

ST. THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

Oct 22- Nov 4, 2026

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Messages From Rev. Phelan

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."

1 Corinthians 12: 4-5

Home Communions

If you know anyone who is unable to come to church, whether at home or in the hospital, and would like to take communion, please let me know. Due to privacy laws, the hospital does NOT call the church to let us know, so we depend on you.



Our Regular Services

On **Sunday, October 25**, we will have Holy Communion for Pentecost XXII with Rev Phelan Scanlon at 10:30 a.m. This week's readings are Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17, I Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22 34-46. On **Sunday November 1** we will have Holy Eucharist for All Saints Day, with Rev. Phelan Scanlon. The readings for November 1st are Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, I John 3: 1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

Our Vision



Thank you for the recent volunteers we received. We are halfway there. Let us get this done before the snow flies!

We simply ask you to take the flyer and place it in the door handle or behind the door. If a homeowner is out and visible, it is best to say, "This is a brochure from St. Thomas'. If they don't want it, we walk away nicely.

The map of Bracebridge is on the greeter's table and shows which streets need to be completed. All you need to do is take some flyers, mark the street you are doing with the highlighter, and complete delivery. Any undelivered flyers are to be returned to the church.

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ST. THOMAS CEMETERY AND COLUMBARIUM

Location: 471 Manitoba Street Bracebridge, ON

Mailing Address: 4 Mary Street Bracebridge, ON P1L 2B6

October 14, 2026

Dear Friends of the Cemetery:

Sunday, November 1st, 2026, is All Souls Day!

In celebration of this special day, we are inviting you, your family and friends to an **All-Souls Service at St. Thomas Cemetery on Sunday, November 1st, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.**

While All Souls Day may be a cause to feel some sadness because we miss those who have passed away, it is, nonetheless, an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and our hope for eternal salvation in Him. Most parishes that have cemeteries celebrate some ceremonies of prayers and blessings as it is our custom to remember the souls of the faithful departed on that day.

Many families have the tradition of placing flowers or otherwise cleaning the area around burial places. We wish to continue this tradition and should you wish to bring flowers, feel free. If desired, the Clergy will give a special blessing at your site.

All are invited to gather at the Columbarium for a brief service on Sunday, November 1st, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine! We hope you will mark this special day and time on your calendar and come celebrate with us!

Yours truly,

David Cox

Acting Interim Board Chair



Prayer Group

Join us to pray on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Rector's Office.



Office Hours

Parish Office Hours: The office is open Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pop in and say "Hi" when you are in the church or the neighborhood. You can call the church office at 705-645-3486.

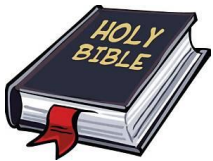
St Thomas Choir

The St Thomas Choir resumed practice from now until Christmas. They meet on Monday evenings 5-6:30.



Happy Birthday

Happy **October Birthday** to Jane Lever (who turns 90), Connie Knighton, Todd Jones and John Mitchell. We want to celebrate with you in the Loop! Please let the office know about your birthday.



Bible Study

Reverend Phelan is leading a Bible Study on Wednesdays, "Gospel Based Discipleship". It will continue **October 28^h to November 11th, 7-8:15pm.** All Welcome!

Parish Council

Our next Parish council meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10, starting at 6pm.** Minutes from the October meeting are now posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



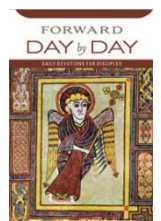
Ride Needed



We have a parishioner at **James Street retirement home** who needs a ride to church on Sundays. She can meet the driver at the parking lot door but will need a bit of help to get in and out of the car. Once the snow and ice come, she won't be able to get out even with a ride. Can anyone help? If so, please contact Phelan at 705-362-2089.

Day by Day

Day by Day is a small booklet that offers a brief daily devotion based on scripture readings. The **Nov. Dec '26 & Jan 2027** edition is now ready for pick up at the greeters table in the main hall for the suggested donation of \$1.



Outreach



We are still looking for donations of **warm coats, hats, mitts and scarves.** **We have already given away 5 coats this fall!** For clothing we are seeking sweatshirts, trackpants and jeans for all as well as, woman's socks. Please remember to check the pockets before donating items.

We need volunteers from the congregation to help each week to support our Outreach program, Wednesdays from 12-2pm. Next Wednesday Oct. 28 we will offer a hot meal of

Loaded Baked Potato Soup with warm Buttered Ciabatta Buns and Apple Crisp for dessert. If you would like to help on a Wednesday, please sign up on the bulletin board.



Pumpkin Carving for Kids

Rev Phelan is hosting Pumpkin Carving on **Wednesday, October 28th** from 3:30-5:00pm. If you plan to come, please him a message to let him know, so he has enough pumpkins for everyone!



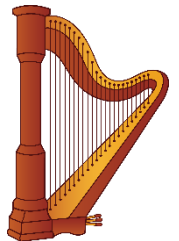
Coat Rack



Just a reminder to folks to NOT leave anything important in your coat pockets when you leave them on the coat rack. Unfortunately we had a couple of coats go missing from our community dinner. If you took a coat that does not belong to you, please return it to the coat rack. The Greeter will lock the side door before the joining the service on Sundays. If you are late, please use the Main Church door.

Open Doors Worship

Iris Jones will be here on the **second Friday of the month from 12 to 1 pm** to play her soothing harp for anyone who wishes to come and meditate. If you or someone you know who would appreciate a harp visit in their home or nursing home room, please text or call Iris 705-644-4721.



Remembrance Day Service

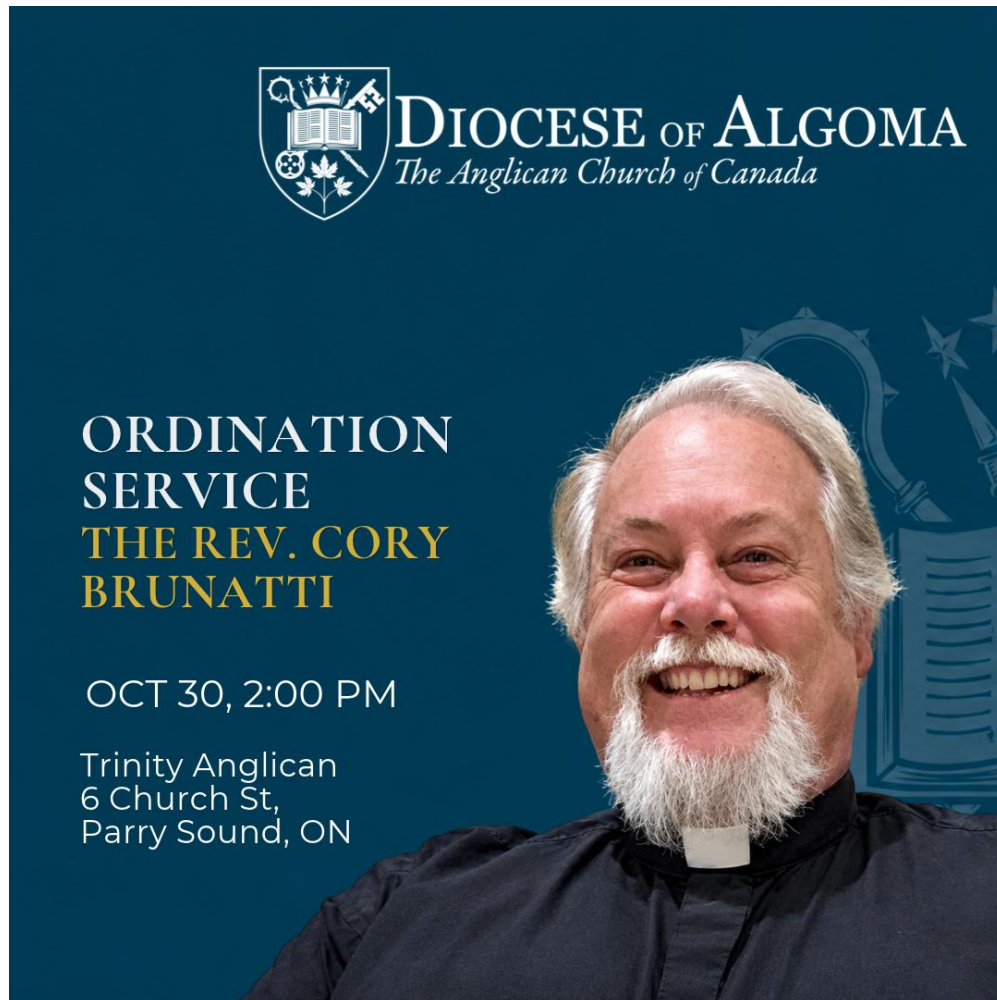
Our Remembrance Day Service will by held on Sunday Nov. 8 at 10:30am featuring guest trumpeter Alana Nuedling.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: THE REV. CORY BRUNATTI

- *October 15, 2026*
- *Categories: Deanery of Muskoka*

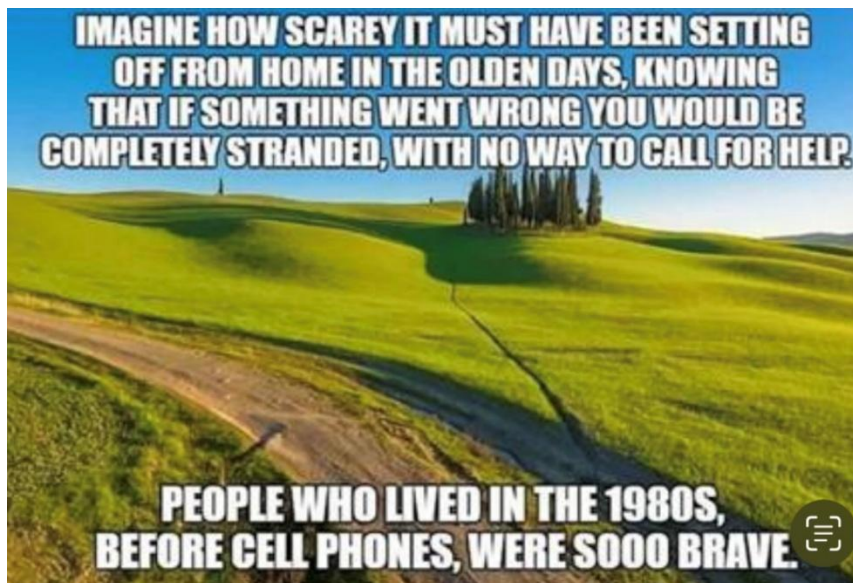
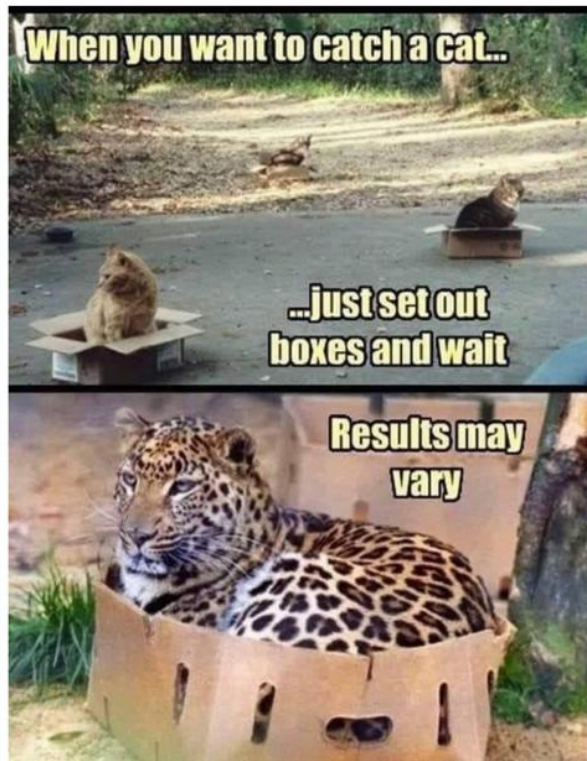
Archbishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce that, God willing, **the Rev. Cory Brunatti will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests** on Friday, October 30, 2026, at Trinity Anglican Church, 6 Church Street, Parry Sound.

The service of Holy Eucharist and Ordination will take place at **2:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.



Cory was ordained to the diaconate in August 2025, following a journey of discernment that began with a call to ministry at the age of twelve. After a 30-year career in information technology, he pursued theological studies at Thorneloe University and eventually answered that longstanding call to ordained ministry. His ministry among seven congregations in the Parry Sound and Muskoka Lakes area has been shaped by a deep commitment to pastoral care, personal relationships, and the life of the local church.

Please hold Cory and the people of the Parry Sound and Muskoka Lakes churches in your prayers as he prepares for this next step in his ordained ministry.



Tree still blocking my road
so I can't go to work



I hate it when I mean to buy seedless grapes, but instead I accidentally get... well you know... Oreos.

