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[Editor's Notes: Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please feel free to send them to me. Most information is from the Anglican Church of Canada's News from General Synod and Algoma News web pages.]

Season of Epiphany - 5

1. [News and Events](#)

- a. Reopening Algoma's Churches - Revised Protocols - February 2022
Protocols effective February 5, 2022!

Link to protocols at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2022/02/04/reopening-algomas-churches-revised-protocols-february-2022/>

Or See Attachment.

- b. Notes on the occasion of Bishop Anne's 5th Anniversary of Consecration

- i. From the Desk of Archdeacon Glen Miller

Hello,

This weekend marks for 5th anniversary of Archbishop Anne Germond's consecration as our Diocesan Bishop. I give thanks to God for the wonderful leadership she has shown and the inspiration God has shared through her. This weekend also marks the annual Walden Winter Carnival in which the congregation of Christ Church, Lively have been involved for many years as they provided the breakfasts for Carnival participants. Given the fact that the Carnival will be held virtually once again this year the pancakes will have to be cooked at home. Check out the carnival events on the internet and give thanks to God for the ways in which this Carnival has blessed people for many years.

Archbishop Anne has often encouraged congregations to reach out to the community in which they live and I am so thankful that the congregations in which I am involved are very willing to provide such outreach events. I hope that we'll be able to resume some of our events soon. May God continue to bless Archbishop Anne and our congregations with strength and inspiration.

Glen +

A prayer

O Lord our creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend our neighbourhood to your care, that it might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- ii. Reflections from our Archbishop on the anniversary of her consecration via Algoma News

And in a blink...

Check out the Diocesan website for this message [the site was not available when I was preparing this edition of the Digest]:

<http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>

c. Requests for prayer

- i. Please pray that there is a peaceful and legal end to the protesting and occupying obstruction of the parliaments and international bridges in our country. And please pray for our political leaders that they will be wise in their decision making regarding this issue.

- ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycles

See attached document

- iii. 2022 World Day for Sick People

via Tanya Anne Ball, St. Joseph's Villa Volunteer Coordinator

"I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, filled with mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness."

"I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer, reminding all that their service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of their profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.

As we remember and pray for all those who are sick in this world. Let us not forget the many steps along the way to healing".

POPE FRANCIS 2022 World Day of the Sick Message

What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing, but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention.

In a word, LOVE 

d. Reflections

- i. From Society of St. John the Evangelist
- (1) Retreat

We aren't all able to go on retreat. But we can, each and every one of us, find some place where we can be still and undisturbed for a few minutes every day, to “touch base” with our God, and to hear again who we are. To say, “My Lord and my God!” and to hear “You are my beloved child and I love you.”

–Br. Geoffrey Tristram

- (2) Formation

A person’s spiritual life is formed by all manner of processes working in intricate, entangled ways. Some aspects of formation are a process of addition, things like absorbing scripture and prayer. And some are a process of subtraction, letting go of those things which are not life-giving, relinquishing attempts to control what we cannot. Some erosion is important to wear away what cannot, what should not endure.

–Br. Todd Blackham

- (3) Dream

The dream of God is a dream of peace, freedom and hope for all people. Such a dream can only come true when we see that kings really do ride on donkeys, messiahs really are friends of sinners, God really has taken on human flesh, and the poor, the meek, and the peacemakers really are blessed.

–Br. James Koester

2. Parishes who are creating online services
See attached document
3. List of Parishes
See attached document (Updated Dec 17 2021)
4. Deanery of Sudbury–Manitoulin Council
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
5. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
6. Anglican Church of Canada
Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>
7. Anglican Communion
Website: <https://anglicancommunion.org/>
8. Anglican Journal
Website: www.anglicanjournal.com

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Feel free to send me and Allison Cline–Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. “Your Viewpoint” articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

We would like to receive items by the Thursday evening before Friday. Some items may be repeated due to 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.

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