

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2015

- Mon, Nov 30 8:00 am** Pat Taccone by Pat O'Brien
Jackie Whaley by Louise Regimbal
Intentions Leblanc & Leblanc-Leduc Families by Germaine Makarenko
- Wed, Dec 2 Holy Cross School Mass**
9:30 am Colette Polec by Raymond & Hannah Fournier
Lillian Caldarelli by Mary Jean Cundari
Intentions of Germaine Makarenko by Pat Porter
- Thu, Dec 3 12:00 pm** Intentions of Norm & Marlene Prevost by Delma & Mike Ketter
Don Leblanc by Lorraine & Shannon Gallant
Basil Boisvert by Vivian Boisvert
- Fri, Dec 4 9:30 am** Philip Aultman by Ron & Dorothy Aultman
Intentions of Peter & Arlene Maunsell by Len Weisflock
Intentions of Randy Schubert by Family
- Sat, Dec 5 5:00 pm** Lena Kennedy by Margaret & Paul Kennedy
Merlin Shaw by Loving Family
John & Mary Wilkolaski by Stan Wilkolaski
- Sun, Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent**
9:00 am For the intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Tony
11:00 am Cecile Jobin by Marie Dionne & Family
Rosemary Carriere by Lionel Carriere & Family
Lorraine Cater by Family



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: *Stephen Cain; Nellie Knight*



Sunday, November 22, 2015 \$3 309.17
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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Nov 30- Dec 6

Monday	Romans 10.9-18; Matthew 4.18-22
Tuesday	Isaiah 11.1-10; Luke 10.21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25.6-10; Matthew 15.29-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26.1-6; Matthew 7.21,24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29.17-24; Matthew 9.27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30.19-21,23-26; Mt 9.35-10.1,5-8
Sunday	Baruch 5.1-9; Philippians 1.3-6,8-11; Lk 3.1-6

The 2015-2016 Sunday Missal, "Living with Christ" is available for purchase in the Parish Office at \$3.50 each. Please call the Parish Office for assistance.

WISDOM QUOTE:

"Death is not extinguishing the light; it is only putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."
Rabindranath Tagore

Weekly contribution envelopes for 2016 have arrived! Please pick up your box of envelopes early. If you do not have an envelope number and you would like one, envelopes are available. Call the Parish Office for assistance. ***Please do not use your 2016 envelopes until January 1, 2016.***



Calendar of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Upper Room Occupied
10:00 am Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
- Tue 7:00 pm** Catholic Women's League
 General Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
2:00 pm Sacristy Occupied
6:30 pm Church Occupied
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General
 Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
- Fri Parish Hall Occupied All Day**
Sat Turkey Dinner Set Up All Day
**Sun 4:00pm St. Peter's 22nd Annual
 Turkey Dinner**

St. Peter's Turkey Dinner Sunday, December 6th

From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Are you able to help out that weekend? We are still in need of pies, carrots, potatoes, cabbage, celery, onions, tea, milk, heavy duty foil, pie servers, juice & milk servers, plate scrapers, table cleaners, and Sunday evening clean-up crew. Please check the sign up board posted at the entrance of the Church to see where you too might be able to help. **ALL FOOD DONATIONS (except pies) MUST BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd!** The pies can be delivered up to 3 pm on Sunday, December 6th. For information contact Bob at 705-729-5033.



Happy new year

Advent is the beginning of the church year, a time of renewal on this journey of faith. These four weeks provide a spiritual reminder that God is with us in all places, all peoples, and all events. God is present even in writing cards, baking cookies, shopping for gifts, and the many customs that help us honor the day of Christ's birth. Don't fight the busyness; enter it. And in doing so, take time, no matter what is on your mind or on your calendar, to see the presence of God in this day.

"May the Lord . . . make you overflow with love for one another and for all."

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Regional Advent Penitential Services

Advent Penitential Service

St. Alphonsus Liguori ~ December 16 ~ 7:00 pm
 Followed by individual confessions

All-Day Individual Confessions

Pro-Cathedral Parish ~ December 18
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



CWL NEWS

The annual membership dues for the Catholic Women's League of St. Peter the Apostle has been increased to \$25.00. All dues for 2016 should be paid by December 31, 2015. Please be vigilant when making your payment.

Thank You, Ann Cousineau



Our next **General Meeting** will be held on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm. All ladies are invited to join us for a presentation by Father Tony and Father Rex on their trip to India last year. A Christmas Social and a short meeting will follow the presentation. Hope to see you there – God Bless

We will extend a helping hand to the residents of the **Evergreen Lodge**. Please join us in making Christmas special for the men (2) and women (8) at this centre. We are in need of gifts for people aged 60 & older. New items needed are warm scarves, mitts, gloves, hats, chocolates (regular and diabetic), hygiene toiletries and plastic colorful coffee mugs. Place your **UNWRAPPED** gift in the decorated box at the back of the church before December 13th. These items will be delivered by our Catholic Women's League members in time for Christmas enjoyment. As always thank you for your generosity.

BEST ADVENT EVER

What are you doing this year to prepare for Christmas? Shopping for presents? Wrapping gifts? Baking cookies? Decorating the tree? Do something life-changing – rediscover God's mercy.

This Advent, we are invited to participate in the free email program from Dynamic Catholic, *Best Advent Ever*. Best Advent Ever will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. Participants will receive daily inspirational emails with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly and other influential Catholic voices of our time. This program will transform your life, relationships, work, and ability to embrace and experience all of life. Sign up today at www.BestAdventEver.com It's free!

JESSE TREE Christmas Project

Once again, St. Peter's Parish will have a JESSE TREE! A Jesse Tree is placed in the sanctuary and on the tree are Christmas ornaments with one side marked a child's gender and age, and TOY or PJ.



Some ornaments are marked with a food item.



Parishioners are invited to pick an ornament and purchase a gift for that specific child; or the specified food item for that family.

Then, bring the unwrapped gift and ornament to the Parish Office by noon on Monday, December 14th.



These gifts are for children and young people, and will be placed with a food basket for their family.

Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter this year!

For more information, please call Donna at 705-472-0513.



November 29, 2015 - First Sunday of Advent

The first reading reminds the Israelites that the Lord would fulfill his promise to raise up a descendant from the house of David, and that this person would establish an everlasting kingdom. The second reading tells us about the many ways our faith in Jesus enriches our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the signs that will appear when the Son of Man comes again. When we reach out in kindness to our family, friends and foes, we express the redemptive love of Jesus and experience, through the Holy Spirit, an increase of the Lord's love in our hearts. This allows us to more fully understand his profound mercy.

“Create a Climate of Change” Climate change is dramatically altering the planet as we know it and we are all affected. Come out to an ecumenical prayer, reflection and discussion gathering on **November 29** to see how we can all make change happen. Held at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall from 2:00 to 3:30 PM, we will have guest speakers on climate change, music and a social. Everyone welcome! “Together Lets Create A Climate of Change” For information call Shirley at 474-5379 or Lorraine at 474-0613.

St. Peter the Apostle 22nd Annual Turkey Dinner December 6 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. \$14/adult, \$5/5-10 years, Free/under 5. For tickets call Kathy at 474-9828. Call soon – always a sell out!

Ascending Life Gathering for Elders, at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall at 2:00 PM on Tuesday December 15. **Our December topic is “Advent and Christmas”** - teaching that as darkness looms, Christ comes with new light which may start as a small flicker, but it promises to grow and transform the darkness! The purpose of Ascending Life is to assist men and woman of retirement age in their spiritual growth and encourage them to take full part in church life. Come out to gather and discuss our monthly topic. Refreshments served—bring a friend ~ come and make a friend! NO COST

Springtime of the Spirit Regional Prayer Group Due to family illness and other circumstances, the prayer group is temporarily closed for the month of November. Thank you for your understanding, all members are in our prayers.

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.

The Promises of Fatima Rosary Group – come pray with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish followed by Mass.

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.

Pancake Breakfast at St. Brice's Parish Cassells Street on December 12 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Advance Tickets \$10/12 years and over; \$7/ages 5 to 11; under 5 free; Family of 4-\$35. Tickets at the door \$12. Call 474-4005 to reserve tickets.

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.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2015

Regional Penitential Service--Wednesday, 16 December

St. Alphonsus Liguori ~ 7:00 PM

Followed by Individual Confessions

All Day Individual Confessions--Friday, 18 December

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sacred Way Ministries - Quo Vadis gathering for young Catholic adults working and attending school in North Bay and area. Intent on fun, fellowship and faith? We meet Sunday nights at 6:30 PM. For our next gathering location please call Paul and Mary-Kate Long at 358-9964.

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, 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 jessicasheppard@gmail.com.

THE EDGE Catholic Youth Group: Calling Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8's!! Check out what living on “The EDGE” is all about. 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!! Snacks and prizes! Meets Monday 6:45-8:30 PM at St. Joseph Church in Powassan. Regardless of school or church you may attend or where you live – everyone welcome. Free Call Pauline 724-5964 or Jeannine 724-3424 for information or transportation needed.

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee hosts a Free Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall on Christmas Day from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. The Committees mission is: *To create a warm comfortable atmosphere for those who wish to share a Christmas meal. 250 gift bags are given so everyone takes one home!* Would you like to take a bag (or bags) to fill? Items such as hard candy, mitts, socks, shower gel, shampoo, chocolates, activity book, toy, colouring book, deodorant, t-paper, box of tissues, etc. are needed. Please email steel.steel@fibreop.ca or call 476-7192 if you can help fill a bag or provide items.

Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing collecting new and gently used toys for 21st Annual Santa Needs Help Campaign so that all children experience the joy of Santa this holiday season! Contact the office at 472-1337 for toy pickup or drop off at office: 127 Main Street East from 10-4 weekdays.

Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children who are in need of support, guidance and education. 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.

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 General Meeting first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church in the Church Hall, rosary at 6:30 PM. Refreshments served. Executive Meeting last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church in the Church Hall. New or transferring members can contact Mike Maunsell at 491-0006 or mike@maunsell.ca