

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 24, 2016

- Mon, Jan 25 8:00 am** Colette Polec by Rachel, Bob & Giselle Crossman
Rosemary Carriere by Pierrette Carriere
Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Gravelle by Laurent & Cecile
- Wed, Jan 27 12:00 pm** Richard Ringuette by Jack & Shirley Marcotte
Peter John Lingenfelter by Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic District School Board
Roger Trahan by Gisele & Douglas Floyd
- Thu, Jan 28 St. Hubert School Mass**
9:30 am Don Milligan by Pat Porter
Intentions of Aime & Denise Brule by Robert & Christine Miller
J-Paul Maujean by Nicole Baril
- Fri, Jan 29 9:30 am** Intentions of Seomgmi Ghor & Gren Ringuette by Nancy Tremblay & Family
Basil Boisvert by Vivian Boisvert
Intentions of Geisler Family by Peter & Arlene Maunsell
- Sat, Jan 30 5:00 pm** Intentions of John Wilkolaski's Family by Al & Bette Lamothe
Renato Pellanda by Nancy & Vic Pettella
Intentions of Maurice & Jeanne Gravelle by Bernie, Jeannette & Georgette
- Sun, Jan 31 9:00 am** Intentions of Mac Radcliffe by Bernadette, Brooklyne & James
Leon Levasseur by Huguette & Raymond Desgroseilliers
Noella Laporte by Shirley Laporte
- 11:00 am** For the intentions of All Parishioners by Fr. Tony



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:



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Sunday, January 17, 2016 \$3 632.62

Thank you for your generous contributions!

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jan 25-31	
Monday	Acts 22.3-16; Mark 16.15-18
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1.1-8; Luke 10.1-9
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7.1-17; Mark 4.1-20
Thursday	2 Samuel 7.18-19, 24-29; Mark 4.21-25
Friday	2 Samuel 11.1-4,5-10,13-17; Mark 4.26-34
Saturday	2 Samuel 12.1-7,10-17; Mark 4.35-41
Sunday	Jeremiah 1.4-5,17-19; 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13; Luke 4.21-30

WISDOM QUOTE:

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion." Paula Coelho



Calendar of Events

- Mon 10:00 am** Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
- Tue 6:30 pm** Baptism Prep Meeting
- Wed 9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)
- Thu 1:00 pm** Parish Hall Occupied
6:30 pm Choir Practice – All Members
New Members Always Welcome!
7:00 pm New Evangelization Meeting – Creating a More Welcoming Church
- Sat 10:00 am** New Evangelization Meeting – Creating a More Welcoming Church



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Make lasting connections

Pope Francis has more than 7 million followers on Twitter and loves to take selfies. But while he's harnessed social media to broaden his reach as he spreads the Good News, he worries about the "radical loneliness" in a society that chases validation online and fears making real commitments. Jesus didn't need the Internet to accumulate "followers" or for his message to "go viral," and the Holy Father urges everyone not to worry about getting "likes" on Facebook but instead to forge close bonds. "Friending" people in real life means investing in meaningful relationships. Make a down payment today.

"Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region."
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CWL NEWS

The annual membership dues for the Catholic Women's League of St. Peter the Apostle have been increased to \$25.00. All membership fees for 2016 are due now. Please be vigilant when making your payment. Thank You, Ann Cousineau



The Catholic Women's League **General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd** at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. At this meeting, we will review the budget for 2016. We would appreciate your presence. We welcome you to join us as this will be a great opportunity for our CWL members to see where the monies are allocated.



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.

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. **Register early to save time at the April 6th gathering.**



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) **TODAY, January 24th** at 2PM. Everyone is invited to attend.



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 meetings will be on Thursday, January 28th at 7 pm at St. Peter's and will be repeated on Saturday, January 30th at 10 am at St. Peter's. If you need a ride, please contact the Parish Office.

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. If you need a ride, please contact the Parish Office (705-472-1817).

Countdown to Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming!

Lent begins on February 10th. Lent is a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer.



Euthanasia Law in Canada

Over the course of this past election, there was one issue you did not hear much about and that was unfortunate because it is one of the most important issues that our Federal Representatives have ever dealt with in the House of Commons.

You can immediately take action and have your voice heard by your elected representatives.

In fact, we should get started right now!

Members of Parliament are about to decide under what circumstances it is appropriate and 'okay' to kill someone...legally.

That's right. Last February, our Supreme Court of Canada ruled on a case that opened the door to physician assisted suicide and euthanasia here in Canada. The court then gave the Federal Government until this coming February to re-write the affected laws.

*Then, on **January 15, 2016**- In a 5-4 ruling the Supreme Court of Canada granted the federal government a four-month extension to pass assisted dying legislation, rather than the six months the government had asked for.*

This extension however, is a "compromise decision," because although it gives the government a four month extension to prepare --- at the same time people who are suffering during the four-month extension will be able to go a judge and get approval to end their lives.

The court also ruled that Quebec's assisted dying law, which came into effect in December, can remain in effect. Earlier Friday, CBC News confirmed a Quebec City patient had died with the assistance of a doctor, a Canadian legal first.

*We are not talking about '**Palliative Care**' which is a holistic approach that focuses on relieving a patient's physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual suffering.*

We are not referring to Palliative Care protocols that are administered by a team of health care professionals from many disciplines all working in tandem to provide comfort and care to those at an extremely vulnerable stage of their life.

This ruling is referring to euthanizing someone with the sequential injection of 3 different drugs - a sedative to relieve anxiety, then a barbiturate or similar drug to induce a coma, and finally a neuro-muscular block, which will stop the heart and respiration. Not the same thing at all.

So it is important for those of us who believe that life is a gift from God to inform ourselves and participate in the conversation about establishing (in law) the ability for our neighbour to be killed by the state.

*The conversation also has to get beyond the progressives argument that it is simply about the choice between living in excruciating pain or dying with dignity because **the truth is, that wherever euthanasia has been legalized, mentally ill patients, persons with disabilities, infants and the elderly have all been killed without consent.***

Action Points:

1. PRAY:

Please pray that our government, and Canada as a whole, would embrace a culture of life from birth right through to old age. Please pray also that the new laws will protect doctors' freedom of conscience and religion.

2. Contact the Prime Minister

Hon. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Fax: 613-941-6900

3. MP for Nipissing-Timiskaming

Anthony Rota M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa (ON) K1A 0A6

4. Sign the joint declaration put out by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

“The Bishops of Canada, along with our ecumenical and interfaith signatory partners, are circulating the Declaration broadly in their respective communities in the hopes of gathering more signatures indicating our opposition to the legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide.”

Signatures to the Declaration are made on line. The Declaration (see below) and the signatory option may be accessed at the following links:

English - <http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/sign-the-declaration/>
French - <http://www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca/fr-signer-la-declaration/>

5. Please sign the **Declaration of HOPE** - an open letter to all Canadian Parliamentarians written by the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and forward the link to the Declaration of HOPE to all of your friends and contacts.

http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2013/01/declaration-of_hope.html

Last week's bulletin insert as well as today's insert was provided in part by North Bay Right to Life/Pro-Vie.

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The first reading tells of how those Israelites who returned from exile in Babylon to live in Jerusalem joined together in renewing their commitment to be faithful to God and his commandments. The second reading reminds us that we are parts and members of the one body of Christ. Today's Gospel recalls the beginnings of Jesus' public ministry. Today's reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, we are members of Christ's body. We have a sacred duty and solemn obligation to use the unique gifts and talents God has given us to further the work and mission of the Church.

Mindful of this, let us share our gifts generously so many others might come to know Jesus.

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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!

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.

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.

Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Upcoming Events:

Finding Mystery in the Ordinary: A Guide for Women DVD Conference by Sr. Ann Willits, op. Facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj Tuesdays in February 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 1:30-3:00 PM in Conference Room 1. Suggested offering \$10 each session. Come and discover the meaning of God's presence in your life.

Lenten Retreat Day—"Jesus Beloved – Jesus Seeker" Presenter Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj. Saturday, February 13 9:00 AM---3:30 PM in the Bishop Carter Room. Suggested offering: \$30 (includes lunch) Take a little time to prepare for Lent and Easter.

To register for events at the Motherhouse call 474-3800 ext. 213

Film Series to help deepen your spiritual life facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon., and includes small group discussion. Bishop Carter Room from 6:00—9:00 pm. **Transformation in Mercy:** 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 continues on the 3rd. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 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.

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.

Musical Theatre for Kids! Starburst Theatix is holding auditions for kids grades **3 to 8**, for "Not Your Average Joe", a Christian Musical for kids – the story of Joseph with a 50's twist. **Information night** January 27 from 6:00-7:00 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall. **Auditions** January 31, 3:00-5:00 at Les Compagnons, 327 Dudley Ave. Check out our website www.starbursttheatix.webs.com or call/text Suzanne at 845-0160

Lenten Mission: St. Joseph's Church, Clark St, Powassan, will host a Lenten Mission February 13-17. Father David Linder from Madonna House in Combermere, Ontario, is the retreat master. The theme is "The Merciful Love of Our Saviour". He will begin by preaching at the weekend Masses, February 13, 5:00 PM and February 14, 10:00 AM at St. Joseph's. The four evening sessions, February 14-17 begin at 7:00 PM. Registration is a free-will offering. Father David will also celebrate 9:00 AM Mass on Monday to Wednesday, February 15-17, at St. Joseph's. For more details call Laurie, 724-2118, or Jeannine, 724-3424.

"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/