



Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10, 2016

Father Tony is away from January 8 to January 22, 2016.

We welcome Reverend Perron to St. Peter's while Father Tony is away!

- Wed, Jan 13 10:00 am** *Installation Mass of Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption Church*
- Sat, Jan 16 5:00 pm** Ron Fournier by Family
Naddy Ammerata by wife, Maria & Family
Philip Aultman by Claudette & Richard Morin
- Sun, Jan 17 9:00 am** Intentions of Denise & Jake Turcotte by James
Colette Polec by Rachel, Bob & Giselle Crossman
Cletus Young by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
- 11:00 am** For the intentions of All Parishioners

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed the morning of Wednesday, January 13th.



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:



Dec 2015 Pre-Authorized Donations	\$2 759.00
Christmas 2015	\$9 006.45
Sunday, December 27, 2015	\$3 709.10

Thank you for your generous contributions!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan 11-17

Monday	1 Samuel 1.1-8; Mark 1.14-20
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1.9-20; Mark 1.21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3.1-10,19-20; Mark 1.29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4.1-11; Mark 1.40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8.4-7,10-22; Mark 2.1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9.1-4,17-19;10.1; Mark 2.13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 62.1-5; 1 Corinthians 12.4-11; John 2.1-12

WISDOM QUOTE:

"The place to improve the world is first in one's own heart and head and hands, and then work outward from there." Robert M. Pirsig

Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord (1 Peter 2:9) is the theme for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)**. Begun in 1908, these days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Our Regional Ecumenical Service will take place at Calvin Presbyterian (401 First Ave W) on January 24, 2016 at 2PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

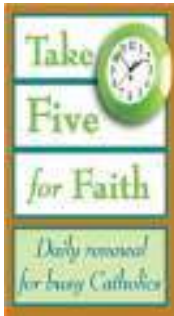
Confirmation Information Night 2016 Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 pm



in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are welcome. Please include a copy 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.



To All Prayer Partners: Now is the time for renewal in the Prayer Partner Program. Your opportunity to choose your Prayer Partner for 2016 will take place after all Masses on January 30 & 31, 2016 in the Parish Hall. New parishioners are invited to join the program now in its 38th year. You can draw a name and pray anonymously for a fellow parishioner for this calendar year. You are welcome to send cards on occasions throughout the year. For more information call Donna at 705-472-0513 or Theresa at 705-497-5909.



Get into the spirit of your Baptism

The Rite of Baptism is our initiation into the Christian community of the church. As baptized persons, we are part of the “one spirit” that makes us members of the Body of Christ and each other. And with this gift of Baptism we have a responsibility to carry out the light and love of Christ to the world. What does that look like? A welcome to the stranger; an embrace of an enemy; a sacrifice for the sake of another. Let the spirit of your Baptism light a fire of love under you!

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

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THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Diocesan Church – lay faithful, priests, deacons, religious, Women of the Diocesan Order of Service – for their good wishes and generosity toward me on the occasion of my 75th Birthday and retirement from my pastoral responsibilities as Diocesan Bishop.

Your unwavering friendship and support, particularly that of my brother priests during these past twenty-nine years will forever be engraved in my memory and my heart.

I bless the Lord for the road travelled together. May His spirit always keep us faithful and proud to belong to this great and beautiful diocese in Northern Ontario.

Fraternally, Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW BISHOP

This Wednesday, January 13th at 10 am at the Pro-Cathedral, Most Reverend Marcel Dampousse will formally be installed as the 6th Bishop of our Diocese. ALL members of the laity and clergy are invited to attend.

Regional Welcoming Eucharistic Celebrations will also be held in Sudbury on Wednesday, January 20th at 7 pm at Ste. Anne-des-Pines Church, and in Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, January 27th at 7 pm at St. Jerome Church.

Both gatherings will be followed by a “Meet and Greet” the new Bishop in the parish hall.

ALL are welcome!



CWL NEWS

The Catholic Women’s League Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Please note that on January 17, 2016 you will find a postcard pertaining to the fight against Pornography in your pew. We ask you to take a moment to read and sign this card. You can put the signed card in the collection basket and the Catholic Women’s League will forward them to the Prime Minister at the House of Commons in Ottawa. Thank you.

Christian Marriage Preparation Program 2016



Winter Series: February 26-27

Spring Series: April 29-30

Fall Series: October 28-29

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. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples are encouraged to register early!

A pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by North Bay Right to Life will take place on Sunday, January 24th after the 9 & 11 am Masses in the Parish Hall. It will be held in conjunction with their Annual Membership Drive. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy this event. It is an easy way to show support for pro-life efforts to inform and protect all stages of human life from conception until natural death. Children under 3 years of age-free, children aged 3 to 10 years-\$3.50 each (or 3 for \$10.00)– Everyone else \$6.00 per person.



January 10, 2016 - Baptism of the Lord

The first reading tells of the chosen servant of the Lord whom the Lord will raise up to be a light for the nations and bring forth the victory of justice. The second reading reminds us that God shows no partiality, and that everyone who places their faith in Jesus and lives according to his teaching can be saved. In the Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. A voice from the heavens was heard, saying: "You are my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Understanding this, may we strive to live out our faith in Jesus all the more fully.

Creating a More Welcoming Church

Pope Francis has been encouraging the Church to turn outward and look to the lost and the poor. He has called the Church to embrace the New Evangelization and to spread the Good News.

The priests of the North Bay Regional Deanery invite you to come and give your input about how to create a more welcoming Church in order to respond to the New Evangelization and better serve the people of our region.

We will hold this meeting at two different times hoping to accommodate everyone's schedules. The first meeting will be on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's and will be repeated on Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 AM at St. Peter's.

Please join us. We need your input to help us create and build a Church that is more welcoming, a place where everyone can feel they belong.

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Regional Fun Day of Curling for anyone who would like to enjoy a fun day of curling From 1:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday, January 17. Cost is \$15 which includes ice rental, sliders and brooms for your use. Pot luck dinner – bring something to share! Please wear clean runners or shoes. Contact John Burns at 490-0042 to sign up for this fun day.

Chili Dinner sponsored by St. Alphonsus CWL January 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the parish hall. Adults/ \$10, children 3 to 10/\$5, under 3 free. Proceeds to assist Harley Park and family as he battles cancer. Tickets are available from Deborah 471-9160 and Maureen 752-3626

Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Soup and Sandwich Card Party January 25 at Holy Name Church hall from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. \$6.00 person. Everyone is welcome! Contact Art Tiernay at 705-358-1368 for more information and to sign up!

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse invites you to partake in a 6-Film Series to help deepen your spiritual life "Transformation in Mercy". Facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon., and includes small group discussion. Bishop Carter Room from 6:00—9:00 pm. Jan 8 "Of God's & Men"; Feb 12 "Millions: "Hidden Roots of Love"; March 11 "The Tree of Life"; April 8 "On the Waterfront"; May 13 "Pushing Tin"; June 10 "Gravity"

Motherhouse Taze prayer will continue on the 3rd. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 PM.

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.

"Hearts on Fire" Retreat is coming to the Diocese. This is a spiritual experience for young adults (18 -35) presented by Jesuits studying Theology from Regis College in Toronto. Focuses on living faith in daily life, discernment, and learning about Ignatian Spirituality. Held at University of Sudbury, Friday, 4 March 7:00 PM to Saturday, 5 March, 8:00 AM. to 7:00 PM. Billeting is available for people from out of town. A minimal contribution of \$20.00 will help cover some expenses. For information, contact Ron Perron at rperron@usudbury.ca or tel 705-522-3502 ext 2504 and Bienvenu Senga at bx_senga@laurentian.ca or Univ. of Sudbury Spiritual Services office at 705-673-5661. Check out the "Hearts on Fire" website: apostleshipofprayer.org/hearts-on-fire/

Springtime of the Spirit Regional Prayer Group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish Our next gathering will be at 6:30 PM on December 30. Recitation of the rosary, praise and worship, meditative prayer, sharing and fellowship.

The Regional Special Events Committee welcomes anyone who would like to assist with planning regional socials for all to attend. Call Annette at 495-3584 for more information – we are hoping to plan more events so we can gather together regionally!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lenten Retreat at Villa Loyola "Praying the Great Hymns and Psalms of Lent" with Fr. Gilles Mongeau, s.j. who will lead in meditation on the great hymns and psalms of Lent as a way of helping us come closer to Christ who has emptied himself out of love for us. Friday March 11 (7pm) to Sunday March 13 (1pm). Cost \$230 live-in or \$150 commute. Call 705-522-3502 ext, 0 Monday to Friday or by email at loyola@isys.ca to register