

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 8, 2017



Sat, Jan 14 5:00 pm Anita Chatelaine by Solange Nelson
 Miriam Davis by Al & Bette Lamothe
 Intentions of Jeanne Gravelle by Pat & Marcel Laframboise

Sun, Jan 15 9:00 am For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Tony
11:00 am Yvan Baril by Family
 Lena Martin & Ray Gravelle by Family
 Raymond Carbonneau by June & Family

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: *Eric Westerlund*

CHURCH SUPPORT

The weekly offerings will be in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

WISDOM QUOTE:

"When you expect nothing, you can receive everything as a marvelous gift." Jonathon Lockwood Huie

Christian Marriage Preparation Program 2017

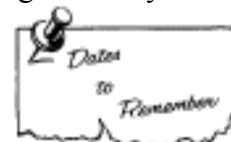


Winter Series: February 24-25

Spring Series: April 21-22

Fall Series: October 27-28

Call Regional Catholic Services at 705-472-5821 to reserve your place on the weekend of your choice. Registration information will be given to each couple when reserving their place for a given weekend. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples are encouraged to register early!



Mon 10:00 am Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
Wed 9:30 am Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
1:30 pm Ecumenical Planning Meeting (Parish Hall)
Thu 1:00 pm Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
Sat 10:00 am Screening Team Meeting (Parish Hall)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan 9-15

Monday	Isaiah 42.1-4,6-7; Matthew 3.13-17
Tuesday	Hebrews 2.5-12; Mark 1.21-28
Wednesday	Hebrews 2.14-18; Mark 1.29-39
Thursday	Hebrews 3.7-14; Mark 1.40-45
Friday	Hebrews 4.1-5,11; Mark 2.1-12
Saturday	Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 2.13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 49.3,5-6; 1 Corinthians 1.1-3; John 1.29-34

CWL NEWS

Catholic Women's League will celebrate the installation of officers for the newly elected executive on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at the 11:00 am Mass.

Please save your used stamps for **Development & Peace**. Used stamps may be deposited in the box in the Church entrance. Thank you!

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.

Key Dates for Confirmation 2017:

Confirmation Information Meeting

April 26, 2017

6:30 pm at St. Peter's Parish

Confirmation Overnight Retreat

May 6-7, 2017

at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall

Preparation Sessions

Session 1

May 10 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

Session 2

May 17 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

Session 3

May 24 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

Session 4

May 31 ~ 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall

*online component found at www.spiritinyou.ca

Confirmation Practice

June 7, 2017

6:30-8:00 pm for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors at Pro-Cathedral Parish

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 10:00 am

Parish celebration with newly confirmed St. Peter's confirmandi ~ June 11, 2017 at 11:00 am

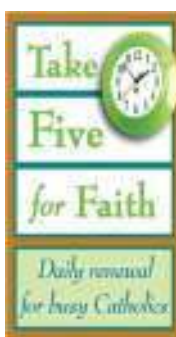


Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year, we rejoice in the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Germany. They have chosen as their theme "**Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us,**" inspired by 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God's reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation. **Our Regional Ecumenical Service will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 2PM at St. Peter the Apostle Church.** Everyone is invited to attend.



Home is where the sacred is



Sometimes it seems we're much more comfortable with the divine Jesus: solemn, distant, "up there." However, he dwells "down here" in our midst as well. *Epiphany*, the showing forth of Jesus on earth, is a kind of second Christmas, a celebration that God became a human being, just like us.

The manifestation of God-with us is a blessing on our world, and on our humanity, which raises our life in the flesh to something profoundly holy. Traditionally, it's a time to bless the home, to remind ourselves that our earthly home is a sacred place—and that our heavenly home also awaits.

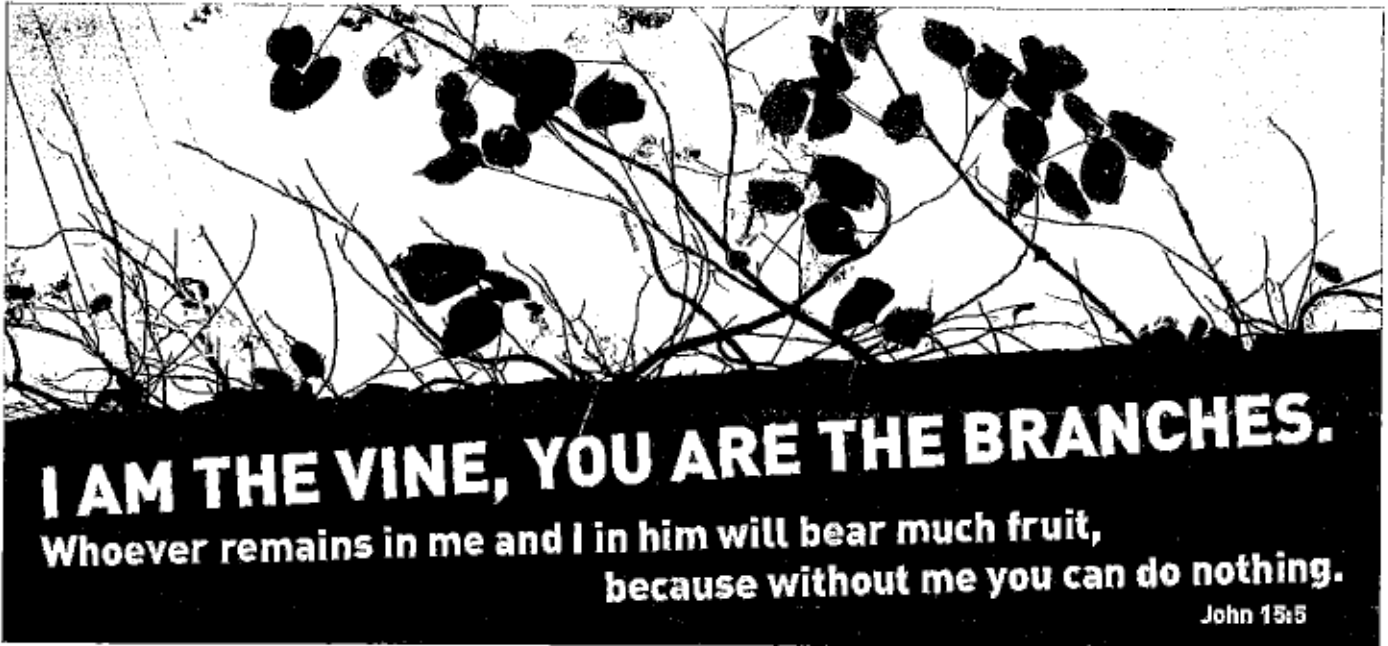
"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

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To All Prayer Partners: Now is the time for renewal in the Prayer Partner Program. Your opportunity to choose your Prayer Partner for 2017 will take place after all Masses on January 28 &

29, 2017 in the Parish Hall. New parishioners are invited to join the program now in its 39th year. You can draw a name and pray anonymously for a fellow parishioner for this calendar year. You are welcome to send cards on occasions throughout the year. For more information call Donna at 705-472-0513 or Theresa at 705-497-5909.



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

**Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.**

John 15:5

discovering Christ

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM FROM JAN 24 TO MAR 7

Please join us at St. Peters for Discovering Christ.

All parishioners are invited to enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will begin Tuesday January 24th and run for 7 consecutive weeks.

We invite you to watch a Discovering Christ YouTube video to learn more about the course:
<http://www.ChristLifeNorthBay.org>

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REGISTRATION FORM

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<i>Your name</i>	<i>Age group (circle)</i>
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<i>Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
_____	YES NO
<i>Person you are attending with (optional) spouse, friend</i>	<i>Would you prefer to participate at separate tables? (if applicable)</i>

<i>Dietary restrictions</i>	

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO PARISH OFFICE
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LEN LANTHIER
Jslanthier@gmail.com 705 724-1368

January 8, 2017 - The Epiphany of the Lord

In the first reading, the prophet reminds Israel that God's glory will shine on them. They will be a people to be admired by nations and kings. Saint Paul recounts for the Ephesians that Gentiles are co-heirs and co-partners in the promise of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. The Gospel recounts the Magi's visit to pay homage to the newborn baby Jesus. Today's readings demonstrate the gratuitous nature of God's love for humanity. Recognizing this benevolence, we, along with the Magi, prostrate ourselves and pay homage by offering our supreme gifts – our faith, hope and love – in the service of our generous, loving God.

Mark Your Calendars! The North Bay Regional Parishes would like to welcome you to the first Discovering Christ program. This is a Seven Week program that includes dinner, listening to dynamic teachings and joining in small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Starting January 24, 2017, every Tuesday evening until March 7, 6:00 PM at St. Peters Church. There is a Saturday retreat on February 25. All this for FREE. Registration information to follow in each parish in the coming weeks. For more information contact Len Lanthier lslanthier@gmail.com 705 724-1368

Back by popular demand and on a New Day! The Joy of Love book study on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "The joy of Love: On Love in the Family" will be held each Saturday January 21 & 28, February 4 & 11 at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Facilitated by Sister Mae Kierans cost is \$10/person for book. Call the Pro-Cathedral parish office to register. If you already have the book – join us – but let us know you are coming!

Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region: If you feel called to pray for the New Evangelization in our Region, join us 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 information contact Fran 476-4146 or Holy Name 495-1501

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.

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.

Mustard Seed Productions presents "Godspell" at Trinity United Church January 13 & 14 at 7:30 PM and January 15 at 1:30 PM. \$10/Adults and \$8/Students. Tickets available at Trinity United Church or at the door. For more information call 474-3310.

Going into or Have a Sick Family Member in Hospital? Mass is celebrated every Wednesday at 3:00 PM by a parish priest at the North Bay General Spiritual Centre (West Wing Entrance). And ... Eucharist is distributed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday by ministers of Holy Communion. Let pastoral care know your family member would like to be added to the list for visitation.

Free Literacy and Numeracy Adult Classes with Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic Alternative & Continuing Education for adults aged 19 and older. Improve your reading, writing, math and computer skills; upgrade your skills for secondary school credit, employment, college, apprenticeship or for a greater sense of independence; develop a personal learning plan and work at your own pace. Attend full or part-time. Enrol anytime – continuous intake, open all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for more information.

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. THE EDGE uses live music, drama, small group discussions, guest speakers, games, Scripture, crafts and other cool stuff to explore issues about our Faith, solid values, youth concerns and happy living!! No need to pre-register. Call Pauline 724-5964 for information or transportation.

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.

Catholic Charities collects clothing for free distribution to those in need. Clothing for men, women, children and infants, shoes, or accessories. Also towels, tea towels and sheet sets. Drop off to Catholic Charities entrance off Algonquin Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:30 AM or weekdays to the Pro-Cathedral Rectory (480 McIntyre Street West.). Items should be clean and in good repair. PLEASE – Due to Space Limitation Seasonal (Fall/Winter) Clothing Only!

Pancake Breakfast at St. Brice's Church Saturday, January 14 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. All you can eat Pancakes, Sausages, Bacon, Baked Beans, & Fresh Fruit. 12 & over/\$10, 5 to 11/\$5. Family of 4/\$35. Proceeds in support of St. Brice's Syrian Family.

Sisters of St. Joseph (Motherhouse) Presents Taize Prayer: Third Thursday of month (Sept.—June) 7:00—8:00 PM Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. Silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives - join us as we pray for peace in the world.

Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children. Volunteers care for our infants, toddlers and preschoolers Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Located at St. Joseph School 570 First Avenue East. Call 472-2152 for more information.

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. **Spring 2017 Sessions:** 24-25 February, 21-22 April. Register early!

[Knights of Columbus Meetings](#)

Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church: General Meeting fourth 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 you cans at Holy Name Church beside the Garage.

Knights of Columbus Council #1007 Executive Meeting at 6:30PM and General Meeting at 7:00PM 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.