



## Parish Community of St. Joseph

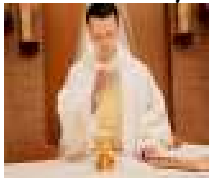
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### Our Liturgies At St. Joseph Church

Tues.*	9:00 am
Wed.*	6:30 pm
Thurs.*	9:00 am
Fri.*	9:00 am
*Sat am only	9:00 am first Sat. of each month in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat.	4:00 pm
Sun.	10:00 am



\* On these days, if there is a funeral, the scheduled Mass of the day is cancelled.

### Our Pastoral Team

Office Hours 9 am – 2:30 pm

Monday–Thursday

Friday 9 am–Noon

Fr. Patrick O'Neill 794-8431

Pastor	Fr. Patrick O'Neill
Deacon	Roy Smith
Secretary	Estelle Penny
Caretaker	Eddy Doyle
Pastoral Chair	Frank McNamara
Faith Formation	Pam Hall
Liturgy	Rebecca Gracie
Baptism	Monica Shebib

## 3rd Sunday of Lent March 3rd–March 4th 2018

### Ministries Schedules

March 10–March 11

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. 4:00 pm  
 Deacon Roy  
 Clare Bishop  
 Cammie Gillis  
 Sandy MacGillivray  
 Janis Rose

#### Lectors

4:00 pm  
 Frank McNamara  
 Kay Batherson

#### Altar Servers

4:00 pm  
 CWL

#### Hospitality

4:00 pm  
 Ann Sampson  
 Rebecca Gracie  
 Caroline Campbell

#### Gift Bearers

4:00 pm  
 Irene Cogan  
 John Cogan

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Sun. 10:00 am  
 Deacon Roy Smith  
 Lisa Brown  
 Leonard Guy  
 Mike MacIsaac  
 Monica Shebib

#### Lectors

10:00 am  
 Dave Lewis  
 Denise Jardine

#### Altar Servers

10:00 am  
 J. Ross  
 R. Jardine

#### Hospitality

10:00 am  
 Matt Batherson  
 Kay Batherson  
 Margie Ross

#### Gift Bearers

10:00 am  
 Robert, Susan, Lily McPhee

**Weekly Collection February 25th, 2018**

<b><u>Regular Collection:</u></b>	\$	2747.00
<b><u>Fuel:</u></b>	\$	35.00
<b><u>Initial Offering:</u></b>	\$	5.00
<b><u>Total Collection:</u></b>	\$	2787.00

**Registration for Confirmation** has begun and will be ongoing until the end of June. Call the office 902-794-3951 to register your child/children or call Pam Hall, 902-577-4553 Faith Formation Coordinator. Please pass on this information to family and friends who may not have access to this information.

**Please Note:** Any items to be placed in the bulletin must be in by Wednesday of each week. Thank you.



The Good Friday Walk through town will take place at noon starting at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and will end at St. John's Anglican Church, who will be hosting the lunch.

Once again. St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney will be hosting their annual Lenten Lunch Program. Lunches will be held at 12 noon and will be approximately one hour. The Lenten Lunches began on Wednesday, February 14th at noon. A minimum fee of \$5.00 is suggested. Guest speakers are as follows.

Mar. 7th	Brian Barron	Third Day Grace Ministries Undercurrent Program
Mar. 14th	<b>NONE</b>	<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</b>
Mar. 21st	Mary MacIsaac	Community Volunteerism Group & program helping
28th	Dave Forrester	CBU International Students

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned. Carol Vickers Office Administrator  
St. John the Baptist Anglican Church 28 King Street, North Sydney, N.S. B2A 2S4 902-794-3392.

Cancer Transitions - Moving Beyond Treatment - a Free seven week program for people who have completed cancer treatment will begin in, April, 2018. Topics include Taking Control of your Survivorship, Exercise for Wellness, Emotional Health and Well-Being, Medical Management Beyond Cancer, and Moving Beyond Cancer. For more information and to pre-register contact Caren Fortune or Dawn Carey at the Cape Breton Cancer Center at 902-567-8074.



The Food Bank has "**In Memory of Donation Cards**" or "**Special Occasion Cards**" for people who wish to make a donation to the food bank when someone has died or for anyone celebrating a special occasion such as an anniversary, wedding, birthday etc. All donations help support the food bank and are now available in the office.

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Sunday Morning Choir practice is every Wednesday after the 6:30 pm mass.



The monthly meetings of the 4th Degree Knights of the Fr. William B. MacLeod Assembly are held on the last Sunday of each month at 2pm, Coady House, Sydney River with the exception of July, August and December.



Fr. Patrick will be celebrating a Healing Mass on Monday, March 5th at 7:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church.



**Faith Formation**

sessions are every Sunday at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there.



The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18th at 1:30 pm.



The next Liturgy Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8th 1:30 pm.

Regular KOC meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.



The next CWL Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 pm.



### Lenten Prayer Corner:

O Jesus, Meek and humble of heart, hear me  
From the desire of being esteemed,  
From the desire of being loved,  
From the desire of being extolled,  
From the desire of being honored  
From the desire of being praised,  
From the desire being preferred,  
From the desire of being consulted,  
From the desire of being approved,  
**Deliver me, Jesus.**



From the fear of being humiliated,  
From the fear of being despised,  
From the fear of suffering rebukes,  
From the fear of being calumniated,  
From the fear of being forgotten,  
From the fear of being ridiculed ,  
From the fear of being wronged,  
From the fear of being suspected,  
**Deliver me, Jesus.**

That others may be loved more than I,  
That others may be esteemed more than I,  
That in the opinion of the world others may increase ,  
and I may decrease,  
That others may be chosen and I set aside,  
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,  
That others may be preferred to me in everything,  
That others become holier than I provided that I  
become as holy as I should,  
**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

### Help Fill Our Food Bank At Easter

If you are able to donate any nonperishable food items to the food bank please drop them off at the church on Holy Thursday. Mass time for Holy Thursday is at 7:00 pm.

### Confession at St. Joseph Church

Saturday March 24th all day confessions from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm.  
11:00—12:00 Fr. Jake Andrea  
12:00—1:00 Fr. Angus MacDougall  
1:00—2:00 Fr. Jim Oliver  
2:00—3:00 Fr. Leo Cordeau  
3:30—3:30 Fr Patrick O'Neill



**HELP! HELP! HELP!** We are still in need of people to sell our even split tickets. Please help out if you can as we are trying very hard to build up our kitty.

We now have **Memorial Cards for St. Vincent DePaul Society** for people who wish to make a donation in memory of someone who has died. All proceeds from these cards help defray the cost of the many needs of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you for your support.



### Important Dates in the Church Year...

Mass of Chrim Monday, March 26th,  
Ste. Pierre, Cheticamp, 4:00 pm  
Good Friday March 30th 3:00 pm



**The cleaning of the church for the Easter season will take place on Thursday, March 22 at 9:00 am. If you can help, we'd love to have you. Just bring a bucket and rags and let the magic happen.**

**The decorating of the church for Easter will take place on Saturday, March 31 at 9:30 am.**

**If you would like to donate lilies to decorate our church please have them at the church by Good Friday, March 30th.**

The 2018 membership for the 4th Degree Knight's of Columbus was due 1 January. The amount is \$30.00 and can be paid at the monthly meetings or forward check Payable: Fr. William B. MacLeod Assembly Address: Bob Whitty, 114 Fairmont Street, Sydney, NS, B1R 1G6

### Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Good Friday 3:00 pm  
Easter Vigil 8:00 Easter Sunday 10:00 am

Rosary for the Unborn...  
Tuesday 9:30 am, Wednesday, 5:30  
Rosary for Priests... Thursday and Friday following the 9:00 am Mass.  
The Divine Mercy is said after the rosary. Chaplet of Divine Mercy ...  
Tuesday after the rosary.  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
Wednesday after the Benediction.



Holy Family Concert featuring John & Patti Fukala and Special Guests!

Sunday, March 25th, 2018- 7:00pm- Tickets 10.00

Holy Family Parish Hall -899 Main St., Sydney Mines

Tea and Cake served- Prize Draws

Reserved Seating for tables of 10 or more

Sponsored by Holy Family Prayer Group with proceeds going to Chalice and Faith Formation.

For tickets, please contact 902 736-8333



**Ignite... Your Faith Journey**

Diocesan Youth Gathering - Saturday, April 14, 2018. Our Lady of Fatima is hosting a day of friendship and faith. Open to youth preparing for Confirmation and older. 11am - 4pm, with Mass at 4:15pm Register through your Parish Office or contact Allyson Langley 902-562-3934 or Cathy Walsh 902-870-9117.

New Beginnings Weekend is a weekend of reflection and healing for those who are divorced, separated, or bereaved. Our next weekend will be April 20-22, 2018 at the St. Joseph Renewal Centre/Mabou Resource Centre. For information and to register, please contact Ron Curry: 902-564-0788.



**Celtic Colors** will be coming to our church on Wednesday, October 10th, 2018. Mark your calendars now! It's going to be an awesome show.

The monthly meeting of the CB Ostomy Society support group will meet on Thursday, March 8th from 2pm - 4 pm at the South Bar Fire Hall. This is a support group for those living with an ostomy and their caregivers/support. A light lunch will be served. Contact Stasia Digou - 902-562-1367 for more information".

The Cursillo weekend schedule for the Spring of 2018, Women's -May 3-6, 2018 and Men- May 24-27, 2018, if interested in attending please call Kevin or Karen McSween at 902- 862- 8517, Betty Lahey at 902-270-0891, Burt or Claudia Aucoin 902-578-1266, Marie Burke 902-549-3748.

It will be soon be time to think about putting in an Easter Memorial for your loved one(s). If you would like an Easter memorial placed in the bulletin, please have your request in no later than Wednesday, March 21st. Each memorial is \$20.00.

Fr. Bill Burke will conduct 3 sessions on Liturgy and Justice: Building God's Kingdom. The Sessions will be held at St. Marguerite Bourgeois Parish, Cabot Street, Sydney, from 7-8:30 pm, on Wednesday, February 28, March 7, and March 14<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.

### Update Northside Council Soc. St. Vincent de Paul.

Northside Council Clothing Depot located at 1 Cottage St, Sydney Mines [same building as Food Bank] will be opened on Thursday's 1-3 p.m. starting Thurs. March 8<sup>th</sup>.

This change is due to the Food Bank opening on Thursdays in March instead of Fridays. Hope to see all our customers on Thursdays. All clothing & small appliances are free to those who need it.

We welcome anyone in our communities to come visit & check us out. Thank you to those who make this service possible by your donations. We see many smiles that your donations have made possible & in some cases you have made their lives more bearable. Again. Thank-you.

NET Family Retreat - Saturday, March 24, 2018, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew

A day of family faith sharing and fun with NET ministry. Register by March 9th by emailing Contact Cathy Walsh youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca

### NET Ministries - Billeting Requests

Net Ministers will be visiting our diocese from March 17 - 24. If you are able to offer to billet, please speak with your Parish Priest or email\_cathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

**High School Grads a time of quiet and reflection before final exams and grad activities. Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12. Camp Geddies, Merigomish. Open to high school grads in the Dioceses. (You don't have to be Catholic to come). Limited space so register early. Contact Cathy Walsh youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca**

**Amazing Race Ignite Your Faith Journey—Youth rally.**

**11 am April 14th, 2018 at Our lady of Fatima.**

**Confirmation Youth and older. Register your team(s) with your parish office. Contact Cathy Walsh youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca**

### **LUNCH AND LEARN FOR LENT**

Sponsored by the Parish of the Resurrection, St. George's Hall, Nepean St. Sydney 12 - 1 pm  
All are welcome to attend. Admission is by free will offering.

#### **Schedule of Speakers**

March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Laura Whyte speaking on the new residential addiction treatment centre for women, the Cape Breton Hope Project Soup: turkey vegetable from MacKinnon Catering
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Gardiner, St. George's Restoration Soup: tomato basil from Meals on Wheels
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Erica Shea, New Dawn Center for Social Innovation Soup: squash bisque from Zeffiros

The Cape Breton Chordsmen present a GOSPEL CONCERT at United Heritage Church, 500 Charlotte St., Sydney on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 pm featuring the Chordsmen, Quattro, Keltic Gospel Male Chorus, Ken Chishom, Hell's Belles, Breton Songbirds, QuarterDeck. Tickets \$20 available from any member of the Chordsmen or by phoning 902-564-1114.

### **Our Parish Mission "Words of Hope from the Cross of Christ"**

The last words of our loved ones are treasured and honoured. As part of our Lenten Journey, you are invited to participate in our Parish Mission, during which we will ponder the last words of Jesus, words that give us hope and courage. The sessions will be led by Father Ray Huntley and will take place at the Parish Church of Saint Leonard, Mount Carmel Avenue with the closing reception at the Parish Hall on Convent Street, New Waterford.

Schedule... Saturday and Sunday March 3 and 4, 2018

Homily at all weekend masses

(Saturday at 4 pm. Sunday at 9 am and 11 am.)

Monday, March 5, 2018 Healing Service

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

6:30 pm closing mass mission homily followed by a reception at the parish hall.

Dear Winter,

I'm breaking up with you. You're just so cold...you make me BLUE!

Sincerely,

ME!!



Needless to say, we at your CWL, know where you're coming from; enough already. It's time to move on and, in preparation for the sunny days that are coming, we have collected numerous items and put them into our "Bye-Bye Winter Blues" Basket. It will ease you into our hotter seasons and assist us in raising funds for our endeavours.

We are filling a 96 can hard shelled cooler on wheels with items for gardeners, Party goers, beach lovers, etc.; the list goes on.....something for everyone.

Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. They're available in the Parish Office, or from CWL members. The Draw is on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> after 9am Mass.

Good luck and thank you for your support.

The Men's Brotherhood of the United Protestant Church of Sydney River will be hosting a "Fishcakes & Beans Supper" on Saturday, March 17th from 4 - 6 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Tickets: \$12.00 and are available by phoning the church office at 902-562-4145.



Because of Many Requests  
And Popular Demand for  
"How To Make My Tea Biscuits"  
a lesson for you...



With the help of the Ladies Group, I am putting on a demonstration session for those interested in learning "my secrets."

Date: Sunday, March 11th

Time: 6:00 pm until Coffee/Tea and Taste Testing is over.

Place: Seventh-Day Adventists Church

Peppett St.

There is no cost or admission fee, but if you choose, you can make a freewill donation to our Bags Of Love Project.

Come and enjoy an evening together.

Recipe Included.

Everyone welcome.

For further information you may contact me



Mary Jackson...902-577-0685

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Some Activities Children and their parents can do during Lent...

1. Attend the Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent.
2. Read a bible passage each day. It can be the child's version.
3. Help a needy family. Save the money you would spend on an evening out and use it to buy food for a family in need.
4. Have at least one meatless Friday. Eggs are a good substitute for meat as is vegetable soup or vegetable chili.
5. Attend the Good Friday Walk through town. This is a beautiful way to honor Jesus on His walk to Calvary.