
Third Sunday of Lent – March 4, 2018

It was in Jesus' death and resurrection that God's glory was fully revealed and made manifest.

Tue, Mar 6	9:00 am	Intentions of Connie O'Connor
Wed, Mar 7	9:00 am	Intentions of Gilberte & Family by Julie Ann Smrke
Thu, Mar 8	9:00 am	In thanksgiving to St. Anthony & St. Jude for favours received by Laura Deschamps
Fri, Mar 9	9:00 am	Intentions of Sophie Dahior by Doreen Primeau
	7:00 pm	<i>Way of the Cross</i>
Sat, Mar 10	5:00 pm	Gerald Thompson by Lise & Family Intentions of Gerry Blahey & Family by Al & Bette Lamothe
Sun, Mar 11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
	9:00 am	Normand Fichault by Tony & Pina Celebre Albert Gallant by Shannon Gallant
	11:00 am	For the intentions of all parishioners by Father Francis

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: *Fred Radcliffe*, husband of Shirley; *Eugene Guillemette*, brother of Roger Guillemette



Sunday, February 25, 2018 \$3 000.21
Thank you for your generous contributions!

This Week...

Mon	10:00 am	Rising Stars (Parish Hall)
Wed	9:30 am	Cenacle – Rosary (Church)
	3:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting (Parish Hall)
	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Meetings
Thu	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – All Members <i>New Members Always Welcome!</i>
Sat		Parish Hall Occupied All Day
Sun		Share Lent Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale & Book Sale after both Masses
	12:00 pm	Choir Practice – All Members <i>New Members Always Welcome!</i>

Embracing Stewardship

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

Lent is a foolishness to many people, but to we Christians it can be a time of spiritual growth and healing, a time of grace and forgiveness, a time of challenge and hope.



WISDOM QUOTE:

“Listen to the compass of your heart. All you need lies within you.” Mary Anne Radmacher

CWL NEWS

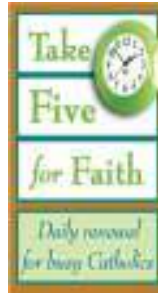
The Catholic Women's League *General Meeting* will be held on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members welcome.

Our *Share Lent Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale and Book Sale* will be held on Sunday, March 11th after the 9 and 11 am Masses. The cost for adults is \$6.00 each and the cost for children aged 6-10 is \$3.00 each. Children 5 years and younger are free. The Catholic Women's League will be in need of baked goods for the Bake Sale table. All baking donations can be brought to the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 10th from 9 am to 12 pm or before each Mass on Sunday, March 11th. Books will have been provided by our members and this sale will be by monetary donation. All proceeds of this event will be given to Development & Peace/Share Lent.

If you have a key to the church but do not know how to disarm the alarm, please visit the Parish Office as soon as possible and we will give you instruction. Also, if you have been assigned a key to the church, please do not transfer that key to another person without permission from the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



Be open to the message

Once upon a time in Nazareth, Jesus' hometown community tried to kill him. Did these folks misunderstand his teaching that they felt such rage against him? Or was the problem that they understood Jesus perfectly? Jesus had suggested that his fellow citizens were not prepared to accept God's word, but foreigners might. If a preacher got up and said his words in our churches today, he might also receive a negative send-off. We like to think we're pretty good people and on the right path, but are we really open to the call to change?

"The citizens of Nazareth drove Jesus out of town so they might hurl him off the cliff."
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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mar 5-11	
Monday	2 Kings 5.1-15; Luke 4.24-30
Tuesday	Daniel 3.25,34-43; Matthew 18.21-35
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4.1,5-9; Matthew 5.17-19
Thursday	Jeremiah 7.23-28; Luke 11.14-23
Friday	Hosea 14.1-9; Mark 12.28-34
Saturday	Hosea 5.15-6.6; Luke 18.9-14
Sunday	2 Chronicles 36.14-17,19-23; Ephesians 2.4-10; John 3.14-21

EASTER MEMORIAL DECORATIONS: A special way to remember loved ones during this holy season is to donate memorial decorations in their memory. The decorations will be used to decorate our worship environment for the greatest feast of the year... the Feast of the



Resurrection. Envelopes for the decoration donations are available at the entrance to the Church. You may also use a plain envelope marking it:

Memorial Decorations	
In Remembrance of _____	
Donated by _____	
Address _____	
Postal Code: _____	Envelope # _____

Include your donation and return it to the office or in the collection by **Sunday, March 18, 2018**. A listing of remembrances will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Income tax receipts will be issued for all donations with an address and / or envelope number.

All Masses on Easter Sunday will be celebrated in memory of those for whom the Easter Decorations were donated.

Remember loved ones this Easter and give glory to the Lord by helping to decorate for this beautiful season.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite young men and women, single or married, ages 16 to 35, to fill in a survey which will assist us in planning programs for faith development. This will require approximately 10 minutes of your time. We thank you in advance for your help.

Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYZ57HD>

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflect: So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart. *Matthew 18:35*

Pray: Father, I stumble and fail with forgiveness. There is just a big part of me that does not want to forgive. Forgiveness feels like losing, giving in. I know that is not the case, but it is how it feels. You don't mince words when it comes to forgiveness. You demand it. Help me by your grace to at least begin the act of forgiveness. After all, I too, need and want forgiveness. I pray this in the name of Jesus your Son. Amen.

Act: Take time to identify those you need to forgive. Then ask God to bless them with success, good health and peace.

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

Development & Peace

Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government.

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine in today's bulletin.

March 4, 2018 Third Sunday in Lent

In the first reading, God presents the Ten Commandments to Moses. In the Letter to the Corinthians, Paul declares Christ as the power and wisdom of God for Jew and Gentile, alike. Today's Gospel displays Jesus' zeal for his Father's house, as he drives the money changers and animal sellers out of the Temple. When Jesus drives the money changers and animal vendors from the Temple, the Jews demand a sign to prove his authority. They do not have the faith to see what is in front of them. Later, when Jesus dies and is risen, his disciples remember his words, and they understand and believe. Do we have the faith to see what is revealed right in front of us, in this Eucharist?

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

"Change my heart and help me to follow the way."

Sturgeon Falls - Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday, 15 March at 4:30 PM

Regional Penitential Service - Tuesday, March 20
Holy Name of Jesus Church at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

Regional Penitential Service in French
Wednesday, March 21 ~ St. Vincent de Paul at 7:00 PM
Followed by Individual Confession

All Day Individual Confessions - Friday, March 23
Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The Board of Directors for **North Bay Roman Catholic Cemeteries** announces that Mr. Darren Denomme has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals effective February 26, 2018 and thanks him for his many years of service to our area families. They also announce that Ms. Joanne Griffiths has been appointed to the position of Cemetery Manager for our Catholic Cemeteries, coming to us with knowledge in the government and private sector. Ms. Griffiths can be reached via email at jgriffiths@nbrcc.ca. All other information for the cemetery remains unchanged.

Mass of Chrism hosted at Pro-Cathedral Church at 7:00 PM on Thursday March 22. Everyone is invited as we witness our priests renew their vows. Reception to follow.

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 27th 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.

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Development & Peace Hunger Meal Friday, March 16. Join us at our 12:05 Noon Mass at the Pro-Cathedral followed by our meal in solidarity with those who suffer with hunger in the parish hall. A simple fare of soup and a bun will be served. Everyone welcome. Free, however, any donations offered that day at the meal will be submitted to the Share Lent Collection. If you wish a receipt for any donation over \$10 please put your offering in an envelope with your name and address on it.

New Evangelization Summit - Friday, April 27th from 7:00p.m. - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 28th -8:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. the New Evangelization Summit will be live-streamed from Ottawa to North Bay at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall School. The conference includes world class Catholic speakers Sr. Ann Shields, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, George Wiegel, Patrick Madrid, Christy Dupuis equipping us with the tools for evangelization and Catholicism in our world today. Cost of \$25 includes lunch and light refreshments. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to register online or at their parish office. Make cheques payable to North Bay Regional Parishes. For information about the Summit visit the Ottawa website at www.newevangelization.ca For further inquiries contact Len at lsanthier@gmail.com 492-8311 or your local parish.

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, *Institute of the Incarnate Word*. He is a priest currently serving in the Peterborough Diocese. The theme is "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord". Please mark the dates on your calendar. Tuesday evening, March 6, will include a Lenten Penitential Service, with individual confessions. Everyone welcome. Information: Laurie: 705-724-2118. The cost is a goodwill offering.

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.

North Bay Food Bank Diaper Drive will be held until March 15. Donations can be dropped off at St. Peter's Church on Airport Road from 1:00-3:00 PM on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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.

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

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