



PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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† FEBRUARY 3RD, 2019, 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C †

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Leadership Ministry Team = Roy Smith-Deacon, Pam Hall-Faith Formation, Rebecca Gracie-Liturgy, Monica Shebib-Baptism, Sonny Guy-Communion to Sick, Richard Rose-Finance, Mike MacKinnon Int.Chair Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Doug-Garbage/recycling.

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

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon., Feb.4	CBU Oasis Room	8 pm	<i>Bible Study</i>	
Tues., Feb. 5	Cape Breton University	Noon	MASS	
Wed., Feb. 6	Hall Chapel	6:30 pm	MASS	Special Intention
Thur., Feb. 7	Hall Chapel	9 am	MASS & ROSARY FOR PRIESTS	
Fri., Feb. 8	Hall Chapel	9 am	<i>Mass & Divine Mercy</i>	Special Intention
Sat., Feb. 9	St. Joseph Church St. Mary, Frenchvale	3:15 pm 4 pm 6 pm	CONFESSION MASS MASS	Connie Dube
Sun., Feb. 10	St. Joseph Church	10 am	MASS	For Parishioners

Ministries for Feb. 9 th , 10 th	4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday
SACRISTAN, AND LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Irene Cogan	Deacon Roy Smith, Irene Cogan
CHOIR	Celebration choir	Adult Choir
GREETERS & HOSPITALITY	Elaine MacNeil, Tweet Monroe, Florence Wilson	Ben Long, Rhea Long
ALTAR SERVERS	CWL	J. Ross, L. Aker
READERS	Kay Batherson, Joan Byers	Denise Jardine, Helen Gray
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (OFFERTORY)	Barb Williams, Caroline Campbell	Faith Formation Children
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	EMC, Cammie Gillis, Mike MacIsaac, Janis Rose	Deacon Roy, Leonard Guy, Ben Long, George Mullins
CLEANING OF CHURCH	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH		

PARISH NEWS

Pastoral Council – Sunday, Feb. 17th at 1 pm in Parish Meeting Room.
Finance Committee – Wed., Feb. 13th at 7 pm in Parish Meeting Room.
Liturgy Committee – Feb. 14th 10:30 am Parish Meeting Room.

Bulletin Announcements: Going forward any person or organization requesting a notice in the bulletin are asked to email the exact wording to the parish office, maximum 100 words, or one paragraph.

Office Hours - For now the office will be open four days per week instead of the usual five days on: *Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.*

Nativity Meditation - Last chance to meditate on the mystery of the incarnation this weekend, as the manger comes down after feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2nd.

World Day of The Sick - The Sacrament of the Sick will be offered after mass at St. Joseph's in coordination with the World Day of the Sick on the weekend of Feb. 9th and 10th. Anyone with a serious illness in body, mind or spirit may come forward at the conclusion of mass to receive the healing grace.

Expectant Mother Fund Announcement

The Expectant Mother Fund committee is announcing they are now accepting donations of diapers, Pentene, baby Vaseline, baby formula in various kinds, and monetary donations to buy formula that is needed. The original food-bank room has been repurposed as the Expectant Mother Room. We thank Richard Rose for painting the room and getting it ready. Donations will be received on Wednesday mornings from 10-11 am. Donations may be made to: St Joseph's for tax receipt purposes and that money is put aside for buying formula. God willing, we will be open to all mothers in need on the Northside in May - the month of Mary our Mother.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation – 9:30 am before Sunday mass.

First Penance (Confession) – Modules for First Penance begins Jan. 20th and continues until Sunday, Feb.10th. These sessions will be held after Mass on Sunday downstairs in the hall.

Faith is the supernatural virtue which is necessary for salvation. It is a *free gift* of God and is accessible to all who humbly seek it. The act of faith is a *human act*, that is, an act of the intellect of a person - prompted by the will moved by God - who freely assents to divine truth. Faith is also *certain* because it is founded on the Word of God; it *works* "through charity" (*Galatians 5:6*); and it *continually grows* through listening to the Word of God and through prayer. It is, even now, a *foretaste* of the joys of heaven.

Holy Family Parish, Sydney Mines is hosting the amazing Grace Youth Rally on April 6th, 2019. Invitation is extended to Youth in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12, Confirmation Candidates, their catechists, deacons and priests are invited to join Holy Family Parish confirmation group for an Amazing Confirmation Retreat on Apr. 6th, 2019 in Sydney Mines. Father Gary George, CSSR, will be leading the retreat. The Retreat will begin at 11 am and will end after the 4:00 pm Mass. Register by March 8th by emailing Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Hall News

New Hall Zone: The two new zones to the furnace are installed, and groups using the hall are asked to arrive 30 minutes early and turn the heat up and the hall heats up instantly because it is steam heat (not hot water). Reminder to turn down the heat when leaving.

Hall Envelopes: Diocesan policy states donations to halls, cemeteries, building Funds and bequests to the parish 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.

CWL AND KOC NEWS

CWL Meeting : Monday, Feb. 11th at 7 pm in the Hall.

KOC: Feb. 10th at 2 pm in the Hall. **Mass for Shut-Ins Invitation** is extended to Confirmation Candidates to join Bishop Brian Dunn to form the congregation for Mass for Shut-Ins on Sun. Feb. 3rd, at 11:00 am at the CTV station, 1283 George Street, Sydney. Lunch and dialogue with the Bishop after Mass. Participants are requested to register by Jan. 30th, by emailing Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

January 207 2019		
Envelopes		3035.75
Loose cash/coin		72.50
Fuel & Other		353.00
Special Collections		
Change for		12.60
Change		
PAR Remittance		
Totals		3473.85
Hall Fund		178.00
Thank you for your offering to God and generous support.		

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan 175th Holy Land Pilgrimage Have you ever desired to visit Jerusalem, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Bethlehem, Cana, Galilee, Nazareth, etc.? The Holy Land is often described as the Fifth Gospel, because it helps others to discover Jesus is a deeper way. Bishop Dunn will be leading a group of people to the Holy Land in September. The trip will take place from Sept. 1 – 12, 2019. Cost will be around \$4,000. Brochures are available at the Emmaus Centre and at the Chancery Office. The Diocesan website has registration forms. Half the registration is due on March 1st. Limited space is available so register soon. This pilgrimage will give participants an opportunity to grow tremendously in their relationship of faith.

Pilgrimage to Montreal for Youth – Cathy Walsh director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese is organizing a pilgrimage to Montreal for any high school youth in the parish who want to attend. The dates are March 18-22, 2019. Free sponsorship available, see Fr. Doug

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healthy Minds This event is rescheduled to Feb. 5th, 2 – 4pm.

St. John the Baptist Mothers' Union will host a Valentine's Roast Beef Dinner. It will take place on Friday, February 8th at 6:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church Hall, 28 King St. North Sydney. There will be door prizes and entertainment. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets are available at the Parish office or by calling Debbie Moore at 902-544-1018 or 902-371-2807.

Come and see afternoon - The Vocations Committee is sponsoring a "Come and See" Weekend for anyone interested in becoming a priest. This event will take place on Sun., Feb10 at 2pm at Wellspring at St. FX University. Contact Fr. Dan MacDonald if you have someone interested.

Music Therapy For Cancer Patients and their support is held at the Pier Legion, Victoria Rd., Sydney every Friday afternoon from 1:15 – 2:15 pm with music therapist Shelley Allen. For more information contact Alicia at 902 567-6622.

A Pancake & Sausage Breakfast will be held on Sat. Feb. 9th from 8 – 10 am at the United Protestant Church of Sydney River. Tickets: \$6.00 and are available by phoning (902) 562-4145 or from any member of the Men's Brotherhood.

Palliative Care Bereavement Program. Volunteers are urgently needed for this program. This program offers volunteers the opportunity to work from home and to set up their own schedules. The program asks for volunteers to place several phone calls to families suffering from the loss of loved ones. Training is provided. Please call Alan McDonald at (902) 567-8137.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. A marriage Encounter weekend is an enrichment opportunity for couples. The application fee is \$60. and you will be invited to make a confidential donation, based on the actual cost of the weekend. The date of the next marriage encounter weekend is May 3rd to 5th, 2019 at Between The Hearts Retreat Centre, Amherst, N.S. For further information, call James and Connie at (902) 314-8541 or email renewmarriage@gmail.com

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!