

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 III

January 22, 2012 ✠ 10:00 AM



“Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

- St Mark 1, 17, 18

THE HOLY EUCHARIST – *The Book of Alternative Services*

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE COMMUNION – *All baptized Christians who are communicants in their own churches are invited to share in the holy Communion. Those not receiving Communion but wishing to receive a blessing are invited to come to the altar rail and cross their arms over their chest. Please note that, according to our bishop’s directives, the practice of “intinction” (dipping the bread in the wine), is not permitted for sanitary reasons.*

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➤ **Cycles of Prayer**

Anglican Cycle: Pray for the Episcopal Anglican church of Brazil and The Most Rev. Maurício Jose Araujo de Andrade, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the parishes of St. Mary's, Powassan; St. John's, Chisholm; St. Alban's, Restoule; St. Peter's, Callander and The Rev. George Kwari.

➤ **Prayer List**

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

Dennis Linaker would like to offer **thanksgiving** for prayers and healing.

➤ **Next Sunday's Readings**

Deut. 18. 15-20	Psalm 111	1 Cor. 8. 1-13
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➤ **Parish Calendar**

Today	2:00 PM	Prayer for Christian Unity – Pro Cathedral
Jan. 25	11:00 AM	Friendship Group
Jan. 25	11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist — in the Church Proper
Jan. 26	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 27	7:00 PM	Ultreya at Christ Church
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.

➤ **Daily Prayer in Lent**

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

➤ **Chancel Guild**

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

➤ **Food Shelves**

Today is Food Shelves Sunday. We assisted 25 people last week.

➤ **Intinction**

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

➤ **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. 50% of the non-designated offering will be given to the Chamber Choir. Please give generously, as you are able.

➤ **Annual Vestry Meeting**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5. A light lunch will be served before the meeting. The Vestry Books will be made available next Sunday. Please take one per family and bring it with you to the meeting.

➤ **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.

➤ **No Scents Makes Sense**

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

➤ ***The Conversion of St. Paul***

This Wednesday, January 25, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated according to the *Book of Alternative Services* at 11:00 a.m. in the church proper. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

➤ ***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***

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

➤ ***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 **today** after the morning service. Come hungry and linger over a variety of chili, buns and butter, dessert, tea, coffee, and cold drinks.

➤ **Turkey Dinner**

The Men's Group is hosting a Turkey Dinner **this Saturday** 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.

➤ **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 2:30 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.

➤ **Ultreya**

The Ultreya scheduled for this Friday at 7:00 p.m. has been moved from St. John's to Christ Church on Vimy Street.

➤ **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. And if you have Facebook, remember to "Like" us! Thanks for stopping by: www.stjohndivine.ca

➤ **Confirmation**

God willing, the bishop will Confirmation on the feast of St. Mark, Wednesday, April 25. Please remember in your prayers the candidates who are being prepared for Confirmation on this date: Cameron Cleator, Colin Cleator, Vincent Cyr, Gillian McCann, Grant Hatherley, William Hatherley, Colton Point, Mashall Point, Liam Smith, and Shelby Wallace.

➤ **Mission to Seafarers**

At the January meeting of St. John's A.C.W. a unanimously decision was made that they would begin assisting The Mission to Seafarers. By doing this, they are joining with many other A.C.W. groups in the Diocese of Algoma who are "Assisting Seafarers in the Port of Thunder Bay, in the name of Jesus." You will soon see posters and brochures in the Narthex with further information.

The purpose of the Mission to Seafarers is to promote the spiritual, moral, and physical well being of seafarers and their families world-wide.

The Mission to Seafarers is an Anglican Mission and works ecumenically with our partners, primarily the Roman Catholic Diocese of Thunder Bay.

The Mission's services are available to all seafarers, without reference to race, creed, or religion, and mostly without charge, although donations are encouraged.

In order to undertake this Mission, St. John's A.C.W. will be holding various fundraising events throughout the year. Please see Estelle Pelkey if you would like to assist with the "Variety Sale" after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, April 29. After that, the next event will be on Sunday, June 3 when Pam Handley will hold a Plant Sale. Please keep the Mission to Seafarers in your prayers. Thank you for your support.

➤ **Rector's Office Hours**

The Rector is making himself available for drop-in visits at his office in the church on Wednesdays from 9 am to 11 am. If you wish to meet with the Rector at other times, please feel free to contact the office to arrange an appointment

➤ **Child & Youth Ministry Facilitator**

There is a job opportunity for a Child and Youth Ministry Facilitator in our deanery. For more information, please see the notice posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

“Fasting and Abstinence during Lent”

From Father's Desk

DURING THE FORTY DAYS OF LENT THE CHURCH prepares to keep the feast of Christ's Resurrection by the disciplines of repentance and amendment of life, especially prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (see St. Matthew 6). Last Sunday, I encouraged all parishioners to begin preparing to keep a holy Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22) by planning now to engage in the daily opportunities for prayer, in the Bible Study, and/or in the Book Club, as time and circumstances permit. Today I wish to draw your attention to the disciplines of abstinence and fasting, which are “to be observed in the Anglican Church of Canada” (p. xiii, BCP). Fasting and abstinence can take different forms. Depending upon your personal experience with fasting and abstinence, you might wish to start small and, over time, work your way to other forms of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence is a less strict observance than fasting: **(1) Fasting** is the total abstinence from food up to a certain hour (usually in the evening) and a reduction of quantity as well as quality in food. **(2) Abstinence** means not eating flesh meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, except for small children, the elderly, and those whose health requires, Christians are called to fast until evening, at which time the fast is broken with a simple meal of plain food. The other forty weekdays of Lent are to be observed with “some measure of abstinence” and additional “exercise of devotion.” Let us plan to faithfully fast so that we may have the appetite to faithfully feast!

Children's Hymn: “Jesus, Friend of Little Children”

**Jesus, friend of little children,
Be a friend to me;
Take my hand, and ever keep me
Close to thee.**

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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.