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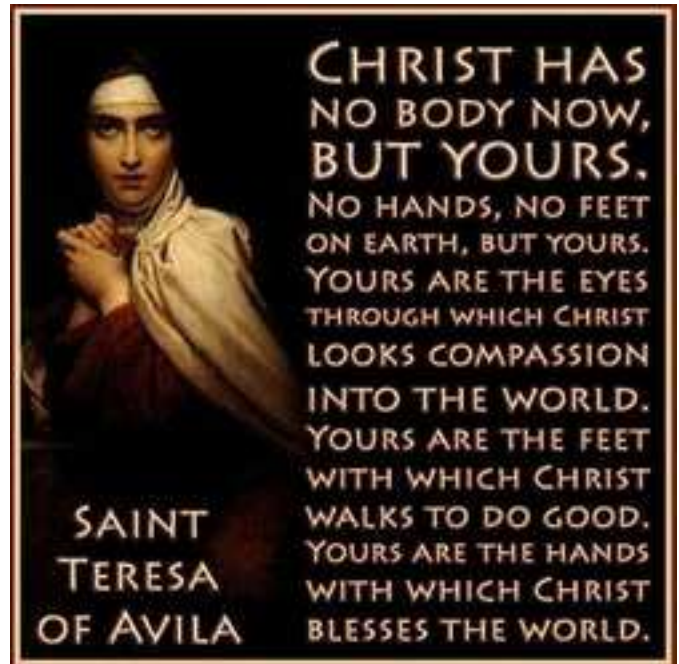
From the Rector...

Dear Friends - welcome to the first edition of a monthly newsletter for the Church of the Ascension that will be sent out electronically to everyone on the enews group, and to those who do not have access to the internet at church. Over the last few years the weekly "News and Announcements" has been distributed in the same way, but so much of the news was being repeated week after week that we found we were wasting a lot of paper. Hopefully you will find yourself up to date on what is happening in an around the parish, the deanery, the diocese and the local community.

We're calling the newsletter **The Ascension Witness**. Before Jesus ascended into

heaven he charged his followers with being his witnesses "In Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 2: 8) He promised them that they would be able to be his witnesses through the power of the Holy Spirit. As followers of Jesus at the Church of the Ascension we have that same calling today and the same Spirit living within us. My hope is that the **Ascension Witness** will reflect the mission and values of our leader, Jesus Christ.

It's not always easy being a Christian witness to Christ, especially in a world and at a



time where there is opposition to the message of hope, faith and love that Jesus would have us share. Jesus knew it wouldn't be easy to be a follower of his because it wasn't easy for him to lead the way. He prayed that God would protect us and that not one of us would be lost. (John 17). That's good news! We have Jesus on our side, encouraging us and praying for us.

The summer has gone by so quickly and it was busy at the church with all the preparations for the week long Vacation Bible School in August. It was wonderful to see the hall filled with enthusiastic young people and their willing helpers enjoying learning stories of Jesus, singing songs about their faith in a way that was right at their level. Thank you to all of those who helped make VBS such a blast.

As a new school year begins I would like to wish all of our young people who are attending school, university, or college, and anyone who has a new beginning in their life every blessing of happiness and success in the coming year. Be assured of my prayers.



Betty Bonas and Del Gates stand in the Chancel area with the new oak rail

I would like to thank the wardens and lay leaders who work diligently to ensure that the church property is so well taken care of and to Rev. Rhonda and Fr. Bob for leading worship while I was away on vacation. They have also been helping at the Church of the Epiphany during this interim period.

From the Wardens...

It has been a very busy year. When Jennifer Ames (People's warden) and Brent Leigh (Deputy warden) were elected this January, they hit the ground running as big repairs were in progress at the rectory, our church roof began leaking in the kitchen, and our front sign had to be taken down due to a rotting post. I don't think we stopped until mid-summer!!!

We are pleased to report that as summer ends, many property matters have been resolved or are moving towards completion. The rectory was rented this spring following a significant make-over. This summer, landscaping and outdoor repairs were done. In our church building, plans are well underway to reinstall the front sign, new railings adorn the sanctuary, cracks are being repaired, and our roof will be repaired shortly. Maintenance of our lawn, parking lot, and floors were carried out. In addition, a data base is being created to keep track of all the work and maintenance of our parish properties.

All this would not be possible without the commitment of many helpers and your financial contributions. THANK YOU!!! Special thanks go to Wayne Bonas, Andy Foy, Brent Leigh, Ralph Mounter, Ilmar Jaas, and the Property Committee.



Confirmation 2016



Vacation Bible School—Cave Quest

Your wardens always welcome any questions, concerns or comments you may have. We are firmly committed to the Church of the Ascension's mission, "[sharing] in the gathering work of Christ so that his newness of life overflows into our hearts, homes, churches, and community."

Respectfully yours,
Erma Howe (Rector's warden)

In the parish...

Congratulations are in order...

to Michael and Lexi Asunmaa on the birth of their son Owen Alexander this summer, and to Clare Andrews and Luke Norton on the birth of their son Elliot Thomas.

The Ascension family sends good wishes to Roz and Richard Jones as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 13th. Roz and Richard celebrated this

anniversary with their family during the summer.

Congratulations are also in order for Lloyd and Barbara Blanchard as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

If your family has some good news to share and celebrate like an anniversary, birth or special birthday, please let me know by emailing me at cagermond@bell.net.

Fall Bible Study on Philippians

Fr. Bob and Cindy Derrenbacher will be leading a Bible Study on Paul's letter to the Philippians in their home this fall. The dates are Sunday, October 16 & 23, November 6 & 13. The evening would start at 7:00 p.m and everyone is welcome. Commentator Jerry Sumney writes that "Philippians is known for its emphasis on joy. This joy or gladness isn't just the happiness of the moment. It's a confident disposition rooted in hope and shows trust in God's faithfulness to preserve believers for salvation."

ARK Report

The refugee working group 'ARK' stands for Acts of Random Kindness. ARK has received confirmation over the summer that our application to sponsor a particular Syrian family, (a woman with 4 young children) is complete. There is housing when this family arrives. ARK benefits from the experiences of other refugee groups. Sudbury has welcomed several other refugee families. We continue to wait, work and pray.

There is a great movie on Netflix, "The Good Lie" starring Reese Witherspoon that is about the experience of a family from the Sudan who come to North America as refugees. While it is a fictional account it highlights the challenges faced by refugees trying to start their lives over in a foreign country.

Children's Ministry news

We want to welcome all the children and youth back after such a beautiful summer. Godly Play and nursery resumes September 11, 2016.

If you have not had the opportunity to hear a Godly Play story, by our storyteller, Jennifer Ames and see what the young people are doing at 11:00, please join us on October 2, 2016, as we host an open house.

If you have an questions please speak to Cindy Caines, Children's Ministry Co-ordinator or Ven. Anne.



Rev. Anne & Betty McLeod—Dedication of Garden Plaque in Memory of Don McLeod, Ascension's 'Lay Weeder.'



In the deanery...

The Deanery of Sudbury/Manitoulin welcomes the Rev. Aidan Armstrong as the new incumbent of the Island Parishes of Manitoulin. Aidan is a recent graduate of Wycliffe College and will be marrying his sweetheart Sarah Jackson this December.

The Church of the Epiphany welcomes Bishop Tom Corston as the Interim Incumbent during this time of change and transition. Bishop Tom will be working part time in the parish.

There is a new arrangement between the Lutherans and Anglicans in Elliot Lake and Massey. The Rev. Henk Willems will now be the pastor of both these churches.

Farewell to Priscilla Allurut

In the diocese...

Diocesan Layreaders Conference being held at the Ascension

From Friday September 30th to Sunday October 2nd the Ascension will be welcoming Layreaders from around the Diocese of Algoma for their annual conference. The theme of the conference will be "Ministry Outside the Walls" and guest speakers include Canon Genny Rolins (Chaplain of the Sudbury Jail) and Kevin Serviss from the Samaritan Centre.

On the evening of Friday September 30th, a Taizé evening prayer is being planned. This ministry would entail ONE rehearsal on Tuesday September 20th at 6 p.m. and the actual event.

If you are able to participate by offering your gift of singing or playing a musical instrument, please respond by replying to Norm Blanchard at this email (blanchardnx@hotmail.com). **Kindly respond by TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2016 so that sufficient music packages may be prepared.** More information will follow.

Diocesan Webinar for Lectors

There will be a Diocesan wide Webinar / Workshop for Lectors and Lay Readers on **Sat-**



Farewell to the Rev. Jeff Hooper & Family

urday September 24th with Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle. In the Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery we will gather at **Christ Church in Lively from 10am – 4pm.**

This workshop will be done in two parts, in the morning, Jay will make his presentation to groups across the Diocese via webinar. This portion of the day will move beyond basic communication techniques to highlight and engage various qualities and skills for the effective public proclamation of scripture.

In the afternoon workshop, participants in each of the deanery groupings will work with a facilitator and one another to put into practice the material presented in the morning. For planning purposes, please indicate if you plan to attend by sending an email to Marion Collinson, Deanery Program Associate at sudmanprogramassociate@yahoo.com

The Electoral Synod, where our new Bishop will be chosen, takes place in Sault Ste. Marie on the 14th and 15th October. Our Synod Delegates, Cathy Jewell, Jen Ames and myself will be three of the many delegates from across the Diocese casting votes in this election. In these months and days before our Electoral Synod to elect a bishop, it is appropriate that across the diocese we join in prayer, asking God for discernment and guidance.

Gracious and loving God, we pray that you will call among us as our bishop a person of prayer, a faithful disciple, a compassionate pastor, a chief shepherd of your own choosing; who will guide the people of this Diocese of Algoma as they share the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bless those who will elect Algoma's new bishop with gifts of discernment and understanding, so that they will have the wisdom to recognize whom you are sending.

In this time of transition, keep us all steadfast in faith and united in love, trusting in the promises of your Kingdom. Fill our hearts and minds with your grace and favour that our words and actions embody the Story we proclaim.

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



Farewell to Bishop Stephen & Fawna Andrews

In the community...

Young Sudbury Singers invites youth to COME SING WITH US!

The Young Sudbury Singers is a dynamic choir for children and youth ages 7-17. Established in 2007, YSS provides young singers with the opportunity to grow personally, musically and culturally through music education and rewarding artistic experiences. New registrations and the first rehearsal is on September 14th from 6pm - 7:30pm. Regular rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from September to May. For more information call 705.522.5562 or info@youngsudburysingers.ca The music directors are David Buley and Heather Charlsley.

VON Smart Exercise Program

" Starting Sept. 14th, Church of the Ascension will be hosting the VON's SMART Exercise Program on an ongoing basis every Wednesday at 11:15 AM. Classes are 45 minutes long and the Program is suitable for seniors ages 55+ and all persons with mobility challenges. Exercises can be performed standing or sitting."

A tickle for your funny bone...

RULES FOR CHOOSING YOUR SUPERHERO NAME

- + Don't call yourself by your real name.
- + The Incredible Jenny Pinchuck or The Amazing Stevie Foster
- + Don't call yourself by someone else's real name, either, especially a celebrity.
- + Super Tommy Cruise or Captain George Bush
- + Choose a name that suggests power, heroism, and prowess.
- + Captain Power, Thunderman, Mr. Invincible, or Justicewoman
- + Don't choose a name that's too modest.
- + Mr. Pretty Good, Captain So-So, Fairly Incredibleman, or Captain Invincible-On-A-Good-Day
- + But don't belabor the point.
- + Mr. So-Powerful-Don't-Even-Think-About-It-Buddy
- + Don't choose a name detrimental to your crime fighting image.
- + Captain Spongecake, Mr. Silly, Yellow Streak, Purple Slippers, or Captain Sweetiepie
- + Don't give away important information in your name.
- + The Glass Jaw or Captain Vulnerable-to-Cigarette-Smoke
- + Don't choose the name of an existing superhero unless you have lots of money and enjoy fighting litigation instead of super villains.

Items for the October Edition of The Ascension Witness are due in by the 30th September. Please forward them to Glenn Lloyd at argeedblu@gmail.com

Agnus Day

COUNT THE *COST*?
I THOUGHT
SALVATION WAS
FREE?

IT IS...

AFTER YOU LOSE
YOUR LIFE.

THAT SEEMS LIKE
A STEEP INITIAL
INVESTMENT.



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LUKE 14:25-33

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Your privacy

Every week the church bulletin and news and announcements is posted on the Church of the Ascension's website. Sometimes these items include names of individuals within the parish. If you prefer not to have your name on the website, or photos of yourself posted, please let Rev. Anne know so that she ensures your privacy.

The church website address is www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca

Address changes

If you have moved recently, if there are any changes to your address or phone number, or if you have changed your email address, please let the Parish Assistant Joan Servent know so that we can keep our database up to date. Joan can be reached at ascension@vianet.ca and is in the office on Wednesdays.



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Person 1 _____

Person 2 _____

Address Family As _____

(John & Mary Smith, Mr. & Mrs J. Smith, The Smiths)

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ (Please include all 10 digits)

Email address: _____