

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our present condition. We often fail to see beyond the obstacle. Problems are there in every person's life but the way we look at the problem is what matters. We can make a mess of our lives or we can choose to handle our problem. We need to go beyond the problem to get the solution. Trials make us stronger. Life is full of challenges but God will help us to face these challenges and make us bold.

**"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."**

James 1:12

## REGIONAL NEWS

**On Friday May 20 at 7:00 PM in the Church of Christ the King in Sudbury, His Excellency, Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse will ordain Deacon Daniele Muscolino to the priesthood. All faithful, priests, deacons and their wives and members of the Diocesan Order of Service are invited to this celebration.**

**Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board invites everyone to their Carousel Evening.** Topic: Inclusion-We All Belong with keynote address by Angie DeMarco. Held at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall on Tuesday, May 17 beginning with registration at 5:00 PM, Welcome & Keynote at 5:45, Refreshments at 7:00 PM and Workshops at 7:30 PM. Pre-register online at [npsc.ca](http://npsc.ca) or call 472-1201, ext. 2261.

**ALSO – Outdoor Choir Festival "Rooted in Faith – Alive in Spirit – Alive in Song"** Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 AM on the grounds at Historic Scollard Building (High Street) Rain location – SJSH Auditorium. Featuring many of our local schools and special guest host Kevin Oschefski from Kiss100.5 FM Radio Station. Everyone is invited to participate in these special events offered by our local Catholic School Board!

**Prayers for the New Evangelization in our Region:** If you feel called to pray for the New Evangelization in our Region, Join us every Tuesday at Holy Name Church from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon. In front of the Blessed Sacrament, we will pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to be Evangelizers. For information contact Fran 476-4146 or Holy Name 495-1501

**Pilgrimage to The Holy Land under the spiritual guidance of Father Tony Man-Son-Hing and Father Trevor Scarfone** November 3-11, 2016 visiting Galilee, Nazareth, Jericho, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and more. Details and information available from St. Peter's Parish Office at 472-1817.

**Marriage Preparation Weekends:** October 28-29. Call Regional Catholic Services at 472-5821 to reserve your place on the weekend of your choice. Material cost is \$40.00 per couple payable at time of registration. Couples should register early!

**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 9 PM; Wednesday and Friday: 12 noon to 6 pm. To make a weekly one-hour commitment, please call Lena Butler 497-3434.

**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.

**The Promises of Fatima Rosary Group – come pray** with a group of dedicated people who form a Fr. Gobbi Cenacle honouring our Blessed Virgin Mary. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM at St. Peter's Parish followed by Mass.

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

**Motherhouse Taze prayer** continues on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday each month in the Holy Family Chapel, from 7:00—8:00 PM.

**Mustard Seed Production Presents a rollicking musical tale of adventure and high seas "The Sailor's Bible" Sunday Matinee, May 15** at 1:30 PM at Trinity United Church. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 Children 12 and under. Available at Creative Learning and the door. For more information please contact Lisa Blais at [blais.trinity@gmail.com](mailto:blais.trinity@gmail.com)

**Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse DVD Series by Sr. Ann Willitis, O.P. "Finding Mystery in the Ordinary, A Guide for Women"** Facilitated by Sr. Pauline Guindon, csj Each Tuesday May 17 and 24 From 1:30—3:00 PM in Conference room 1. Offering: @ 10:00 per session.

**Our welcome to Kindergarten Orientation Sessions are happening in schools across the NPSC School Board** throughout May and June. Visit [www.npsc.ca](http://www.npsc.ca) for the schedule of orientation sessions for the school nearest you.

**North Bay Right to Life Garage Sale** May 21, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM – 1498 Pinegrove Crescent. Good articles are needed please deliver to same address by May 18. Call Shirley 472-7964.

**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.

**Evening Presentation at Villa Loyola "Reason for Faith" presented by Dr. Lucien Pelletier, professor of philosophy.** Discussing the rational ground for religious faith and articulating of reason and faith. Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM. Free admission. To register call 705-522-3502 ext. 0 Monday to Friday or by email at [loyola@isys.ca](mailto:loyola@isys.ca)

**Regional Catholic Charities used clothing for free distribution to those in need.** Seasonal clothing and accessories, towels, tea-towels and sheets can be dropped off at the Pro-Cathedral Rectory or the Catholic Charities entrance any Tuesday from 9-11:30 AM. Items should be clean and in good repair.

### Pope Francis MAY 2016 Prayer Intentions

**UNIVERSAL ~ Respect for Women:** *That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.*

**EVANGELIZATION ~ Holy Rosary:** *That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.*