

# *Church of the Ascension*

*Sudbury Ontario*

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**News and Announcements**

**November 15, 2015**

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## **Coming Up In the Parish**

**Tonight at 6:30pm** - Youth Alpha (dinner is included) - an evening of fellowship, discussion and DVD about faith. Lead by Rev. Jeff Hooper, Cora Felbel and Erma Howe.

**Tuesday 17th November:** Clericus in Massey.

1:30pm - North Eastern Ministerial meets at St. John's in Garson.

**Wednesday 18th:** 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study.

11:30am: Home Communion - a refresher course for lay leaders.

7pm: Preparing for Year C - Luke's Gospel - lead by Fr. Bob.

**Thursday 19th November:** 1:30pm - A group of women will be making snowflakes for the Tea and Evening of Story and Song. If you would like to learn and have some fun, come out and join them.

**Saturday 21st November:** Pageant rehearsal at the Epiphany in the afternoon followed by the Santa Claus parade.

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## **Christmas Outreach at the Ascension**

Our hearts and minds will soon be set season of giving. Every year the Ascension supports several worthwhile causes and we invite you to participate in one or all of them.

1. Barrydowne College Christmas Stockings - This is the third year we will be making Christmas stockings for the students at Barrydowne College. We are joined in this by St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church and St. John's Catholic Church in Garson. Each church will provide 25 stockings for the students. If you would like to contribute something for the stockings you will find gift tags hanging on the Christmas tree. Please return your gift and tag to the Ascension by the last Sunday in November. A

group of women will be gathering to make Christmas cloth 'bags' which can be used as shoe bags after Christmas.

2. For over thirty years we have been providing Christmas hampers for families in need at Christmas. These are families within our congregation, or people who contact the church at Christmas time. We provide a full Christmas dinner for these families as well as sufficient food for two weeks after Christmas. You can help in many ways here - by bringing non perishable food items, grocery store gift cards, or money for the turkeys and fixings. Please speak to Anne Trimmer to let her know where you can assist. We hope you will bring these items on the last week of November and the first two weeks of December so that we can pre-

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pare the hampers for the week of December 18th. If you know of a family who might need a Christmas hamper, please speak to Rev. Anne. This is all held in the strictest of confidence.

3. Seniors Cookie drop - Every Sunday we pray for those who are unable to join us for worship. Many of our seniors and shut ins no longer bake for themselves. Every year we provide a basket of

The Ascension is striving to be a nut free and scent free parish, due to the many nut and scent allergies.

homemade baking and sweet treats to our seniors - in years past we have packaged up 25 -30 baskets. As you are preparing your Christmas baking, please remember our seniors. Don't forget that we are trying to be a nut free church so refrain from baking with nuts.

### **Christmas Pageant 2015**

This year the Church of the Ascension and the Church of the Epiphany will be joining together for the Christmas pageant. We are hoping that many of you will bring your children and grandchildren to be part of this celebration. The rehearsal times and pageant times are as follows:

Saturday, November 21 – 2:30 PM: Practice at Epiphany; Spaghetti Supper; Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, November 28 – 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM: Practice at Ascension; Lunch to follow

Saturday, December 5 – 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM: Dress Rehearsal at Epiphany  
Sunday, December 6 – 9:30 AM: Morning Pageant at Epiphany, luncheon and special guest to follow

Saturday, December 12 – 10:00 to 12:30 PM Dress Rehearsal at Ascension

### **Thought for the Week**

*"Accountability to another can be a way to help safeguard against poor judgment, unconscious motivations, and self-deception.*

Sunday, December 13 – 4:00 PM: Potluck followed by 6:00 PM Pageant at Ascension

If you can only attend one of the pageants, please let Cindy Caines know so that she and the teachers are able to plan accordingly.

Wednesday, December 16 – Deanery Choir Event at Epiphany (time TBD)

### **Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis**

Over the last several weeks a group of parishioners at the Ascension have been attending meetings in Sudbury to learn as much as possible about sponsoring refugees from overseas. This included a downtown meeting at City Hall as well as a joint meeting with the downtown churches who already have a family in mind and are organizing accommodation and other aspects of the family's needs when they arrive in Sudbury. The group of parishioners at the Ascension would like to hear from anyone in the congregation who is willing to be part of a New Sudbury community resettlement effort. Please speak to Gwen Bonas if you are interested in helping. There is a list in the entrance to the church for you to sign. Needs include accommodation, furniture, transportation, language assistance, and helping our new neighbours feel at home. We learned this week that the Anglican churches on Manitoulin Island are part of the effort over there and have plans to bring five families to Manitoulin.

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## **Rectory**

The rectory on Rinfret Street has been under construction as work has been done on the weeping tiles on the outside. It is in need of some repairs on the inside also and this will be taken care of in the coming weeks. These are items we had not budgeted for and will cost around \$7000. If you are able to assist with the repairs, and can make a special donation to help the parish we would appreciate it.

### **Finlandia Eucharist Service.**

On Thursday morning during the Eucharist service at Finlandia Village, some beautiful altar linens and hangings were dedicated in memory of Wendy Kirby, dear daughter of Velma Tansley. You will soon see these items at the Ascension. Special thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the service on Thursday and to all of our pastoral visitors who bring the residents to the services and sit with them. The next service at Finlandia Village will be a Christmas service on December 17th at 1:30pm.

### **Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie Welcomes a New Bishop**

On Thursday 12th November, Pope Francis announced that the Most Rev. Marcel Damphouse, presently Bishop of Cornwall will replace Bishop Jean Louis Plouffe as Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. The geographical area served by this Bishop is Algoma, West Nipissing, Sudbury and Manitoulin Island. Bishop Damphouse is 52 years old and was born in Manitoba. The date of his installation is still to be

set. The Bishop, clergy and people of the Anglican Diocese of Algoma congratulates Bishop Damphouse on his appointment and assures him of our prayerful support in the coming years.

### **Deanery Advent Carol service**

An Advent Carol service will be held at the Church of the Epiphany on Wednesday December 16th at 7pm. The music at both services will be lead by the Deanery Choir. Those of you who attended the Easter Vigil service will remember what a beautiful and joyful occasion that was. There are three rehearsals for anyone interested in singing in the choir - on Sunday November 29th from 1pm - 4pm; on Sunday December 6th from 1pm - 4pm and on Monday December 14th from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. If you are interested in joining please contact Norm Blanchard at [blanchardnx@hotmail.com](mailto:blanchardnx@hotmail.com)

### **Gifts of Story and Song**

Tickets are \$10 for Elgin Street Mission and Barrydowne College.

Tickets are now on sale for the 4th Annual Gifts of Story and Song Night. This is a fabulous evening of Christmas stories and music with our parishioners telling stories and singing the songs. Storytellers are Trish Hennessy, Gerry Lougheed Jr., Luke Norton. Singers are EK, Philip and Colin, Clare Andrews, Jeremy Mannella and James Wilson. We are also glad to be welcoming the principal of Barrydowne College as one of the storytellers, as well as Dan Lessard.

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## **Thank you from Barrydowne College Principal**

Barrydowne Staff and Students are very grateful for your generous donation of food and non perishable items. We recently had food donated from St. John the Evangelist, St. Andrews Church and the Church of the Ascension. Glenda Morrissette also delivered trick or treats for the students on Halloween. The food is paramount to our program and our students who are struggling with hardships are touched by your kindness and commitment to our program. I know this is no simple task and several hours are given to collect these items and raise funds. The SUBWAY gift cards were also a lovely gesture and the students will benefit from a healthy meal. Presently we have 202 students on roll and everyday we register a few more. Your time and dedication is much appreciated.

We will invite you to our special Christmas luncheon once we finalize a date and the students will prepare the meal for all of you as a gesture of appreciation. We realize there are several community agencies asking for help and we acknowledge that you have chosen us to be a benefactor of your generosity.

**Kristina Rivard Gobbo**

Principal





## Biblical Bumper Stickers:

Adam: "You are what you eat."

Eve: "At least he doesn't compare me to his mother."

Abraham: "I'm goin' not knowin'."

Noah: "Honk if you believe in treading water."

The Man with Many Demons: "If you can read this, YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!"

Moses: "From a basket case to the promised land."

Elijah: "When Jezebel ain't happy, ain't nobody happy."

Prodigal Son: "All roads lead to home."

At the Sinai desert: "Winding road next 40 years."

At the Red Sea: "Caution! Subject to sudden flooding."

## Sunday Lectionary for November—January

### 22 Nov. Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23:1-7                      Revelation 1:4b-8

Psalms 132:1-12, (13-18)                      John 18:33-37

### YEAR C Begins

#### 29 Nov 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16                      1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Psalms 25:1-10                      Luke 21:25-36

#### 6 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9                      Philippians 1:3-11  
or Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79                      Luke 3:1-6

#### 13 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20                      Philippians 4:4-7, 2:5-12

Isaiah 12:2-6                      Luke 3:7-18

#### 20 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a                      Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:46b-55                      Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)  
or Psalm 80:1-7

### 27 Dec 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3                      Galatians 4:4-7

Psalms 148                      Luke 2:22-40

### 3 Jan 2016 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14                      Ephesians 1:3-14

or  
Sirach 24:1-12

Psalms 147:12-20                      John 1:(1-9), 10-18

or  
Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

### 10 Jan Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7                      Acts 8:14-17

Psalms 36:5-10                      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### 17 Jan. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5                      1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Samuel 2:1-10                      John 2:1-11

## Services of Worship at the Ascension

Sunday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am. Sunday school takes place at the 11am service and there is also a nursery for babies and toddlers.

Wednesday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am followed by Bible Study. All welcome!

We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

Please call the church office at 705-566-2790 and we will be happy to make arrangements..

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## Membership at the Ascension

We love it when people say that they are a member of our church, and we want to keep track of our parishioners so that we can send you mailouts, newsletters, and keep you posted on parish events. If you are a new member and wish to be on our parish list, please fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office, or put it in the offering plate today. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please fill out the form. Your email address is also important as we have an enews group. We do not give out parishioner's emails to any other group.

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