Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 31, 2017

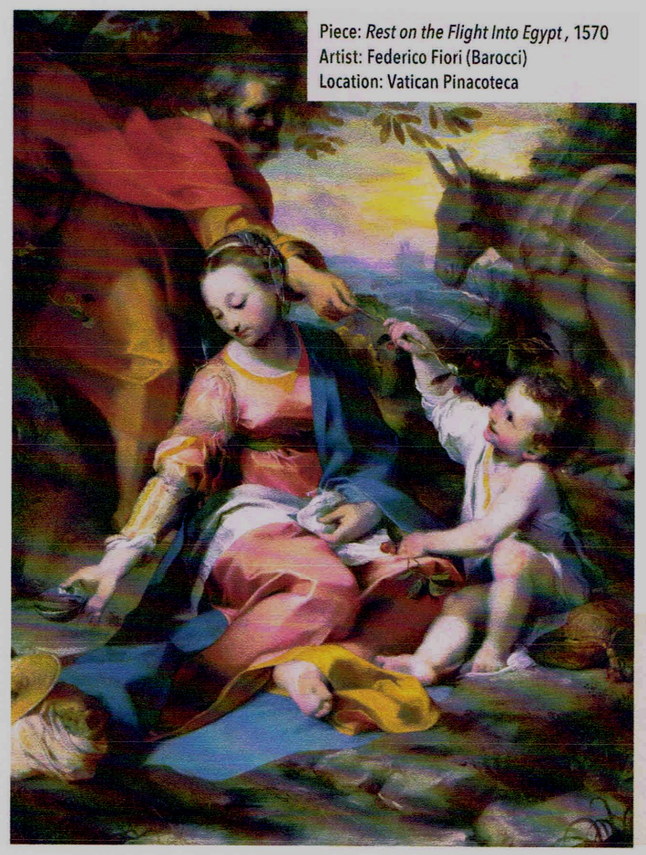
The Holy Family (B)

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3
Col 3:12–21 or Col 3:12–17 or
Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19
Lk 2:22–40 or Lk 2:22, 39–40

Family Peace

Federico Barocci captured the Holy Family escaping to Egypt. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.



Piece: *Rest on the Flight Into Egypt*, 1570
Artist: Federico Fiori (Barocci)
Location: Vatican Pinacoteca

Jesus is next to Mary, and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Does my family know how to gracefully encounter trying times? What attitudes or actions allowed the Holy Family to have peace amidst the crosses?

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
(Luke 2:40)

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m.—12:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Robert Fex (retired)
Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)
Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant
Secretary: Cathy LaBlance

Parish Pastoral Council

Dan Drazenovich — Randy Johnson
Vincent LaRue — Finance Member
Outreach Member — Liturgy Member
Christian Formation Member

Adoration Chapel

Come spend some time alone with the Lord!
Open **18** hours ***Adorers needed....***
Please call either
Raffaela Medaglia 942-7891; Angela Rasaiah 949-2208
Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732

Prayer Line Requests

to place a prayer request, please phone:
Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)
Betty.....649-3611 (ans. machine)

Church Envelopes

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2017

Weekday Liturgies

Monday... 10:00 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist
Tuesday.... No Mass today
Wednesday... No Mass today
Thursday... 7:00 p.m. Celebration of Eucharist
Friday..... 9:15 a.m. Celebration of Eucharist

Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Sacrament of Initiation

(Baptism) *REGISTRATION FORMS* are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office.
A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS NOTICE IS REQUIRED.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit. Also, Eucharist is brought once a week to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

"On Call" Priest

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.
You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

Thank you to all

who sent me generous wishes and blessings.

I am very thankful and grateful.

May 2018 be a year that brings us closer together in spirit and truth.

Fr. Paul Conway

PARISH FOOD DRIVE

wishes to remind all parishioners that **next weekend, January 6 & 7th** is the monthly food drive for St Vincent Place. Their shelves are nearly bare, so please be as generous as you can with your donations of non-perishable food items. Let's help them feed the hungry. An extra special **THANK YOU** to each of you for your donations and we thank **Mary Joan & Randy Johnson** who have offered to take the food donations to Vincent Place.

Think Green.....

and I don't mean money...

In 2018 we will be looking at ways to make our parish more friendly to the environment. There are several ways that both parish and households can become eco-friendly with the environment. Our obligation to live a proper stewardship of the environment is grounded in our obligation to - and solidarity with - one another. It begins with the understanding that we have been given to one another as gifts. In addition, creation is a gift, entrusted to us together as a human community. That brings with it responsibilities which we must find a way to share..

Regional News will be listed below:

New Years Eve Dance—Live Band in Ballroom at the Moose Family Centre—Lunch, Snacks, Party Favors Doors Open 7 pm $30.00 Dance 8 pm-1 a.m. 705-759-8623

Shalom Place Spirituality Centre: register 705-254-4690

- **Sacred Rhythms**—Jan 17/18 6:30 –8:30 p.m. at Shalom Place - Suggest offering $40+cost of book
- **Blanket Exercise** tool for reflecting on the history of our journey with indigenous & non indigenous people—Jan 18/18 7-9:30 pm at Mount St. Joseph Education Centre Gymnasium
- **Suffering Love**—Jan 23/18 4-6 pm at Shalom Place Suggest offering $35

See the posters on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church for more details on each event.

Eucharistic Adoration Ministry of Sault Ste. Marie

Adoration Chapel

located at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

The Chapel is open from 6:00 a.m. until Midnight. Anyone can drop in for a visit during that time; however, we do need adorers committed to a weekly visit for an hour.

We urgently require an Adorer for the hours of:

Monday	**9am-10am;**
Tuesday	**12pm—1pm;**
Wednesday	**8am-9am;**
Thursday	**9am-10am;**
Friday	**9am-10am;**
	1pm-2pm;
	9pm-10pm;
- Saturday	**9pm-10pm;**
	10pm-11pm;
- Sunday	**5pm-6pm;**
	6pm-7pm;
	7pm-8pm;

Please call one of the following coordinators of the Chapel if you would like to come to the Chapel to experience the peace and tranquility of spending one hour weekly with Jesus:

Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732; Angela Rasaiah 949-2208; and Raffaela Medaglia 206-3968.

The Roman Catholic community of the City of Sault Ste. Marie is privileged to have an Adoration Chapel where Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is present at all times.

This Week's recap of parish activities:

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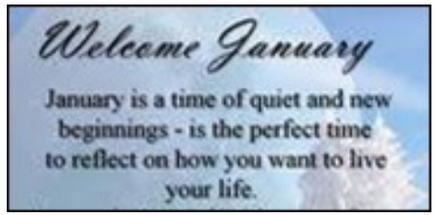
Mon., Jan 1st 10:00 a.m. **New Year's Day Mass**—Church
Tues., Jan 2nd Parish Office Closed!
Wed., Jan 3rd Parish Office Closed!
Thurs., Jan 4th Parish Office Closed!
9:15 a.m.. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church followed by the Rosary
Fri., Jan 5th Parish Office Closed!
9:15 a.m. **Celebration of Eucharist** —Church followed by the Rosary
Sat., Jan 6th 9:00 a.m. **Prayer for Vocations**—Church
3:00 p.m. **Confession Time**– Church

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00 p.m. **Celebration of the Eucharist** —Church
Monthly Parish Food Drive—collection of non-perishable food for Vincent Place—baskets will be in entrance of church
Sun., Jan 7th 9:00 a.m. **Celebration of the Eucharist** —Church
11:00 a.m. **Celebration of the Eucharist**—Church

When was the gift received? *A charity can only issue a receipt for the (e.g. 2017) tax year if the donation was received in the same year (e.g. 2017). If mailed, the postmark on the envelope containing the donor's payment is dated on or before December 31 this is also acceptable.*

****The parish office will be closed from January 1st – January 9th.**



Knights of Columbus Council 13655..... Hosting

Ham Dinner & CWL Bake Sale

Monday,

February 5th 2018

from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall

Adults: $12.00; Children 6 to 12 yrs: $5.00;

Children under 5yr: Free

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 51st WORLD DAY OF PEACE

JANUARY 1, 2018

With a contemplative gaze

The wisdom of faith fosters a contemplative gaze that recognizes that all of us "belong to one family, migrants and the local populations that welcome them, and all have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth, whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches. It is here that solidarity and sharing are founded."[9] These words evoke the biblical image of the new Jerusalem. The book of the prophet Isaiah (chapter 60) and that of Revelation (chapter 21) describe the city with its gates always open to people of every nation, who marvel at it and fill it with riches. Peace is the sovereign that guides it and justice the principle that governs coexistence within it.

We must also turn this contemplative gaze to the cities where we live, "a gaze of faith which sees God dwelling in their houses, in their streets and squares, [?] fostering solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice"[10] - in other words, fulfilling the promise of peace.

When we turn that gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce.

A contemplative gaze should also guide the discernment of those responsible for the public good, and encourage them to pursue policies of welcome, "within the limits allowed by a correct understanding of the common good"[11] - bearing in mind, that is, the needs of all members of the human family and the welfare of each.

Those who see things in this way will be able to recognize the seeds of peace that are already sprouting and nurture their growth. Our cities, often divided and polarized by conflicts regarding the presence of migrants and refugees, will thus turn into workshops of peace.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF..... Monday, January 1st—Sunday, January 7th, 2018

Date & Time	Mass Intention	Readings	Readers	Extra-Ord. Min. of Holy Comm.	Servers	Welcoming/&Ushers
January 1st **Monday** **10:00 a.m.**	**Ottavio Lucio** by Carmelina DeNisi **Intentions of Mary & Michael Gour** by Fr. Paul Conway **George Hutchinson Sr.** by Norm & Norma Cardiff	**Holy Mary, Mother of God** Numbers 6: 22-27; Ps 67: 1-7; Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 16-21	Mary Lou Keene (A) & (B)	Margie Skulech & Betty Boissineau **(2 only)**	Tony Fera	**Greeter only:** Betty Boissineau **Ushers:** Norman Cardiff & **TBA**
January 2nd **Tuesday** **NO MASS**	NO MASS	**St. Basil the Great &** **St. Gregory Nazianzen** 1John 2: 22-28; Ps 98: 1-4; John 1: 19-28				
January 3rd **Wednesday** **NO MASS**	NO MASS	1 John 2: 29; 3:1-6; Ps 98: 1-6; John 1: 29-34				
January 4th **Thurs.,** **9:15 a.m.**	**Alberto Tatasciore** by Nora Tucci & Family	1 John 3: 7-10; Ps 98: 1-9; John 1: 35-42	Walter Morrow	Margaret Twentyman	Randy Johnson	
January 5th **Friday** **9:15 a.m.**	**Lou Lukenda** by Alexandre Lukenda	1 John 3: 11-21; Ps 100: 1-5; John 1: 43-51	Margie Skulech	Jim Ross	Aldo Zappacosta	
January 6th **Saturday,** **7:00 p.m.** Mass **January 7th** **Sunday** **9:00 a.m.** Mass & **11:00 a.m.** Mass	**7:00 p.m.** **Richard Pope-e-Larsh** by Lombardo Family **Rosaria & Francesco Chiarello** by Bruno Chiarello **Angela Tombari** by Ann Marie Malleau **9:00 a.m.** **INTENTIONS OF ALL PARISHIONERS** **Deceased members of Sheridan & Nori Families** by Gene & Betty Nori **11:00 a.m.** **Angela Tombari** by Ken & Kaaren DiPasquale **All Deceased Members of the LaRue & Malone Families** by Vince & Roberta LaRue **Joe Willis** by Don & Val Barill	**The Epiphany of the Lord** **Year B** **Isaiah 60: 1-6;** **Ps 72: 1-13;** **Ephesians 3: 2-6;** **Matthew 2: 1-12**	**7:00 p.m.** Rose Marie Valade (A) & (B) **9:00a.m.** Roseanne DelBianco (A) Stella Dugas (B) **11:00 a.m.** Pat Dufresne (A) & (B)	**7:00 p.m.** Doreen Gribbon & Norie Tapiru-Cormack **(2 only)** **9:00 a.m.** Margaret & Ed Twentyman **(2 only)** **11:00 a.m.** Ken Richie & Liz Vandette **(2 only)**	**7:00 p.m.** Art Massicotte **9:00 a.m.** Tony Fera **11:00 a.m.** Dan Lance	**7:00 p.m.** **Welcomer/Coffee:** Jean Louis & Lois Lemieux **Ushers:** Arlette Beaulieu & Wanda Taillefer **9:00 a.m.** **Welcomer/Coffee:** Serge & Stella Dugas **Ushers:** Tony Bortone & Richard Luciani **11:00 a.m.** **Welcomer/Coffee:** Denise Armstrong & Anne Thibert & Bob Moore **Ushers:** Norman Cardiff & Ken DiPasquale

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD

is held each Sundays

at the **11:00 a.m. Mass**

for ages 5 to 12.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

especially for

ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS