

The Parish of Saint John the Divine

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Our primary purpose as the Church of St. John the Divine in downtown North Bay is to be a welcoming, nurturing and worshipping community which demonstrates by word and deed the love of Jesus Christ for all creation.

Epiphany II

January 15, 2012 ✦ 10:00 AM



**“The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.
He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’”**

- St John 1. 43

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant: The Rev. Fr. A. E. Nussey, Rector

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➤ **Cycles of Prayer**

Anglican Cycle: Pray for the Church of Bangladesh and the Most Rev. Paul Sarker.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Christian Unity and Ecumenism throughout Algoma. Pray also for St. John the Evangelist, Sault Ste. Marie and the Rev. Mal Binks.

➤ **Prayer List**

The ill and recovering... Ann White Margaret Park, Margaret Johnson, Marilyn Buchanan, Wayne & Diane, Diane Barnes, Jessie Turenne, Mark Rogers, Margaret Hall, Dennis Linaker, Biff Gigg, Carol Komo, Charlene Higgins, Joan Gravelle, Helen Stanton, Robert Ure, Helen Atkinson, Rob Paterson.

The departed...The flowers on the altar glorify God and are in loving memory of Wilf McCulloch, placed by Alice and family and in loving memory of Thelma Anne Nichol, placed by husband Bill and family. We also remember all the departed members of the Friendship Group, in whose memory two cruets have been dedicated today.

➤ **Next Sunday's Readings**

Jonah 3. 1-5, 10	Psalms 62. 5-12	1 Cor. 7. 29-31	St. Mark 1. 14-20
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➤ **Parish Calendar**

Jan. 18	11:00 AM	Friendship Group
Jan. 19	10:00 AM	Parish Advisory Council
Jan. 19	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 22	<i>After service</i>	ACW Linger Lunch
Jan. 22	2:00 PM	Prayer for Christian Unity - Pro-Cathedral
Jan. 27	7:00 PM	Cursillo at St. John's
Jan 28	6:00 PM	Turkey Supper at St. John's

Have an event? Please contact the Parish Office by 12:00 Noon on **Wednesdays**.

➤ **Groups and Committees**

We have various active groups in our church. If you are interested in obtaining more information, please feel free to contact the church office.

➤ **Solemn Evensong for Candlemas**

As we continue with our community-university partnership with the Near North Voices Choir and Nipissing University, St. John's Church will host a service of Solemn Evensong on Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Adam Adler, the Near North Voices Chamber Choir will uplift our souls with fine musical fare as we celebrate this important feast day in the life of the Church. Incense will be used sparingly and briefly at the altar. A reception will follow the service. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

➤ **Annual Vestry Meeting**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5. A light lunch will be served before the meeting.

➤ **Postage Stamps**

Please remember to donate used postage stamps in support of the Canadian Bible Society. These stamps are redeemed to provide worldwide distribution of Bibles. Please deposit stamps in the labelled box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support to the C.B.S. – *Christine Whatmore*

➤ **St. John's Key Holders**

In order to update the church 'key register', please phone Ed Carberry at 472.7449 or the church at 474.6070 if you are in possession of church keys.

➤ **Chancel Guild**

The Easter-Spring meeting of the Chancel Guild will take place on Wednesday, February 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Thornloe Room.

➤ **Daily Prayer in Lent**

During the Lenten season, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer will be offered every weekday. Stay tuned for more information.

➤ **L'Arche North Bay**

L'Arche North Bay is hosting their January Sing-a-Long & Prayer Gathering on January 20 at Emmanuel United Church at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us. Come and bring a friend.

➤ **Memorial Flowers**

The Flower Chart for 2012 has been posted on the wall near the elevator. Due to Lent changing year-to-year, there are some Sundays available early in the new year: specifically January 22 to February 19 inclusive.

To reserve a Sunday to memorialize a loved one, or in Thanksgiving, you may note it on the calendar, but please place information on the collection plate and notify the church office by mail or telephone at 705.472.6070 to ensure inclusion in the bulletin. Please make cheque for \$50 payable to St. John's Church.

➤ **The Anglican Planet**

An independent publication, *The Anglican Planet* is a Canadian Anglican journal of current news and ideas. Copies of the *Planet* are being made available to parishioners by way of an anonymous donor: please feel free to pick up a copy in the narthex. The *Planet* receives no financial assistance from outside sources. If you like the publication, please support it by taking out an individual subscription and having it mailed directly to your home.

➤ **Lenten Bible Study: "The Freedom of Forgiveness"**

Lent is such a wonderful time for us to look at forgiveness as we experience God's forgiveness through the life and death of Jesus. This is a six-week Wednesday morning Bible Study starting Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m. and ending Wednesday, March 28. We will be discussing what forgiveness is not, what real forgiveness looks like, how do I get from here to there, forgiving myself and God, and reflecting on the process—the process of forgiveness increases our awareness of the miracle of God's grace for us. This Bible Study, which will be led by Peggy Morrison, is open to both men and women and the Rector will be participating. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

➤ **Prayer for Christian Unity Service**

Next Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a service of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption. This is an ecumenical service, and Father Nussey will be preaching. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

➤ **No Scents Makes Sense**

Some people suffer allergic reactions to scents. Please refrain from wearing heavily scented products. Thank you for your consideration.

➤ **Atlantic Theological Conference**

The topic of the 2012 Atlantic Theological Conference will be "The New Atheism." The keynote speaker at this conference will be Peter Hitchens award-winning British columnist and author of such books as "Rage against God," which details his journey from the militant atheism of the far political left to Christianity. Peter Hitchens' brother, Christopher, was a key champion of the New Atheism movement. The conference will take place at St. Peter's Cathedral in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, from Tuesday, June 26 (evening) to Friday, June 29 (noon). Further details about the speakers at this year's conference, as well as more specific topics of individual papers, will be posted on the conference Website at <http://www.stpeter.org/conf.htm> as information becomes available.

➤ **Swiss Chalet**

Did you know that you can financially support your church by eating out? Did you know that you can make Swiss Chalet tithe to our church? When you dine at Swiss Chalet here in North Bay, keep your receipts and provide them to the church office. We will submit your receipts and Swiss Chalet will kindly give the church 10% of what you spent. Thank you for your support.

➤ **Kitchen cleaning**

In order that our church kitchen stay well within the health requirements, and to help keep members of our church family healthy as well as guests whom we entertain on our premises, we are asking for volunteers to share in this task. Groups will consist of 4 persons per team each month to give our kitchen that little extra "spit and polish" for approximately 1 to 1½ hours per cleaning session. A list in the narthex has been posted for volunteers to sign up. You may also speak with Phyllis Macdonald (497.3571). Thank you for helping out.

➤ ***Linger Lunch***

St. John's ACW invites everyone to a Linger Lunch **next Sunday** after the morning service. Come hungry and linger over a variety of chili, buns and butter, dessert, tea, coffee, and cold drinks.

➤ ***Parish Lenten Book Club***

Beginning the Thursday before Ash Wednesday

The Rector will be hosting a six-week study of the Archbishop of Canterbury's book *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgement*. The trial, conviction, and death of an innocent man 2,000 years ago has particular resonance today. Atrocities from around the world shake us nearly every day, and each of us also experiences trials in our own lives. In this book the Archbishop of Canterbury looks in depth at the trial of Jesus, using it to teach readers how to face the challenges of life in a world like ours. Bringing the biblical accounts of Jesus' trial vividly to life, Archbishop Rowan Williams highlights what is to be learned about Jesus from each of the four Gospel portraits.

We will meet on the following Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.: Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 1, March 8, March 22, and March 29. If you wish to be a part of the Book Club, please notify the Rector **by no later than Sunday, February 5th**, at which time the books will be ordered. Each participant is asked to purchase the book, which the Rector will order, at a cost of \$13 each.

➤ ***Parish Website***

If you have not yet checked out the Parish Website, please do so! There is a lot of up-to-date information posted. For instance, you can find the most current schedules for the following: Cassellholme Services, Chancel Guild, Church Cleaners, Eucharistic Assistants, Food Shelves Volunteers, Greeters, Lay Readers, Lectors, Servers, and Worship Services. You can also view bulletins and sermons and you can see "The Parish in Pictures" among other things. Please feel free to check it out, and if you have Facebook, remember to "Like" us! Thanks for stopping by: www.stjohndivine.ca



➤ ***Blessing and Dedication of cruets***

A pair of cruets is given to the Glory of God and in memory of departed members of the Friendship Group. Thanks are extended to the Friendship Group for providing these items for the worship of the church.

Priest: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People: **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whom the unclean is purged, and that which is purified is made glorious: we humbly call upon thee, graciously to accept these cruets, offered by thy servants in memory of departed members of the Friendship Group, for thy greater glory and for thy worship on earth, that by thy blessing they may ever remain hallowed for the use and ministry of thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

"Keeping a holy Lent"

From Father's Desk

MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS IS A POPULAR THING TO DO, and perhaps you have made a resolution or two yourself. Whether you have done so or not, I am calling on all parishioners to make "**Lenten Resolutions**" this year. I am asking everyone to **resolve** to keep a holy Lent by participating in parish activities designed to speak to the soul. While New Year's resolutions can have worldly ends that do not intentionally relate to the spiritual life, Lenten Resolutions should focus on nurturing the soul. As you can see in today's bulletin, there are upcoming opportunities for daily prayer, Bible study, and book study. What can you reasonably plan on attending? It is always a good idea to review the "RULE OF LIFE" found on page 555 of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and to consider the categories as a framework for your spiritual life. I know that Lent does not begin until February 22, but time has a way of sneaking up on us so quickly, that if we can make our resolutions *now*, we won't miss out on the opportunity to keep a holy Lent this year.

Gradual Hymn: “He Leadeth Me”

Before the Gospel Procession

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be.
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me,

*He leadeth me! He leadeth me
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me!*

After the Gospel Procession

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine.
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me! He leadeth Me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me!*

➤ ***Food for thought***

“Christ is not valued at all, unless He is valued above all.”

(St. Augustine of Hippo)

***“The man who accepts discipline at the hand of God
as something designed by his heavenly Father for his good
will cease to feel resentful and rebellious;
he has stilled and quieted his soul, which thus provides
fertile soil for the cultivation of a righteous life.”***

(F.F. Bruce in his commentary on Hebrews 12:4-11)

Recessional Hymn: “Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus”

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory
His army he shall lead;
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this his glorious day:
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armour,
And watching unto prayer,
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up, for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory
Shall reign eternally. ✕



PSALM 139 — *Domine, probasti.*

- 1 O LORD, thou hast searched me out and **known** me : thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my **thoughts** fröm a²far.
 - 2 Thou art about my path and about **my** bed : and art acquaint-**ed** with äll my[^]ways.
 - 3 For lo, there is not a word in **my** tongue : but thou, O Lord, knowest it **al**-to-gë-ther.
 - 4 Thou hast beset me behind and **be**-fore : and laid thine **hand** up-ön me.
 - 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent **for** me : I cannot at-**tain** un-tö it.
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- 12 For thou didst form my in-**ward** parts : thou didst knit me together **in** my mö-ther's[^]womb.
 - 13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderful-**ly** made : marvellous are thy works, and that my soul **know**-eth right well.
 - 14 My frame was not hid **from** thee : when I was made secretly, and fashioned be-**neath** in thë earth.
 - 15 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being im-**per**-fect : and in thy book were all **of** them writ-ten,
 - 16 Even the days that were planned **for** me : when as yet **there** was nöne of[^]them.
 - 17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! : O how great **is** the süm of[^]them!
 - 18 If I count them, they are more in number than **the** sand : when I wake up, I am **pre**-sent with thee.

➤ **Turkey Dinner**

The Men's Group is hosting a Turkey Dinner on Saturday, January 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost is as follows: Adults - \$15, Students - \$10, and Children under 12 years of age - \$5. Irv Dyck is selling tickets after the service. You can also contact him at 472.7732.

➤ **Intinction**

It is the policy in our Diocese to not permit the practice of 'intinction' (dipping the bread in the wine) during Holy Communion. This directive is from the Bishop and is necessary for sanitary reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Sunday Worship Schedule – 10:00 AM

First & Third Sundays: Holy Eucharist, *Book of Common Prayer*

Second & Fourth Sundays: Holy Eucharist, *Book of Alternative Services*

Fifth Sunday (when it occurs): Sung Matins, *Book of Common Prayer*

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.

Newcomers are kindly asked to make themselves known to a greeter—we would be pleased to assist you however we can.

Special "Welcome Envelopes" are available in the pews should you wish to use one. Nursery facilities are available.