

# 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.*

## The Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2011 ✕ 10:00 AM



This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'

- St. John 1. 19

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST – *The Book of Alternative Services*

*Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev. Fr. A. E. Nussey, Rector

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### **Processional Music: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath with the children

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### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 (see insert)

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24

#### **Gospel Acclamation: "Listen now for the Gospel"**

Holy Gospel: St. John 1 .6-8, 19-28

#### **Hymn after Gospel: "God has spoken to His people"**

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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.*

#### **Hymns during Communion: "When God restored..." (# 583)**

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Dismissal

## ➤ *Cycles of Prayer*

**Anglican Cycle:** Pray for the Diocese of Western North Carolina and the Right Reverend Granville Taylor.

**Diocesan Cycle:** Pray for Christ Church here in North Bay and the Reverend Marie Loewen and the Reverend Murray Tipping.

## ➤ *Prayer List*

**The ill and recovering...** Margaret Park, Leslie Shemilt, 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.

## ➤ *Next Sunday's Readings*

2 Sam. 7. 1-11, 16	Ps. 89. 1-4, 19-26	Romans 16. 25-27	St. Luke 1. 26-38
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## ➤ *Parish Calendar*

Dec. 13	12:00 Noon	ACW Luncheon — The Mandarin
Dec. 14	11:00 AM	Friendship Group Eucharist — Parish Hall
Dec. 14	12:30 PM	Friendship Group Luncheon — Best Western
Dec. 15	10:00 AM	Parish Advisory Council — Thornloe Room
Dec. 15	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal

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

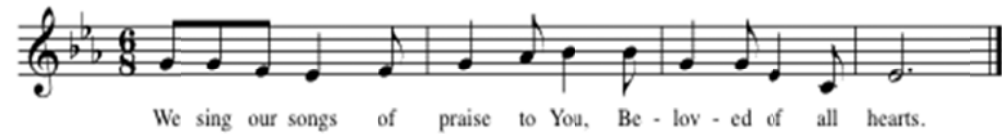
**\*Reminder:** Chairs of Committees and organizers of events are reminded to submit notices of upcoming meetings and events to the Parish Office for inclusion in the Bulletin. Thank you!

## ➤ *Mary Sherwood Sunday — next Sun!*

## ➤ *L'Arche Christmas Pageant*

Please join us at Holy Name of Jesus (895 Memorial Drive) **next Sunday** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for our Annual Christmas Pageant, Carolling and Fundraising Event with Silent Auction and Cookie Walk. Free-will offerings appreciated.

## GRADUAL: PSALM 126



When the Divine Lover enters the human heart,/ all yearnings are fulfilled!/ Then will our mouths ring forth with laughter,/ and our tongues with shouts of joy; **{REFRAIN}** Then will we sing our songs of praise to You,/ O Beloved of all hearts./ For gladness will radiate out for all to see;/ so great is your Presence among us. **{REFRAIN}** Restore us to wholeness, O Healer,/ like newborn babes who have never strayed from You!/ May all who sow in tears/ reap with shouts of joy!/ May all who go forth weeping tears of repentance, bearing seeds of Love,/ Come home to You with shouts of joy, leaving sorrow behind. **{REFRAIN}**

### **Gospel Acclamation: “Listen now for the Gospel”**

*Cantor:* Listen now for the Gospel!

*All:* Alleluia!

*Cantor:* It is God’s word that changes us!

*All:* Alleluia!

*Cantor:* Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone, until we give our lives to God and God alone.

*All:* Come, Holy Spirit, melt and break our hearts of stone, until we give our lives to God and God alone.

### **Hymn after Gospel: “God has spoken to His people”**

God has spoken to His people, alleluia,

And His words are words of wisdom, alleluia!

# WE HAVE A NEW WEB SITE!

www.stjohndivine.ca

*Things you can find on the Web site:*

- Sermons
- Events & Parish Calendar
- Schedules
- The Diviner
- Sunday bulletins
- Rector's Christmas Appeal Letter
- The parish in pictures

## Stay Informed and Keep Connected!

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### ➤ **Confirmation Preparation**

A planning meeting for those interested in Confirmation preparation, and their parents, will take place **next Sunday** following the 10 am service.

### ➤ **PWRDF Christmas Cards**

The contact info of those who ordered Christmas cards has been lost. Please contact Danielle Benoiton (494.8154) if you ordered cards and have not heard from her regarding your order.

### ➤ **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.

### ➤ **Christmas Flowers**

Anyone wishing to memorialize loved ones at Christmas may send a cheque for any amount to the church, or place an envelope on the collection plate, marked "Christmas Flowers." Please include names of those you wish to be remembered as well as your own name to be included in the bulletin. Thank you.  
- Barb Hogan

### ➤ **A.C.W. Christmas Luncheon**

The A.C.W. "Christmas" Luncheon will be held **this Tuesday**, December 13 at the Mandarin Restaurant (127 Lakeshore Drive) at 12:00 noon

### ➤ **Friendship Group**

The Friendship Group end-of-year luncheon will be held at the Best Western (700 Lakeshore Drive) **this Wednesday**, December 14 at 12:30 p.m. Before lunch, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Parish Hall at 11:00 a.m. Following this Wednesday, the Friendship Group will meet again on Wednesday, January 4 at 11:00 a.m.

### ➤ **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.

### ➤ **Annual Vestry Meeting**

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5. Please note that the last day for submissions for the Vestry Book is Friday, January 13.

### ➤ **Blue Christmas Service — Saturday**

Is the Christmas season hard for you? Is there a loved one you miss so much at this time of year? **This Saturday** at 7 pm, St Brice's is offering a quiet service to remember those who've passed on. To remember your loved ones by name in prayer, have a candle lit and a hymn sung in their honour call the Rev. Richard White at St Brice's at 474.4005 or at his home, 474.4298.

## ➤ **Christmas Carol Sing-a-long**

Christ Church is hosting its Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long **next Sunday** at 7:00 pm. This night is always very informal. If you like to sing, listen, or if you play a musical instrument and would like to bring it along, please come. There will be lots of carols and some light refreshments.

## ➤ **Alpha Course @ St. Brice's**

An Alpha Course will be run on Wednesdays starting the third week of January at St Brice's. The Rev. Richard White is now forming a team. If you've been on an Alpha course, like people, and want to be part of a dynamic team, call Mr. White at the St Brice's Church office at 474.4005. Team meetings start soon.

## ➤ **The Diviner**

Copies of The Diviner are available in the narthex for anyone who does not have a copy e-mailed to their home. To help us save on printing costs, you can sign up to receive The Diviner electronically: please email Larry Claus: lclaus1@cogeco.ca

## ➤ **2012 Offering Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2012 offering envelopes in the narthex.

## ➤ **Project Linus**

A Project Linus chapter is opening in North Bay for the purpose of making homemade blankets for traumatized children ages 0-18. Volunteer 'blanketeers' are much needed for this project to be a success. More information is available on the notice on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## ➤ **Christmas Day Dinner**

The Christmas Day Dinner Committee will be hosting a Dinner at the Pro-Cathedral on Christmas Day (11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Volunteers are invited to be part of this event. We are in need of people to serve guests, work in the kitchen, entertain, clean-up the tables, clean-up the hall, etc. All volunteers must register and will be required to attend a brief training/information session on December 23 at the Pro-Cathedral. Please call 705.471.0670 if you would like to be a volunteer.

## **THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE**

*THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA / THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA*

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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.*