to see you there. All members welcome.



### **Prayer for Families**

Jesus, lover of sinners and healer of body and soul, open our eyes to see you in those who make us uncomfortable. When we are tempted to draw lines between ourselves and others, make yourself visible despite those lines of separation we imagine, that we might cross them in faith, finding you in your beautiful and broken people. Amen.

### **Development & Peace**

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development & Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent, and over the next few weeks, you will receive various materials in the bulletin to help you.



February 4, 2018

To all parishioners of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

**Re: Call for conscience campaign**

Dear friends,

In 2017, many Churches across the province were involved in the “Call for Conscience” campaign to advocate for the protection of conscience rights of doctors, nurses and other health care professionals who are asked to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia. Despite more than 30,000 letters sent to Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s), this campaign did not achieve its desired goal: legislation that would protect health care workers from being forced to participate in causing the death of their patients. Health care workers in Ontario are being forced to choose between their careers and their conscience.

Ontario remains one of the few jurisdictions in the world without adequate protection for conscientious objectors. As a provincial election will be held this June, we need your help to highlight this issue for MPP’s and those seeking office. The 2018 Call for Conscience campaign pursues the following goals:

1. To renew the call to protect the right of health care professionals to abstain from any involvement in causing the death of their patients.
2. To provide protection for faith-based facilities that do not wish to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia.
3. To ask elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP’s) and those seeking office to increase access and funding for palliative care in Ontario.

I encourage you to participate in this campaign by contacting MPP’s and candidates in your riding, as well as leaders of the Parties, to express your concern. You will find helpful information and documents, as well as sample letters at [bit.ly/ONCF2018](http://bit.ly/ONCF2018). Your Pastor will also make available to you copies of the sample letter that you may use. Another way of supporting the campaign would be to sign up on the Coalition for Health Care and Conscience website at [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca). You would then receive monthly newsletters.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcel Damphousse".

+Marcel Damphousse  
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie

**Vic Fedeli, MPP**  
**Constituency Office**  
165 Main Street East  
North Bay, Ontario P1B 1A9

Dear MPP Vic Fedeli:

As Ontario prepares for an election shortly and as my current MPP (or candidate in my riding), I would like to ask for your commitment to protecting the rights of health care professionals and facilities in our province. I am also deeply concerned about the most vulnerable among us, in light of the legalization of assisted suicide in Canada in June 2016.

Specifically, the conscience rights of health professionals need to be protected through provincial legislation. The current care coordination service operated in Ontario, unlike those in other jurisdictions, still forces doctors to provide referrals, thus participating in the procedure. Five doctors are currently challenging the policies of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario that require them to choose between their conscience and their careers. We should be protecting these physicians rather than forcing them to fight for rights guaranteed in the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Advocates of euthanasia/assisted suicide are lobbying strongly to force any publicly funded health care facility to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide. While no medical procedure is offered in every facility across the province, proponents are demanding this of facilities that have deeply rooted principles that will not allow them to kill their patients.

Finally, with only 1/3 of Canadians having access to quality palliative care, we should not be surprised to see a dramatic increase in euthanasia/assisted suicide cases. Studies show that people are fearful of pain and loneliness. Both of these issues can be directly addressed by palliative care. I believe that if all Ontarians had access to quality palliative care, many would not pursue assisted death.

Your position and that of your party will have a direct impact on my vote this June. I am respectfully asking you the following:

1. Will you support legislation to protect doctors, nurses and other health care providers who are being forced to participate in assisted suicide/euthanasia through making a referral?
2. How will you protect facilities from being forced to offer euthanasia/assisted suicide on their premises?
3. How does your party plan to address the lack of quality palliative care in our province?

I appreciate you addressing these concerns directly and look forward to your reply. Know that I very much respect the important role that our elected officials play in serving the citizens of our province.

Thank you.

## February 11, 2018 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading, a man with a skin infection is deemed unclean and separated from the community. In Corinthians, Paul tells us to be imitators of Christ, and to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel, Jesus cures a leper, and then tells him not to speak of the healing to anyone. In the same way that leprosy separated people from their communities until they were healed, sin separates us from God until we ask for forgiveness and healing. Let us have the faith of the leper in today's Gospel, and believe in the healing words and touch of Jesus when it is our time to need forgiveness.

**Pro-Cathedral Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Dinner** – Tuesday, February 13. Join us the night before Ash Wednesday for a delicious meal! From 5:00 to 7:00 pm (General Seating) \$7.00 /Adults; \$4.00 / Children Under 12 Years of Age; \$20.00 / Family. All tickets sold at door and everyone welcome!!!

**Made for More! Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018.** All high school aged youth are invited to participate on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary's College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. Register online [www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018](http://www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018) or pick up a registration form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain in the New Year. Registration is only \$20 for this exciting event presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.

**North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie 27<sup>th</sup> Annual all you can eat Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Lasagna Dinner** Sunday, March 4 at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Adults/\$12, Children 3-10 years/\$5, take-out/\$8. For tickets call: Nancy Tremblay 472-6099, Harley 752-4105, Jeannine Lebel 724-3424 or JP Lamarche 476-0953. A silent auction will also be held that night.

**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 7 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

**CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!):** A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM 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 724-1277 or Jessica Sheppard at 724-1835 or [jessicasheppard@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasheppard@gmail.com).

**YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others)** is a Catholic Youth Group designed for grade 8-12 students with a mission to bring other teens to know Jesus through testimonies, talks, skits, and games. Friday nights at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Gym from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. For more information, contact Sam at 496-0456.

**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](http://www.blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic February 20 & 21 at Best Western on Lakeshore Drive**

**Silent Lenten Retreat "The Name of God is Mercy" at Villa Loyola** Friday, March 2 7 PM to Sunday, March 4 1:00 PM Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J., cost \$230/live-in or \$130/commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or email at [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca). Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey

**Calling all Women to the Great Canadian Bible Study** with the women of First Baptist Church. Topic: Lessons on Mary Magdalene. Saturday, 24 February from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning with breakfast. Free will offering of toonies will support literacy classes for women in Rwanda. Contact Sue Foote at 497-3382 or [suzie@foote-ca.com](mailto:suzie@foote-ca.com) to register – invite your friends!

**Pilgrimage to Poland April 28 – May 14, 2018** includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All inclusive cost \$3300 single and #3150 for couples. Information: [sbielec@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbielec@sympatico.ca) or 613-792-4272

### Sisters of St. Joseph Present:

**Lenten Renew Opportunity** 3 Consecutive Fridays February 16 , 23 and March 2 McColgan Room St. Joseph's Motherhouse from 1:30---3:30 PM. "Conversion: Following the Call of Christ" Through the inspirational stories of six ordinary Biblical figures, the DVD Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron can help us understand the power of an encounter with Christ and help us recognize where Christ may be calling us personally. Facilitator Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj . Suggested Offering \$30:00 for the series. Register by calling 705-474-3800 ext. 213

**Christian Meditation:** Each Tuesday at 1:30—2:30 pm in Holy Family Chapel. This contemplative prayer is a way to self-knowledge, self-acceptance & awareness of all that God can do in our lives when we allow it.

**Taize Prayer:** Taze Prayer is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The intention of this prayer is for the "Gift of Reconciliation", wherever brokenness exists. This includes song, scripture, and silence. All are welcome.

### 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.

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