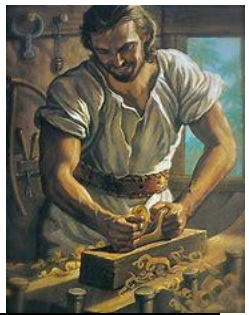




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1st Sunday of Advent


† DECEMBER 1ST, 2019, 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A †

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Leadership Ministry Team
 Pam Hall-Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Janis
 Rose & Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib-Baptism,
 Sonny Guy-Communion to Sick, Richard Rose-Finance

OFFICE HOURS:
MON, TUE, THURS, FRI – 8:30 – 12:30 PM
WED. - CLOSED
 TEL: 902 -794-3951

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon., Dec. 2				
Tues., Dec. 3	Cape Breton University		Chaplaincy Mass/Prayer	
Wed., Dec. 4	St. Joseph Church	6:30 pm	Mass	
Thur., Dec. 5	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	Gordie Taylor
Fri., Dec. 6	St. Joseph Church	9:00 am	Exposition	Helen Clarke
		10:00 am	Mass	
Sat., Dec. 7	St. Joseph Church	3 :15 pm	Confession	
	St. Joseph Church	4 :00 pm	Mass	
	St. Andrew Parish, Boisdale	5 :30 pm	Mass	
Sun., Dec. 8	St. Joseph Church	9:30 am	Faith Formation	For Parishioners
		10:00 am	Mass	

Ministries Dec. 7 & Dec. 8	4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday
SACRISTAIN, & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	Celebration Choir	Adult Choir
GREETERS & HOSPITALITY	Ann Marie MacGillivray, Caroline Campbell	Matt and Kay Batherson
ALTAR SERVERS	L. Aker, L. Guy	B. Ryan
READERS	Frank McNamara, Taralee MacInnis	Fred MacLeod, Crystal Winter
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Joe and Marlene Barron	Eric and Lisa Power
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Clare Bishop, David Dooley, Lawrence Jellow, Ann Marie Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Lisa Brown, Armand Forest, Monica Shebib, Joan Skinner
CLEANING OF CHURCH	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Winter Office Hours - Starting in advent, this December, the Parish office will be open four days per week for the winter, then reopen fully in the spring. In December the office will be open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Give the Gift of Music – with a St. Joseph Celebration Choir Christmas CD. Cost \$10.00 each. Available from Celebration Choir Members before or after Saturday's 4 pm masses.

Finance Meeting - is now Wed., Dec 11th at 7 pm.

Expectant Parent Fund - Do you know a pregnant mother in need, or a parent (mother or father) needing assistance with baby food, diapers or baby accessories in the first two years of life? We are here to help you in a non- judgemental way. Call 902-794-3951 or come into the St Joseph Parish office at 34 Archibald Ave. during office hours for free assistance.

We have a new Expectant Parent Room devoted to assisting new parents on the Northside to raise their children with tangible help. We give three types of free baby needs:

1. baby formula, or food
2. diapers
3. Accessories: baby clothes, car seats, baby toys, cremes etc.

Gratitude is extended to the KOC for their generous donation of \$1000 as seed funding to get the program off the ground. We trust as we help parents in need, God will provide. If you want to help keep our schools and community thriving, we need to help support parents as prices rise. Donations for tax receipts must include the name: St Joseph Parish (Expectant Parent Fund) in memo of cheque. A separate account within our books has been created to track available money for parents.

Embrace the Christmas Season - and light a candle on our Parish Advent Wreath. One candle is lit at each Mass during Advent, so sign-up on the

sheet at the back of the church, and come as we prepare with great anticipation for the birth of Christ, Our Lord.

Many thanks to Earl MacPherson of Earl's Greenhouse - for providing the materials used in our Advent Wreath-making event. Your generosity is much appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Classes – Sundays at 9:30 am.

What names are given to the first sacrament of initiation?

This sacrament is primarily called *Baptism* because of the central rite with which it is celebrated. To baptize means to "immerse" in water. The one who is baptized is immersed into the death of Christ and rises with him as a "new creature" (2 *Corinthians* 5:17). This sacrament is also called the "bath of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit" (*Titus* 3:5); and it is called "enlightenment" because the baptized becomes "a son of light" (*Ephesians* 5:8).

Further reading: CCC [1213-1216](#), [1276-1277](#)

HALL NEWS

Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

November 23/24	
Envelopes	2255.00
Loose cash	225.00
Fuel	0.00
Special Collections	50.00
Change for Change	15.00
Candles	45.00
Faith Formation	25.00
Other	375.00
Totals	2990.00
Hall Fund	165.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Third Annual Advent Retreat - Start a new tradition with your family and join the Aucoin family (Claudia, Bert, and Janelle) for an afternoon of reflection and Music at Our Lady of Fatima, in Sydney River, on Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Parish Mission Beloved, Chosen & Appointed: Mark your calendars and plan to join Fr. Mark Cherry who will lead us in a three-day Mission at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, December 9th, 10th & 11th, 2019 at St. Theresa's Parish. This Mission is for anyone seeking meaning and purpose in life.

Star of Light, Concert of Sacred Christmas Music - Friday, December 13, 2019 at Saint Ninian Cathedral. Featuring: Antigonish Choral Ensemble, Saint Ninian's Choir, Ann Holton, as well as others
TICKETS BY GOOD WILL OFFERING

PAUSE For Advent - Take a PAUSE during this busy time of the year. On Sunday, December 15th, 2019 at Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines at 2:00 pm come join us with Father Oliver to learn more about the Eucharist, and to discuss what it means in our lives.

CBU Winter Clothing Drive - Some students are in need of winter clothing and CBU Chaplaincy will be accepting donations of used winter clothing. Donations can be brought to the Campus Centre at CBU, Chaplaincy office from Mon. – Fri. 10 am - 4 pm. If necessary, arrangements may be made for pick up at your parish by calling Chaplaincy at 902-563-1173. Winter clothing needed: Male and female winter coats, winter shoes, sweaters, shirts, pants, jackets, hats, gloves, scarfs and blankets. Thank you for your consideration. CBU Chaplaincy

KOC

KOC Meeting – the next regular monthly meeting will be Sun. Dec. 8 at 2 pm.

KOC Roast Turkey Dinner - Each year at this time, the Fr. Wm. Kiley Council of the KOC presents an opportunity for deceased members spouses to come together for a Roast Turkey Dinner. This year the dinner will be held on Dec. 16, beginning at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm. Every effort will be made to contact each widow. However, for various reasons, some are difficult to contact. Therefore, if you, or someone you know has not been contacted, PLEASE call either myself at 794-4427, or Tom Gaskell at 736-1267, no later than Dec. 7th. Also, if you require transportation, please let us know. Looking forward to seeing a good turnout, Joseph Howell, Grand Knight.

CWL

The CWL Memorial Ornaments - order sheets are in envelopes at the back of the church, and in the Parish Office. If using a personal cheque, make it payable to "St Joseph CWL"

Completed order forms & payment may be dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours **or** on week-ends, placed in the masses' collection basket.

The CWL will have members at the back of the church **30 minutes before** the weekend Masses on Dec 7&8 and Dec 14&15, to help any parishioners who have questions and/or desire assistance with the order forms. The cut-off date for acceptance of orders is Dec. 15th.

The ornaments will be labeled as instructed on the order form, and placed on our Parish Christmas tree during its decorating.

Following the Christmas Season, when the decorations are removed, the ornaments will be repackaged and made available for pickup by those persons who desire to take them home. Further details will be made available on this topic after Christmas.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cold weather is here & request for winter clothing has increased. If you, other family members or friends, have winter clothing, boots no longer being used, please consider donating same to St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot located @ 1 Cottage St. Sydney Mines. Men, Women & Children's needed. Open every Thursday except last Thursday of each month. There are St. Vincent de Paul members in each parish. Christmas decorations also a priority if you have extra. Thanks to everyone helping us to help others in our communities. We really appreciate it!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

17th Annual Christmas Craft Show & Sale - ONE DAY ONLY

St. Anne Church is pleased to help you get a jump on your Christmas shopping while supporting local crafters and your local church. Lunch is

available, soup, tea biscuit, squares, tea or coffee for \$6.00. Saturday, November 30th, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Bras d'Or Hall (24 Villa Dr.). Admission is \$2.00 per person. Lots of door prizes!!!

Christmas Variety Concert - "They Won't Be Expecting That!"

Featuring local musicians & talents and Holy Family's Faith Formation Students. This afternoon hopes to fill our hearts with the beauty of the Season. This concert will be held in the church on Sunday Dec. 8, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$10.00 with children under 12 admitted free.

St. F. X. U. Alumni - The annual gathering of alumni of St. Francis Xavier University will take place Dec. 3rd at St. Theresa Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis Xavier will be followed by a short AGM. Of course, there will be something to eat and then door prizes will be drawn around 8:00 PM.!

"JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND via PICTURES: Presenter: Dr. Phillip Cooper, Postulant for Ordination, Diocese of NS & PEI, Saturday, November 30th @ 1:00 PM, St. John the Baptist Church, North Sydney. Dr. Cooper and his wife Simone made a life changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land earlier this year and he has most generously offered to come and share their experiences via pictures and conversation to all who are interested in learning from a personal experience of the birth place of our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome to attend."

Start the Season Bright at the "Lights for Health" light up. This event will take place at the Northside General on Dec. 6th, 2019 at 7 pm. The evening will include entertainment by Jason Kempt, maybe a visitor from the North Pole, hot chocolate and cookies and our wonderful fireworks display. This a celebration of our fundraising event for the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. All are welcome.

St. John the Baptist Mothers' Union is sponsoring motivational speaker, Eddie LeMoine - on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney. All are welcome to attend. The more the merrier. A free-will offering will be taken. He will have some of his books for sale for \$20.00 each and he will donate \$5.00 from each book sale to Mothers' Union projects. A little about the topic: Is it possible to bring about what you think about?"

ARE YOU GRIEVING? WE CAN HELP! - Bereaved Families of Cape Breton will be holding their Northside monthly Support & Share session in Sydney Mines on Thursday, December 5th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Miners' Memorial Manor, 16 Lorne St, Sydney Mines. This meeting is open to anyone 18 yrs. of age and older who is grieving the death of a loved one. Registration is not required and you may bring a support person. For further information, phone 902-564-6795.

The Cape Breton University Pipe Band has a Christmas CD for sale! - The album features the CBU Pipe, Redmond MacDougall, and Carol Ann MacDougall. CD's are \$10 each and are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop on Charlotte St, downtown Sydney, or through band members. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

The CBU Pipe Band will also be hosting their 4th annual Christmas Concert at the Boardmore Playhouse - at CBU, on Fri., Dec. 20th from 7-9pm. Performers will include both the grade 4 and 5 CBU Pipe Bands, the MacArthur Dancers, Drea Shepherd, Angus MacLeod, and Carol Ann MacDougall. Tickets are \$20 regular or \$10 for students. Tickets can be found at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop or through band members. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

Prevention Through Action – Reporting and healing incidents of abuse or misconduct in our diocese. Rev. Charles Cameron 1-902-863-4373 or email: charleshugh7@gmail.com.

Canada Suicide Prevention Service
1-833-456-4566 or Text. 45645

Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line: Call/text: 1-888-837-7678
info@abuse-free-sport.ca www.abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749
Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
