

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 25, 2017

*Goodbye Father Tony: We would like to wish you all the best in your new Parishes in Elliot Lake and Blind River, and thank you for the last 5 years of faithful service to the parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Parish. We will miss you.*

- Mon, Jun 26 8:00 am** Intentions of Peter & Arlene Maunsell by Roger & Colette Goode  
Bernard Emond by Lillian Morel & Family
- Wed, Jun 28 St. Luke School Grade 8 Grad Mass**  
**10:30 am** Tom Pendergast by Al & Bette Lamothe  
Mignonne Serran by Jim & Leona Kotsilidis
- Sun, Jul 2 9:00 am** For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Francis  
**11:00 am** Leon & Kelly Levasseur by Eileen Levasseur  
Dellard Mathieu by Karl & Lilianne Spanner

**Parish Office hours for June 26-30 are: (phone messages will be monitored regularly)**

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday	9 am – 12 pm; 1 pm – 4 pm
Thursday & Friday	Closed

### Summer Masses at St. Peter's

Our 2017 summer Mass schedule:

*Effective Saturday, May 27 to Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> (inclusive)*

**Saturdays NO MASS**

**Sundays 9:00 & 11:00 am at St. Peter's**

The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Peter's will resume on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

**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:**

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Sunday, June 18, 2017 \$3 993.35  
*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



**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.

### Prayer for Families

God of life, take away our fear. Teach us to walk through the darkness, trusting in your light. Help us to know and believe how much you love and care for us. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jun 26 – Jul 2

Monday	Genesis 12.1-9; Matthew 7.1-5
Tuesday	Genesis 13.2,5-18; Matthew 7.6,12-14
Wednesday	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Matthew 7.15-20
Thursday	Acts 12.1-11; 2 Timothy 4.6-8,17-18; Matthew 16.13-19
Friday	Genesis 17.1,5,9-10,15-22; Matthew 8.1-4
Saturday	Genesis 18.1-15; Matthew 8.5-17
Sunday	2 Kings 4.8-12,14-16; Romans 6.3-4,8-11; Matthew 10.37-42

### WISDOM QUOTE:

“Blessed are they who see beautiful things in humble places where other people see nothing.” Camille Pissarro



- Wed 9:00 am** St. Luke Grade 8 Grad Reception  
(Parish Hall)  
**9:30 am** Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
- Thu Parish Office Closed**
- Fri Parish Office Closed**
- Sun 9 & 11 am** Welcome Reception for Father  
Francis Ezenezi (Parish Hall)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Butterfly Release

A Celebration of Life: Live butterfly release in support of Near North Palliative Care Network on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kiwanis Bandshell Waterfront. To reserve your butterfly, call 497-9239 or email [office@nnpccn.com](mailto:office@nnpccn.com) to see how you can support hospice palliative care and grief support in our community.



### **Count to ten . . . blessings**

During those dark moments in your life when you are sure God has forsaken you, follow this simple practice endorsed by Jesus: Count your blessings. Think about all that you've been given, the love and mercy that God has shown you and others. Did you demand explanations for those gifts? Wonder at their fairness or equity? Our suffering may never make sense, but it will be redeemed, in fact it has been redeemed many times over. God's love is stronger than sorrow and death. Abide in that love.

*"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."*

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### **Do you love to Garden? We Need You!**

Do you like working outdoors? Are you an enthusiastic gardener? If so, we need you! GARDENERS are NEEDED to help look after the gardens on our church property. You can be part of the team responsible for creating, maintaining and sustaining St. Peter's beautiful outdoor spaces. Call the Parish Office if you can help 705-472-1817.



### **Gratitude for all that has been**

Saint Luke speaks at the beginning of his gospel about the encounter that Mary of Nazareth had with the angel Gabriel (Lk 1:26-38). In response to God's invitation, she replied *yes*, and her *yes* changed the course of history. I was conscious of that moment of grace when I too said *yes* to the invitation to serve as pastor of the faith communities of Saint Peter the Apostle and Saint Elizabeth. Ever since that day, I have continually given thanks for the gift of serving as the shepherd of these parishes.

Even before I arrived, some people had already contacted me to express their welcome and to offer assistance. As the days turned into weeks, months and years, I have continued my song of prayer and praise for the privilege God has given me to accompany those who gather in these places.

We have celebrated sacraments, we have learned about faith, but most importantly we have continually sought to welcome all those who knock at our door. Whether they are in search of a place to pray or a helping hand, we have always sought to see in them the face of Christ who is asking for our help, and as a result, our *yes* is an answer to Jesus' call to welcome *him*, to feed *him*, to encourage *him*, to comfort *him*.

As I now set out on the next phase of the journey that God has planned for me, I wish to encourage you to continue the good work that has been begun. There is a Spirit here that is a precious gift. Continue to live in this Spirit of joyful giving. Speak the language of your hearts as you continue to sing *psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to the Lord* (Eph 5:19), and always give thanks to God the Father for the gift of being able to recognize him in others.

You have truly been a gift to me in more ways than you will ever know, so as I look back on these past years – which I truly believe have been a privileged moment of grace for me – *my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my Saviour* (Lk 1:46). Mary's song of praise echoes in my heart in thanksgiving for all that you have been for me, for all that I have received.

Now that God is calling another priest to serve as your shepherd, I urge you to welcome him as you welcomed me, and know that I will always treasure the time that I have spent among you.

Father Tony

## June 25, 2017 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The prophet Jeremiah reminds his listeners that he lives under constant threat from outsiders, but he is confident the Lord is with him. Saint Paul reminds the Romans that Adam brought sin and death into the world, but Jesus' sacrificial act brought new life and a new creation. In Matthew's Gospel, Christ reminds his disciples to remain steadfast in their witness to the truth. Each of us is called to testify to the spirit of truth that is Jesus. When we give faithful witness, we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus says he will acknowledge us before the Father. Let us not be afraid to testify to our belief in Jesus.

On Sunday July 30 through Monday July 31 about 30 canoe paddlers will be camped out at the Motherhouse in North Bay. The paddlers are part of **the Canadian Canoe Pilgrimage**, a project inspired by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The project is to promote dialogue between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of Canada. The pilgrimage follows the traditional First Nations trading route, leaving Midland Ontario July 20<sup>th</sup> and arriving in Montreal August 15<sup>th</sup>. This route was travelled by early European settlers like Samuel de Champlain and St. Jean de Brébeuf, in the care of their Indigenous guides.

**You are invited to attend this very special celebratory family friendly event held at St. Joseph's Motherhouse on July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

The celebration begins at 11:00 AM with opening ceremonies and greetings from local dignitaries; various activities and exhibits from 12:00 noon to 3:00 PM. In part the celebration also recognizes the founder of the Jesuits, St Ignatius of Loyola. The day concludes with a celebration of at the Eucharist at 4:00 PM. You are invited to come for part or the entire event, as your time permits.

**Beautiful Holy Land Wood Art Display & Sale** will be held Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> before and after masses (9:00 and 11:00 AM) at St. Peter's in support of the Christian community of Bethlehem which has suffered greatly due to political unrest. Help the effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

**Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region:** Every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 10:45 AM to 11:45 AM. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For more information call Fran at 476-4146 or Holy Name Parish Office at 495-1501

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Call CANA for Cards, Rosaries, Sacramental Gifts, Books & More! Email Kas or Alana at [cana12cana@gmail.com](mailto:cana12cana@gmail.com) or call 776-2192 to see how they can help.**

**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 You have the power to give life! **Next Clinic: July 4 & 5** at Best Western Lakeshore Drive

**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 (SUMMER) Clothing Only!

**Near North Palliative Care Network presents its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Butterfly Release** on Saturday, July 15 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Kiwanis Bandshell Waterfront. Last day to donate and reserve a butterfly is June 30. To reserve your butterflies, call 497-9239 or email [office@nnpccn.com](mailto:office@nnpccn.com) or visit our office at St. Joseph's Motherhouse, 2025 Main Street West.

**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](http://www.npsc.ca) for information.

**Volunteers needed for Family Enrichment Program for parents and their preschool children.** Volunteers care for our infants, toddlers and preschoolers Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. Located at St. Joseph School 570 First Avenue East. Call 472-2152 for more information.

**North Bay Food Bank - Can you help?** Call 495-3290 Monday & Friday between 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

**Birthright: Pregnant? Need Help?** Call 1-800-550-4900 or visit: [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org) Email: [info@birthright.org](mailto:info@birthright.org) "We're in this for life!"  
A free confidential service as an alternative to abortion.

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### Knights of Columbus Meetings

**Fr. Michael Cundari Council, 12030 at Holy Name Church:**  
General Meeting fourth 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 you 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.