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# First Sunday of Lent – February 18, 2018

*The kingdom of God is at hand.*

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<b>Tue, Feb 20</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Joseph Ezenezi by Michael & Delma Ketter
<b>Wed, Feb 21</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	All souls in purgatory especially deceased members of Foss by Lorenza
<b>Thu, Feb 22</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Julius Toth by John & Liette Burns
<b>Fri, Feb 23</b>	<b>Sacrament of the Sick</b>	
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Kathleen Salek by John & Anna Tremblay
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<i>Way of the Cross</i>
<b>Sat, Feb 24</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Gerry Villeneuve by Joyce & Pat Lyons Gerald O'Brien by Pat O'Brien
<b>Sun, Feb 25</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Francesco & Rosina Perrotta by Carmine & Anna Perrotta Emma Venditti by Felice Venditti
	<b>11:00 am</b>	For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Francis

*Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 for Family Day Holiday.*

**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:** *Raymond Blahey*, husband of Germaine; *Merrill Hummel*, husband of Karen; *Jean Miller*, mother of Bob Miller



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*Thank you for your generous contributions!*

### Embracing Stewardship

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." Mark 1:14-15



The annual experience of Lent offers us a wonderful opportunity to focus more clearly on God's kingdom. We are stewards of that kingdom, and it comes into the world partially through the ways we proclaim and live it.

### Welcome Bishop!

Bishop Damphousse will visit St. Peter the Apostle Parish community and celebrate Mass with us on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.



<b>Mon</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed for Holiday</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
	<b>6:30 pm</b> Baptism Prep Meeting
	<b>7:00 pm</b> Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Parish Hall)
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b> Choir Practice – All Members <i>New Members Always Welcome!</i>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> Parish Hall Occupied All Day
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> First Communion Lesson
	<b>12:00 pm</b> Choir Practice – All Members <i>New Members Always Welcome!</i>

### Prayer for Families

Jesus, tempted in the desert, you lived a witness to God's promise that destruction is not the answer to the world's sin. You modeled a way of sacrifice for our salvation. This Lent, teach us to walk in the way of sacrifice. Help us to desire the growth that comes from going without some of our usual comforts, that we might follow in how you resisted destruction as the way to respond to sin. Amen

**MADE FOR MORE: DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018**

All high school aged youth are invited to participate in the **Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference 2018 “Made for More” on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Mary’s College in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.** Join high school students from across Northern Ontario for a day of faith, music, sharing, talks and powerful witness featuring popular Catholic Speaker Ken Yasinski. Registration fee is only \$20! Register online at [www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018](http://www.stjeromeparishssm.com/dcyc2018) or pick up a Registration Form at your church or by visiting your high school Chaplain. This event is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board and the Knights of Columbus Council 932.



**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.

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Reflect:** “In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.” Matthew 6:7

**Pray:** Father, I talk too much. I foolishly think that I have to remind you of everything, and to prove the sincerity of my prayer, I need to repeat it over and over. I know you enjoy it when we approach you in prayer, but we don’t have to monopolize the conversation. I can just spend time in your presence, confident of your care and love for me. You know everything and you know my needs. May I rest securely in my trust in you. Amen.

**Act:** When you pray today, just sit quietly, mindful that you are with God.

Fr. Thomas J. Connery, Taking Lent to Heart 2015

**Development & Peace**

Lent is a time to reconnect with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This Lenten season, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada invites you to learn more about peace and dialogue as part of the Share Lent Campaign.

In a world where a multitude of cultures, religions, and beliefs co-exist, one of the first requirements for peace is to look within ourselves in order to speak with kindness and establish a sincere and genuine dialogue with “the other.” This year, and in the future, let us make a commitment to be artisans of peace, engaging in an approach based on openness and respect. Let us meet each other half way and establish a dialogue.

**Peacemaking calls for courage, much more so than warfare. It calls for the courage to say yes to encounter and no to conflict: yes to dialogue and no to violence; yes to negotiations and no to hostilities; yes to respect for agreements and no to acts of provocation; yes to sincerity and no to duplicity. All of this takes courage, it takes strength and tenacity.** Pope Francis, Invocation for Peace, June 8, 2014.

Together, let us continue to believe that peace, human dignity, and justice can triumph. Let us seek pathways to unity which will lead to a just and lasting peace. Let us cultivate, hand in hand with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, the hope of a better world where we can live in tolerance and dignity. And let us pray that even in the semi-darkness, we have the strength to make light shine forth.

2018 Share Lent Campaign Guide & Liturgical Resources

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Feb 19-25	
Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18; Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11; Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10; Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	1 Peter 5.1-4; Matthew 16.13-19
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28; Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19; Matthew 5.43-48
Sunday	Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18; Romans 8.31-35,37; Mark 9.2-10



**Get outside your comfort zone this Lent**

The desert’s a great place to encounter the Holy, as a long tradition of desert fathers and mothers attests. But the desert’s a traditional place to make intimate acquaintance with your demons as well—which is another reason Jesus, and generations of his followers, made friends with cacti. It’s also why we symbolically enter the Lenten desert each year, fasting, praying, and giving alms. We allow the normal lifestyle padding to wear a little thinner and feel our vulnerable spots with more clarity. Make a commitment this Lent to explore your limits. Bring an extra supply of humility!

*“The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained [there] . . . tempted by Satan.”*

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**CWL NEWS**

The Catholic Women’s League **Executive Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

**WISDOM QUOTE:**

“It is not what we get. But who we become, what we contribute. That gives meaning to our lives.” Tony Robbins

## February 18, 2018 First Sunday in Lent

In the reading from Genesis, God establishes a covenant with Noah, declaring the rainbow as the reminder to all his people. In the second reading, we hear that the eight who had been saved by the water in the story of Noah prefigure our baptism which saves us now. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus begins his Galilean ministry by proclaiming the need to repent and believe. *Repent and believe in the Gospel.* These sound like simple words from our short Gospel today. But it is fitting that Jesus begins his earthly ministry with this powerful message after the Spirit descended upon him at his baptism. He asks us to believe in the Gospel and embrace its message of humble service and discipleship.

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**Knights of Columbus Council 12106 Soup and Card Party February 26** from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. \$6 entry fee includes lunch. For table reservation call John at 845-1020 or Roy at 477-4084.

**North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie 27<sup>th</sup> Annual all you can eat Spaghetti & Meatballs/ Lasagna Dinner** Sunday, March 4 in Pro-Cathedral Parish Hall. Two seatings: 4:15 and 5:30 PM. Adults/\$12, Children 3-10 years/\$5, take-out/\$8. For tickets call: Nancy Tremblay 472-6099, Harley 752-4105, Jeannine Lebel 724-3424 or JP Lamarche 476-0953. **A Silent Auction will be held in conjunction with the dinner** if you have small items to donate, please call Nicky at 474-3018 (leave a message) for pick up or drop off items at the Pregnancy Help & Resource Centre during business hours.

**2018 Marriage Preparation Weekends** April 20 & 21, and Fall October 26-27 (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 \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Register soon!

**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.

**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 7 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Gisele Champagne at 497-1911.

**CLAY- (Catholic, Love, Attitude, Yes!):** A Youth Program for JK to Grade 7, Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM 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 724-1835 or [jessicasheppard@gmail.com](mailto:jessicasheppard@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

**Lenten Mission:** The Lenten Mission at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 120 Memorial Park Drive, Powassan, will be held Sunday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 7, 2018, starting at 7pm every evening. The retreat master is Father Andrew Ayala, IVE, Congregation of the Eternal Word. He is a priest currently serving in the Peterborough Diocese. More information and topics to follow. Please mark the dates on your calendar. Everyone welcome. Information: Laurie: 705-724-2118.

**Silent Lenten Retreat "The Name of God is Mercy" at Villa Loyola** Friday, March 2 7 PM to Sunday, March 4 1:00 PM Director: Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J., cost \$230/live-in or \$130/ commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or email at [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca). Where is God in our rather dark and scary world? How should we respond to the fearful and threatening pressures we face? How can religion heal the world, or is religion the problem? These questions have been in the hearts of many. Many people feel estranged or distant from God, especially when God is so often invoked or portrayed in violent or judgmental ways. During this retreat we will pray with these passages for enlightenment, hope, and transformation on our spiritual journey

**North Bay Community Blood Donor Clinics** are held each month in North Bay and blood donations are needed especially during the summer to meet patient needs. Please book your appointment at [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca) or call 1-888-236-6283 **Next Clinic February 20 & 21 at Best Western on Lakeshore Drive**

**Calling all Women to the Great Canadian Bible Study** with the women of First Baptist Church. Topic: Lessons on Mary Magdalene. Saturday, 24 February from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon beginning with breakfast. Free will offering of toonies will support literacy classes for women in Rwanda. Contact Sue Foote at 497-3382 or [suzie@foote-ca.com](mailto:suzie@foote-ca.com) to register – invite your friends!

**Pilgrimage to Poland April 28 – May 14, 2018** includes special moments not readily available to other groups such as conferences with the Sisters at the Convents, visit to the Archbishop's Residence in Krakow, seeing where Mary left her footprints in Lichen, visiting Plock where Jesus appeared to St. Faustina. All inclusive cost \$3300 single and #3150 for couples. Information: [sbielec@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbielec@sympatico.ca) or 613-792-4272

### Sisters of St. Joseph Present:

**Lenten Renew Opportunity** 3 Consecutive Fridays February 16 , 23 and March 2 McColgan Room St. Joseph's Motherhouse from 1:30---3:30 PM. "Conversion: Following the Call of Christ" Through the inspirational stories of six ordinary Biblical figures, the DVD Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron can help us understand the power of an encounter with Christ and help us recognize where Christ may be calling us personally. Facilitator Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj . Suggested Offering \$30:00 for the series. Register by calling 705-474-3800 ext. 213

**Christian Meditation:** Each Tuesday at 1:30—2:30 pm in Holy Family Chapel. This contemplative prayer is a way to self-knowledge, self-acceptance & awareness of all that God can do in our lives when we allow it.

**Taize Prayer:** Taize Prayer is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, from 7:00—8:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. The intention of this prayer is for the "Gift of Reconciliation", wherever brokenness exists. This includes song, scripture, and silence. All are welcome.