

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

Tue, Dec 11	9:00 am	Jean Miller by Theresa & Nestor Crawford Jack Filiatrault by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
	10:00 am – 8:00 pm	Regional Advent Day of Confessions at Pro-Cathedral Parish
Wed, Dec 12	9:00 am	Intentions of Stuart Thompson
	10:00 am	Holy Cross School Mass Merrill Hummel by Solange Rouchen
	5:00 pm	Deceased Family Members of Catholic Women's League Members
Thu, Dec 13	9:00 am	Fred Radcliffe by Pat Porter Janet Childerhose by Patricia & Michael Cassidy
Fri, Dec 14	9:00 am	Ray Blahey by Jim Gleason Mildred O'Heare by Bob & Christine Miller
Sat, Dec 15	4:00 pm	Deceased Family Members of Antonio & Pina Celebre Eugene Guillemette by Michael & Delma Ketter
Sun, Dec 16	Third Sunday of Advent	
	9:00 am	For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Francis
	11:00 am	Marie Buchanan Carmen Lucheta by Amelia Pessotto & Family



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: *Vivian Boisvert; Josephine Turcotte*



Offering

Sunday, December 2, 2018 \$4 368.78

Thank you for your generous contributions!

ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSIONS 2018

“Prepare your hearts. Prepare the Way of the Lord”.
 The Catholic Parishes of North Bay present an Advent Day of Confessions on **Tuesday, December 11 from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm** at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption. Priests will be available all day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we prepare for Christmas, this is a great opportunity to encounter God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WISDOM QUOTE:
 “Colour of skin, languages, religions, and traditions are all part of the magnificence of humanity. Honour diversity.”
 Jonathon Lockwood Huie

Weekly contribution envelopes for 2019 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 2019 envelopes until January 2019!***

The 2018-2019 Sunday Missal, “Living with Christ” is available for purchase in the Parish Office at \$3.50 each. Please call the Parish Office for assistance.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mon	10:00 am	Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
Wed	9:30 am	Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
	5:00 pm	Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner General Meeting (Parish Hall)
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice – All Members
Thu	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – All Members
Sat		Parish Hall Occupied All Day
Sun	10:00 am	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (Upper Room)



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.

Embracing Stewardship

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Luke 3.4

Although none of us may be as significant as John the Baptist, we too are called to prepare the way of the Lord. Advent reminds us that the Lord is continually coming into our world, and we are continually called to make his paths straight. Our actions of care, compassion, love and stewardship are the actions we can take to prepare the Lord's way.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec 10-16	
Monday	Isaiah 35.1-10; Luke 5.17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40.1-11; Matthew 18.12-14
Wednesday	Zechariah 2.10-13; Luke 1.39-47
Thursday	Isaiah 41.13-20; Matthew 11.11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48.17-19; Matthew 11.16-19
Saturday	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11; Matthew 17.10-13
Sunday	Zephaniah 3.14-18; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.10-18

Confirmation 2019

Please include a copy of 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 2018-2019:

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.



To all volunteers: Thank you to all who peeled, chopped, sliced, cooked, baked, served, setup, cleaned and donated to our December 2, 2018 Turkey Dinner, organized by our Repair & Replace Committee (R&R).

Because of your hard work, support and dedication, it was possible to serve approximately 600 people efficiently. Congratulations! Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Congratulations to Jackie Ringuette who won the beautiful quilts by Quilting Friends. We raised \$150.00 for the Parish Food Cupboard.

Congratulations

With sad hearts, we wish Tamara and her family the best as her husband, Mike, accepts a promotion to work in Ottawa, ON. Congratulations Tamara & Mike!
Father Francis

CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women's League Christmas Dinner **General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 12th beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm. After dinner there will be the pin presentations to members who have attained milestones within the League. A short General Meeting will follow.

We will be assisting various charities within our community this Christmas by collecting useful items for those in need. Please join us in making this Christmas extra special by donating for both female and male of all ages scarves, hats, mitts, socks, long thermal underwear (for men), personal hygiene products such as mouthwash, body wash, body lotion, deodorant or any other toiletry item you deem appropriate for this initiative. Please place unwrapped gift in the decorated box at the entrance before December 17th. These items will be delivered by members of our Catholic Women's League in time for Christmas enjoyment. You have always been very generous in the past and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

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 marked with a variety of gift items. Parishioners are invited to pick an ornament and purchase the gift item on the back of the ornament. Then, bring the **unwrapped gift and ornament** to the Parish Office by 4PM Tuesday, December 18th. These gifts will then be distributed to families from our schools, our parish, the Crisis Centre, the Transition House, the Jail, and the Pregnancy Resource Centre. Thank you for helping make Christmas brighter this year! For more information, please contact Donna at 705-472-0513.



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.

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

The first reading calls Israel to abandon mourning and misery and replace it with the glorious splendor of God. Paul's Letter to the Philippians is filled with hope and joy, embracing Christ's message and mission. Hope continues in the Gospel as John prepares the way of the Lord, baptizing in his name and proclaiming that salvation is near. Prepare the way of the Lord! Today marks the Second Sunday of Advent, and we are filled with hope, joy and anticipation. The Lord enters the world to save us. Our paths will be made straight. Our burdens will be eased. Our darkness will be lightened. Salvation is at hand.

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24 Week DVD Catholic Bible Study - The Bible Timeline – the Story of Salvation by Jeff Cavins will be held twice daily at the Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Your choice of time - Thursdays starting January 10 from either 2:00 to 4:30 PM OR 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Register by contacting Mary Louise (Loulou) Delarosbel at ml.delarosbel@hotmail.com 705-895-2455 (cell). You will be required to order the Bible Timeline Study Kit from <https://www.sunrisemarian.com> before December 15. Type in the search field: The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation Study Set, PB. Cost in USD: \$44.11 USD (taxes, shipping) plus the exchange rate will total to about \$60 Canadian – only \$2.50 a session!

The Promises of Fatima: Come pray the Rosary with a group of people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish.

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

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.

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee will be hosting a Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral on Christmas Day (11 AM to 1:30 PM). Volunteers needed. Register by calling Jennifer Blake 825-4748 or by email: nbchristmasdinner@gmail.com . You are required to attend a brief training/information session on December 23 at 7 pm at the Pro-Cathedral. Would you be willing to take a gift bag to help or make a donation of any of the suggested items. Any donation is appreciated. Please Call Michelle at 705-303-5594 if you would like more information. Items can be dropped off at St. Vincent-de-Paul Church on Thursdays. Suggestions: T-paper, tissue, shower gel, shampoo, socks, deodorant, hats, mittens, lip balm, nail polish, hot chocolate, tuna and crackers, cereal/granola bar, pens, activity book, note pads, chocolate, crayons, search-a-word, Sudoku, etc.

Knights of Columbus Council 12106 have Religious Christmas cards for sale. For more info. please call Roy Malette 477-4084.

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!

L.I.P.I. Santa Needs Help Campaign – ensuring that all children in our community experience the joy of Santa this holiday season. Donate new or gently used toys at the office 127 Main Street East or at the office at 472-1337 for info. Why not adopt a family?

I'll be home for Christmas – a heartwarming evening of wartime story and song at Trinity United Church December 11 with 6:30 PM sing-a-long and seasonal songs and stories at 7:00 PM. \$15/Adults, \$10/Students, Free/Kids under 12. Tickets available at Creative Learning and at the door. Proceeds to Gathering Place.

North Bay Community J.O.Y. Band “A Most Wonderful Christmas” Sunday, December 16 at 1:30 PM at Trinity United Church. Carol sing-a-long at 1:00 PM. Free will offering to support the North Bay Warming Centre. Refreshments to follow concert.

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 Joly at 495-1792.

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cana12cana@gmail.com or call 776-2192**