



Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 30, 2018

Happy New Year!

- Tue, Jan 1 9:00 am Feast of Mary, Mother of God**
 Antonina & Carmelo Muratore by Muratore Family
 In thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Jude for favours received by Laura Deschamps
- Wed, Jan 2 7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration**
- Sat, Jan 5 4:00 pm Florence Caruso by Family**
 Ron Fournier by Family
- Sun, Jan 6 9:00 am Benito Tedesco by Anna & Carmine Perrotta**
 Intentions of Walter Mendoza by Faye Grottoli
- 11:00 am For the intentions of all parishioners**

Please note: *The Parish Office will be closed until 9:00am on Monday, January 7, 2019.*

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

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 2018 \$4 515.95

Thank you for your generous contributions!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec 31 – Jan 6	
Monday	1 John 2.18-21; John 1.1-18
Tuesday	Numbers 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21
Wednesday	1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28
Thursday	1 John 2.29; 3.1-6; John 1.29-34
Friday	1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42
Saturday	1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43-51
Sunday	Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3,5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

URGENT
Volunteers Needed



Sacristy Assistants are needed to help clean the Sacristy, altar, sanctuary and sacred vessels. Please donate your time – it's once a month for an hour or less and you would work in a team. For more information, call Diane at 705-472-8573.

Prayer for Families

Holy Family, hold our families and give us the grace to become what we are: communities of forgiveness and grace. Teach us to embrace the surprises of loving each other. Remind us that we are gifts to one another, and draw us deeper into love with every moment. Amen.

Embracing Stewardship:

When his parents saw Jesus (in the temple) they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Luke 2.48

Christmastime reminds us that one of the greatest stewardship activity is to be good parents. The love of parents for their children is a constant reminder of the love of God for us.



Dates to Remember: Confirmation 2019

Sessions

6:30-9 pm at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall School

January 11, 2019 April 5, 2019

February 8, 2019 May 3, 2019

March 1, 2019

Confirmation Practice

June 5, 2019

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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION

Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 10 am at Pro-Cathedral Parish celebration with newly confirmed St. Peter's confirmandi is Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 11 am at St. Peter's.

Resume the conversation

It happens all the time: The younger generation departs from traditional ways, while the older one wrings its hands and predicts the end of the world. The kids are abandoning our values, mistrusting our institutions, taking terrible risks, and setting out in a dark direction! Without a doubt, the turnover of each generation is the end of "a" world—that is, the one the rest of us knew, built, and got comfortable in. Each family has to keep the lines of communications open, so that wisdom gets passed on and change becomes less scary. Holy families keep the conversation going.

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

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We are in the process of preparing our system to generate CHARITABLE RECEIPTS for 2018. If you have made an address change in the past year, please contact the Parish Office (705-472-1817) so that we can update our records.



We wish to remind our supporters that if you wish to receive credit for contributions in 2018, **donations must be received and deposited on or before December 31, 2018.** Revenue Canada does not permit charitable organizations to backdate receipts and we are bound by that regulation. So please have your year-end donations in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018** or your donations must be calculated as donations for 2019.

Employment Opportunity:

PARISH SECRETARY

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church is inviting applications for the position of Parish Secretary. Duties include, but are not limited to, secretarial and receptionist services for parish ministries, committees/groups/programs as required, maintain accurate confidential records of parishioners, order supplies, some daily, weekly, monthly and annual accounting duties such as banking, preparation of annual Financial Reports, T4 slips and T4 summaries, record weekly envelope contributions and issue income tax receipts at year end, etc. Interested applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by March 15, 2019 to Pastor through the Parish Office. Interviews will take place in April 2019 with full-time employment to begin May 6, 2019. Salary commensurate with experience. The successful applicant will be required to provide references and comply with the requirements of the Diocesan Screening Initiative.

Christian Marriage Preparation Program 2019

Winter Series: February 8-9

Spring Series: May 31 – June 1

Fall Series: October 25-26



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. Couples are encouraged to register early!

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.

WISDOM QUOTE:

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." C. S. Lewis



December 30, 2018 – Feast of the Holy Family

Today we hear about the birth of Samuel and how his mother gives thanks in the Temple and dedicates her son to the Lord. John, in his letter, highlights our dignity and destiny – we are God's children now and are commanded to love one another. The Gospel from Luke relates the story of Jesus at the age of twelve remaining in the Temple after his family had departed, and the subsequent worry and searching for him that his parents experienced. By being born into a human family, the eternal Son of God has blessed every family, and so made marriage and family a pathway to holiness and eternal life. In the face of God's ever-flowing generosity, highlighted for us today in the blessing of family life, we become aware of our human shortcomings and our need for God's mercy and love.

Discovering Christ begins Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM – at Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. A seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children. A typical session consists of seven weekly sessions and a retreat day. The weekly sessions include four components: a meal, prayer time, a video teaching, and small group discussion. This is a free program and everyone is welcome to attend! Consider this your personal invitation to make 2019 a year to renew your faith! For more information and to register visit our Christ Life website at www.ChristLifeNorthBay.org

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

North Bay pregnancy Help & Resource Centre, 323 Algonquin Ave, North Bay, ON P1B 8J8. Open weekdays 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Tel: 475-9270. Offering free pregnancy testing, optional counselling, a friendly non-judgmental ear, baby supplies, post-abortion grief counselling, and community service referrals.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Alphonsus in Callander: Every Friday 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. First Friday 8:30 AM to 8:30 AM (24Hrs).

St. Peter the Apostle: First Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Everyone is invited.

Holy Name of Jesus: Tuesday to Friday 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

Pro-Cathedral: First Friday of the month 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon followed by 12:05 PM mass.

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.

Marriage Preparation Weekend February 8 & 9, May 31 & June 1, October 25-26 (5 PM Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday): Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place. Material cost is payable at time of registration. Limited to 18 couples - register soon!

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party January 28 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. \$8 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics held every second Wednesday! Held 1-2:30 PM and 4-7:30 PM. Please book your appointment at www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic dates January 9 & 23 at The Elks Lodge off Trout Lake Road.**

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.

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 Clothing Only!

Service of Healing & Prayer, Christ Church Anglican on Greenwood Avenue 3rd Sunday of the Month 7 PM. Next service 20 January. Everyone welcome. Music, traditional and contemporary, scripture and teaching on theme of healing, opportunity for individual prayer.

Spirituality for Seniors. "The spiritual task of aging is embracing the blessings of this time and overcoming the burdens of it." Joan Chittister As we age it becomes more difficult to access spiritual enrichment opportunities, especially in winter and after dark. Would you be interested in being part of a small prayer group of 5-7 other seniors? These would take place once a month in the afternoon, and be held in an apartment building or someone's home. Would you consider hosting such a prayer group in your home or apartment? For further information, contact Sister Phyllis O'Connor, csj at 474-3800- ext 487 or poconnor@csjssm.ca

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 all year!! Call 472-7771 or visit www.npsc.ca for information.

Sisters of St. Joseph – Motherhouse Present:

Christian Meditation: The last session for 2018 will be on Tuesday, December 11th from 1:30-2:30pm at the Motherhouse. Our first session of Christian Meditation for 2019 will be on Tuesday, January 15th and will continue on a weekly basis. Contemplative prayer is the opening of oneself to the love of the Spirit of God

Taize Prayer: Third Thursday each month 7:00–8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Taize prayer includes song, scripture, and silence. The silence is to meditate and pray for openness to God's presence in our lives, and Peace in the world.

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 Joy at 495-1792.

CONTACT CANA FOR YOUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
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