



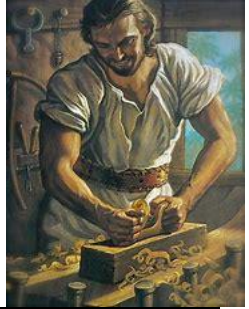
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time


† FEBRUARY 16TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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**Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon**

**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  
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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions 
Mon. Feb. 17th				FOR THE WEEK
Tues. Feb. 18th				
Wed. Feb. 19th				
Thurs. Feb. 20th				
Fri, Feb. 21st				
Sat. Feb. 22nd	St. Joseph St. Joseph St. Andrew, Boisdale	3:15 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions Mass Mass	
Sun. Feb. 23rd	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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	Yvonne MacDonald, Elaine MacNeil	Ben and Rhea Long
ALTAR SERVERS	L. Aker J. Ross	J. Skinner, L. Green
READERS	Norm Connors, Mike MacKinnon	Alexandra Young, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Mike and Bev White	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Dave Dooley, Lawrence Jellow, Janis Rose	Deacon Roy or EMC, Lisa Brown, George Quirk, Ann Marie Steele
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

### PARISH NEWS

**Coronavirus and Hand shaking** – During the SARS outbreak, parishes were asked to express the sign of peace with a wave, or smile and verbally say: “Peace of Christ” without shaking hands. I wash my hands before celebrating mass and avoid shaking hands before mass all year round out of respect for all the hosts I give to parishioners. But with the coronavirus and flu season present, I am inviting parishioners not to shake hands at the sign of peace but give the “Peace of Christ” verbally until Easter. The Precious Blood and giving of the Chalice is suspended until further notice.

#### Healthy Flu Prevention Habits –

- Washing your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
- Practicing proper etiquette by covering your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Staying home if you are sick..

**Income Tax Receipts** – are now ready for pick-up at the entrance of the Church.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Faith Formation Classes** – Sundays at 9:30 am.

**First Penance Modules** – will begin on Feb. 23rd and continue until Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass downstairs in the Hall.

**Altar Server Schedule** – is now ready in the vestry. We are looking for people to serve in this Ministry. If you are interested, please contact the office.

**What is “blessing”?** – The prayer of blessing is man’s response to god’s gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts. Further reading: CCC [2626-2627, 2645](#).

### 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!

Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Envelopes	2126.00
Loose cash	70.00
Fuel	130.00
Special Collections	40.00
Change for Change	20.00
Candles	25.00
Other	0
Totals	2411.00
Hall Fund	525.00

**Diocesan Prayer for Our New Bishop** – Gracious God we are thankful for the gift of our new Bishop, Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick.

We, the Community of Believers of the Diocese of Antigonish, trust deeply in your Divine Providence and in your desire to provide for the needs of our diocesan family. May Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick be filled with zeal for the Gospel as he ministers as one who is gentle, wise, merciful and devoted in love for your people. May we, your family receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ.

As he Begins his new Ministry as Bishop of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and a deep spirit of consolation. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and support as we begin our new journey of faith together. St. Ninian, Pray for Us. Amen.

The Bishop William E. Power Family Charitable Foundation - disburses up to \$20,000 each year to individuals for courses and conferences that they can use to strengthen our faith communities. Could someone in your parish use this support? Visit our website for details: [www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca](http://www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca)

**Share Lent Workshop** – Due to weather conditions, we have postponed the “Share Lent Campaign” and will reschedule when the weather is better.

**Eucharistic Congress- How am I led deeper into understanding and appreciating this gift of the Eucharist?**

In November 2018, in his address to the committee for the International Eucharistic Congress, Pope Francis encouraged attitudes of **communion, service and mercy** in Christian communities in order to create a “Eucharistic culture” through prayer and action grounded in the Eucharist. He said this will help the church to meet the challenges of a secularized and globalized world. This culture, he pointed out, is grounded in hearing the Word of God and in breaking the bread in the Eucharistic celebration.

In the December monthly newsletter, **Communion, Service, Mercy** were explained as: “we receive Eucharist in communion with our faith. Nourished by this gift of God we go out into the world to live out the Gospel, serving where needed and sharing the mercy of God’s love. It may be kindness in visiting homebound parishioners, working in a food bank to feed the hungry, advocating for government policies that ensure affordable housing or safe drinking water...it could be a single small act for an individual or part of a larger community or global effort. Knowing the talents and purpose for which we were created, and learning how to hear the invitation Eucharist extends to us can help translate receiving communion at mass into the choices and actions our world needs.”

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020**

**June 12 – 14**

*Membertou, Sydney*

**Pre-Marriage Program 2020**- dates for the next pre-marriage program with Family Services of Eastern Nova Scotia is as follows: Feb. 15th and 16th and June 6th and 7th. Participants must call 902-849-4772 to pre-register.

**Cursillos**- For Men Feb. 27th – Mar 1st, 2020 For information contact Eddy or AnnaLee MacEachern at 902-258-2089.

**Shout for Joy Youth Rally** – Sunday, April 26th, 2020 @ 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Leonard’s Pastoral Center, 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, New Waterford. Please register by April 1st, 2020 by contacting Norma Blinkhorn at [norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

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CWL

**CWL Meeting** – will be held Feb. 16th at 1:30 pm. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend along, hope to see you here.

**Pick-up of Christmas Ornaments** – The CWL would like to thank everyone who made a purchase during our 2019 Christmas Ornament Campaign. These funds allow us to meet parish and community commitments.

The packaged ornaments have been grouped alphabetically, and are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please note that any orders not picked up by the end of February, the beginning of Lent, will have their tags removed and will be donated to the local Food Bank for 2020 Christmas distribution.

**Are you searching for something worthwhile that makes the best use of your time and talents?** Consider joining the Catholic Women’s League of Canada and adding your voice and support to a National sisterhood of Catholic Women who promote awareness and respond to political and social issues that affect all Canadians. Our organization recognizes and celebrates healthy family life. Your primary role as a parent, provider and caregiver is respected and honoured by the CWL. Attend meetings and events as your time permits.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Living With Cancer Support Group**- a support group for those who have had a diagnosis of cancer, for their family, caregivers will meet Wed., Feb. 29, 2020 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 128 (Pier), Victoria Road. For more information contact Alicia at 902-567-8556 (at the Cancer Center).

**Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** – Volunteers are needed for free tax clinics to help them access important benefits and credits to which they may be entitled. You don’t need to be a tax expert. You’ll receive training and support and how often you volunteer is up to you. For information on participating go to [Canada.ca/taxes-volunteer](http://Canada.ca/taxes-volunteer) or call 1-855-516-4405.

**Cape Breton Coalition for Social Justice**- is still in need of gently used or new pre-school and young children’s books. Please contact Franklyn at 902-562-0682 for details.

**Pancake and Sausage Lunch** – will take place Tues., Feb. 25th at the Bras d’Or Senior’s and Pensioners Club, 66 Main St., Bras d’ Or. Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Cost: \$5.00.

**Pancake and Sausage Supper**- St. John the Baptist Church will host a pancake and sausage supper on Tues. Feb. 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00. It will take place at MacDonald Hall, 28 King Street, North Sydney. Eat in or take out. For tickets call 902-794-3392.

**Pancake and Sausage Supper** – will be held on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. at St. Matthew Westley, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney. Eat in or take out. Adults \$6.00, Children \$4.00. Pay at the door.

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca)

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

**Expectant Mother Fund** – Diapers, formula, and baby accessories for parents in need. Please phone 902-794-3951.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to color all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event.” Cardinal John Henry Newman..*

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!