

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Epiphany 2018

### Compassion

The gospels are full of stories where Jesus ignores the boundaries imposed by acceptable religious and social practice, and openly disregards man-made laws and regulations in order to show compassion. He consistently lets sinners and outcasts know that they are wanted and loved by God, even if they are despised by everyone else.

-Br. David Vryhof  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

### Intercede

When we pray, as our Rule puts it, we are not calling down a divine presence to come to the place where we have seen a need, for the Christ who fills all things is already in that place. Christ is already there in grace and mercy beside those in greatest need - sharing their sorrows. In our prayers we are willing to take on the suffering of others, and join God in God's compassionate presence.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

### News and Events:

1. The Epiphany's annual **Book Sale** takes place on January 19-21. If you have good, used books to donate please drop them off at the church during the week of January 15th. Please, no textbooks. For more information contact Evelyn Fillier at [keeper1916@gmail.com](mailto:keeper1916@gmail.com).
2. The Church of the Epiphany has that they have **PEWS FOR SALE**. 4 beautiful long oak pews. Price is negotiable. If you or someone you know is interested, please call our office. One idea - they could be cut in half and become the elegant seating for a breakfast nook.

3. **FROM REV. AIDEN ARSTRONG (CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION):**

**ALPHA**

An Alpha program will be running at the Church of the Ascension in partnership with the Samaritan center and Restoration Church beginning in February. Alpha is a program that explores life's big questions from a Christian perspective with those who have little or no Church background and with those who have been Christians a long time. If you are interested in taking the course or helping out with this exciting ministry, contact Father Aidan - [armstong.aidan@gmail.com](mailto:armstong.aidan@gmail.com). Alpha will begin on Thursday February 01 and run for 10 weeks. All Welcome!

4. **From the Archdeacon's Desk: CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

"Over the next few weeks we will be gathering in our individual congregations to appoint and endorse Wardens, Treasurers and other congregational leaders at our annual Vestry meetings. These are very important and sometimes difficult tasks which are given to people we trust. In an effort to help them, as well as anyone interested in the administrative aspect of our congregational life, I have set aside some time on Saturday Feb 3 for a "Warden's Workshop" to take place at St. John's Church in Copper Cliff from 10 am to 2 pm. Topics will include a look at the Canons which apply to the position of Warden, a suggestion of some 'self-care' methods, and some practical advice on conducting meetings. It is my hope that by gathering together the Wardens in this Deanery will be strengthened in their particular ministry. I realize this is a sort of 'last minute' kind of invitation but I urge those of you who are Wardens, Deputy Wardens, Chairpersons, Treasurers to consider attending. Please email me at [livelyanglican@bellnet.ca](mailto:livelyanglican@bellnet.ca) if you wish to attend. A lunch will be provided for those who reply. It is my hope that this will be just the first of a series of similar gatherings."

5. **St. Luke's Cathedral Sault Ste. Marie [News](#):** (Double click on the icons below)



2018 Winterfest St. Luke's.jpg

6. **FROM ST. ALBAN'S, CAPREOL:**

St. Alban's, through its association with Isthmus Canada (formerly Blessings in a Backpack) has been feeding students at C. R. Judd P.S., Capreol, for the past three years. Learn more about the program at Isthmus Canada (<https://www.isthmus.ca/>). Loblaw is offering \$25 gift cards to customers who were overcharged for bread bought between 2002 and 2015. Some people are choosing to donate their cards to charity. We are hoping that some of you might consider applying for a card and donating it to St. Alban's Anglican Church to support the weekend nutritional program at C. R. Judd P.S.

**Here's what you do:**

Receive a \$25 Loblaw gift card by applying here:

Go to <http://loblawcard.ca/>. When you receive your card, deliver it to the office at C.R. Judd. P.S. or mail it to or drop it off at St. Alban's Anglican Church 34 Dennie St., Capreol, ON P0M 1H0 Attn. BBP  
Hunger Doesn't Take Weekends Off and \$25 will feed one child on weekends for about 8 weeks.

Thanks, Valerie Tryon Mission & Outreach Chair

7. **FROM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, SUDBURY**

**ALPHA: See above item #4**

**Dinner and Dance – February 9**

The Church of the Ascension is hosting a Dinner and Dance on February 9th again this year at the Church of the Ascension. Everyone welcome! More details to follow.

May God grant you patience and perseverance as you prepare for Vestry meetings in January and February and the necessary reports. The Parish of Christ Church Lively and St. John the Divine Copper Cliff request special prayers for their Vestry meetings this week as this Parish continues to discern God's will and design for this new Parish with two convenient sites.

For the two Manitoulin Island Parishes and the Church of the Epiphany seeking full or part time Incumbents, know that you are all in our prayers.

So far we are sending our this Digest weekly on Wednesday, usually before 10 PM. Feel free to send me and Allison Cline (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either our personal email as above or the Yahoo address as above.

We would like to receive items by the Sunday night before Wednesday. Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as PDF attachments to the Digest.

Improvements: Any suggestions are always welcome.

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