

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 8, 2015



- Mon, Mar 9 8:00 am** Dennis Brodie by Irene & Joe Driscoll
Ernie Gagnon by O'Brien Family
Doreen Walsh by John & Anna Tremblay
- Wed, Mar 11 12:00 pm** Intentions of Mike & Delma Ketter by Jim & Leona Kotsilidis
Fred Cunningham by Philip & Diane Aultman
Lorne Fleece by Pat Porter
- Thu, Mar 12 12:00 pm** Natalina (Lena) Kennedy by David, Diane & Bradley Mantha
Diane Deschamps by Theresa Ranger
Philip Aultman by Jeanne Hodgins
- Fri, Mar 13 9:30 am** Charlie VanMierlo by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
Basil Boisvert by Vivian
Peggy Dillon by St. Peter's Catholic Women's League
- 7:00 pm** *WAY OF THE CROSS*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- Sat, Mar 14 5:00 pm** Gerald Thompson by Lise
Intentions of Pentland Family by Al & Bette Lamothe
Brent Coleman by Evelyn McLellan
- Sun, Mar 15 9:00 am** Irene Delorme by Carole Washburn
Geraldine Kerr by Janet & Brian Buckley
Peter Cummings by Bartley & Colleen Hutson
- 11:00 am** For the Intentions of All Parishioners by Father Tony

Parish Office hours this week: (phone messages will be monitored regularly)

Monday	9 am – 12 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 12 pm; 1 pm – 4 pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9 am – 12 pm

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: Al Gallant

CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday, March 1, 2015 \$4 632.35
Thank you for your generous contributions!



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.

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Jn 3.19 Do you recognize that you are a temple of the Holy Spirit? Is Jesus calling you as a priest? 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.

WISDOM QUOTE:

"The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you." Author Unknown

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar 9-15	
Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15; Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3.25,34-43; Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9; Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28; Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9; Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15 – 6.6; Luke 18.9-14
Sunday	1 Samuel 16.1,6-7,10-13; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

Schedule of Events

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

Confirmation Information Night 2015

Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 pm

in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates, parents and sponsors are asked to attend this meeting. Please include a copy of your Baptism Certificate with registration form, available from the Parish Office. In requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have 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 as soon as possible. For further information, contact Colleen Hutson at 705-840-3400.



Our **Share Lent Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale** will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015 after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. The cost for adults is \$5 each, children aged 6-10 cost \$3, and children 5 & under are free. The Catholic Women's League will be in need of baked goods for the Bake Sale table. All baking donations can be brought to the Parish Hall Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm or before each Mass on Sunday, March 22nd. All proceeds from this event go to Development & Peace/Share Lent.



“Change my heart and help me to follow the way.”

Regional Penitential Service

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St. Peter the Apostle Church at 7:00 pm
 Followed by Individual Confession.

All Day Individual Confessions

Friday, March 20

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Third Sunday of Lent

Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Mark 15:9-11

We have to make choices all the time, some of them hard, some easy. Pray for wisdom before your next important decision.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
 DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – Responding to the cry of the rural poor with the bishops of Brazil

In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: “We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countryside – landless, homeless, lacking food and health care – to the detriment of their rights. Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income.” - Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 191.

Development and Peace has been working with the Brazilian bishops for many years to respond to the cry of the poor. Your generosity helps fund our partnership with their Pastoral Land Commission, which works to support the rural poor through agricultural development and land reform. You can learn more about our work by picking up Share Lent materials at the back of the Church or by visiting devp.org. The Share Lent collection for Development and Peace is Good Friday, April 3, 2015.



EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS: A special way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial decorations in their memory. The decorations will be used to decorate our worship environment for the greatest feast of the year... the Feast of the Resurrection. Envelopes for the decoration donations are available at the entrance to the Church. You may also use a plain envelope marking it:

Memorial Decorations

In Remembrance of _____

Donated by _____

Address _____

Postal Code: _____ Envelope # _____

Include your donation and return it to the office or in the collection by **Sunday, March 22, 2015**. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations.

All Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated in memory of those for whom the Easter Decorations were donated.

Remember loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season.



St. Peter's Catholic Women's League Share Lent Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Sunday, March 22, 2015
after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses

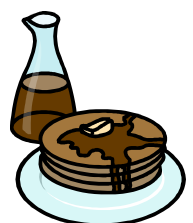
Cost	
Adults	\$5
Children 6-10 years	\$3
Children 5 & under	Free

All proceeds from this event go to
Share Lent/Development & Peace

Come out and support the efforts of this annual
project for Share Lent

Bring a friend or neighbour

Baking is needed for the bake table!





*Do you want to be inspired to share the love of Christ?
 Do you want to be informed how to share Christ's love?
 Do you want to connect with other like minded Catholics?*

... then mark your calendars now for Friday, April 24th 6-9pm, and Saturday, April 25th 9am-4pm at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall, Bishop Carter Auditorium

The Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and the Parishes of North Bay area are privileged to be the host site for live streaming from Ottawa of the New Evangelization.

The New Evangelization Summit will feature eight (8) dynamic presenters:

Dr. Scott Hahn
 A doctor of theology, a EWTN TV host, author of over forty books

Dr. Ralph Martin
 President of Renewal Ministries, doctor of theology; Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization

Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
 The director of the Association of Marian Helpers, a best-selling author

Patrick Coffin
 A dynamic speaker, emcee, host of the top-rated national radio show, Catholic Answers Live

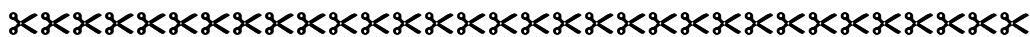
JoEllen Gregus
 Light of the World Evangelization Ministries, and responsible for Adult Evangelization in her local parish

Ken Yasinski
 The founder of Face to Face Ministries and a Lighthouse Catholic Media contributor

Fr. James Mallon
 A priest from Halifax, NS, and the founder of the JP II Media Institute

Michael Dopp
 Founder of the New Evangelization Summit and President of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries

***Registration is only \$20.00 and includes lunch and coffee breaks
 Submit Payment and Registration Form in Sunday collection before April 17th
 For more information go to www.newevangelization.ca***



Full Name _____

Phone # Day _____ Night _____ Cell _____

Number of Tickets @ \$20.00 each _____
 Make cheque payable to North Bay Regional Parishes

Office: _____



International Women's Day

International Women's Day 2015 Theme: *MAKE IT HAPPEN*

All around the world, International Women's Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.

International Women's Day, March 8th, is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future while focusing world attention on areas requiring further attention. The first International Women's Day was held in 1911. In some places like China, Russia, and Viet Nam it is also a national holiday.

As groups around the world choose their individual themes for 2015, the Development and Peace Committee at St. Peter's would urge you to give your mom, wife, daughter or sister a hug and support them and others facing many equality issues to inspire change for women's advancement in every way. This will call for challenging the status quo for women's equality and vigilance inspiring positive change.





08 March - Second Sunday in Lent

In Exodus we hear the commandments given by God through Moses, the commandments for God's people to live by. Saint Paul teaches us that the wisdom of God is not easy to accept, in particular, the message of the crucified Christ. The Gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the Temple in Jerusalem. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments so that we could direct our

behavior in ways that help us to grow in our love of God and in our love of neighbor. Given that we have received these commandments, you would think it would be easy to live as beloved children of God. However, sometimes the things we want are not the things we need and we can become distracted by what culture would command us to do. The wisdom of God helps us to make decisions for our lives that keep us growing in our love of God and others.

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CWL Regional Dinner Meeting Monday, March 23 at 6:00 PM
Our Lady of Sorrows, 45 John St., Sturgeon Falls. \$20.00 per person. Please contact your Local CWL President or Diane Gallupe at 705-744-5300 for tickets.

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

Marriage Preparation Program Weekends: 2015 March 6-7, 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.

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.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Sandwich Card Party Holy Name Parish Hall, March 23 \$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

Lenten Mission/Retreat: St. Joseph's Church, Powassan, will host a Lenten Mission from Saturday, March 7 to Wednesday, March 11. Retreat master is Father Emmanuel Okpataku, from the order of the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy and Pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Kirkfield, Ontario. Mission theme is "The Missionary Mandate of Christ in the Light of the New Evangelization". Everyone is welcome. Freewill offerings to cover the cost of the retreat will be taken. For retreat mass schedule and details - please see flyer in church or call Laurie 705-724-2118.

"Journey with Moses - strategies for facing the stresses of your life" a Lenten Season event led by Archdeacon Linda and Reverend Richard White. The evening of March 27th beginning at 6:30, and all day Saturday March 28th beginning at 8:30 at the St. Joseph Mother House. A journey through the early and fearful days of the Exodus and what God teaches us through them. Cost is \$20 for both days, or \$15 just for Saturday with lunch. For information call the Whites 705-474-4298. To pre-register call Ed 705-472-7449. For details see the poster and available flyer.

Villa Loyola Retreat Centre presents Lenten Taizé Retreat "Lent Moving To Easter" focusing on prayer services using short and simple sung refrains such as "Jesus Remember Me". The refrains are very easy to learn and through repetition they become prayerful and mantra like. The services are punctuated with readings and silence. There will be a few brief inputs on the theme of Lent moving to Easter as well as optional sharing groups. No musical training is required. Friday March 13 (7pm) to Sunday March 14 (1pm) with Director Fr. Erik Oland, S.J. Cost: \$220.00 live-in/\$140.00 commute. Register by calling 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca

St. Joseph's Motherhouse March 2015 Programming
Weekend Silent Retreat, Friday, March 20 at 7:00 PM to Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 PM Theme, "**Getting in touch with our Desire for God**" Presenter: Fr. Harry Cain sj (by DVD presentation) with reflections by Sr. Lea Joanisse, csj For: Men and women searching for a deeper relationship with God. Offering: \$170
Dream Workshop, Friday, April 24 at 7:00 PM to Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 PM Theme: "**Letting Your Body Interpret Your Dreams**" A dream is a code for a hidden life-energy that leads to solving life's problems. It opens a direction that we cannot otherwise provide. Letting the life-forward energy actually come in the body is the chief purpose of body interpretation. It is a gentle process that gives one a sense of well-being. Presenter: Sr. Mary McGuire, csj (PhD in Clinical Psychology) Offering: \$ 170:00
The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Goes to the Movies Friday, March 13 at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm Theme: "A Passionate Love"---- Movie—"WIT" Sin moves to make life meaningless. Jesus shows that, even when everything is stripped away and we remain naked desire, even beyond emotion, that desire leans into the love Who creates it, sustains it, and redeems it. Offering: by donation For more information or to register for any programs, call Sister O'Connor at 474-3800, ext. 213 or email poconnor@csissm.ca

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.