



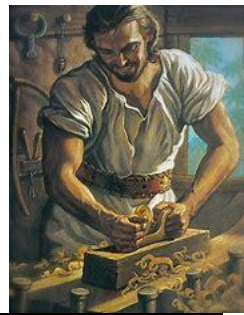
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent


† MARCH 8TH<sup>r</sup>, 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Mar. 9th				
Tues. Mar 10th				
Wed. Mar. 11th				
Thurs. Mar. 12th				
Fri. Mar. 13th				
Sat. Mar. 14th	St. Joseph St. Joseph St. Joseph St Andrew, Boisdale	1-5 pm 3:15 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Parish Retreat Stations of the Cross Mass Mass	
Sun. Mar. 15th	St. Joseph	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries March 14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</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	Ann Sampson, Rebecca Gracie, Rita MacKinnon	Yvette Landry, Louise Ivey
ALTAR SERVERS	L. LeBlanc, E. MacLean	J. Skinner, B. Ryan
READERS	Norm Connors, Taralee MacInnis	John Ratchford, Fred MacLeod
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Barb Williams, Caroline Campbell	George and Angela Quirk
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Clare Bishop, Dave Dooley, Lawrence Jellow and Ann Marie Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Lisa Brown, Monica Shebib, Joan Skinner
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

### PARISH NEWS

**Stations of the Cross** – will be prayed weekly during Lent. On Sat. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> KOC will lead the prayers prior to mass at 3:15 pm.

**Feast of St. Joseph** – The Patron of our Parish, St. Joseph, worldwide feast day is on Thurs, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>. North Sydney will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with mass at 6:30 pm, followed by a reception in the hall. All committees, parishioners and all people are invited to join us for this special celebration.

**Parish Retreat for Lent** – Rev. Mr. Michael Doyle who serves as a deacon in the Diocese of Antigonish will be returning home to North Sydney to lead the 2020 Parish Retreat on Sat., March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm. Deacon Michael will give three retreat reflections on the retreat theme: **Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**.

This year we are trying a day light mini-retreat to make it easier for all to drive and attend.

1:00 pm. – Opening song, welcome, introduction.

1:10 pm. – First retreat meditation.

2:00 pm. – Refreshments in hall and break.

2:30 pm. – Second retreat meditation.

3:15 pm. – Stations of the Cross by the KOC, optional Sacrament of Penance (confession) with visiting priests and/or spiritual direction with Deacon Michael.

4:00 pm. – Mass, homily (3<sup>rd</sup> reflection) given by Deacon Michael (Liturgy of the Word) and our Deacon Roy Smith (Liturgy of the Eucharist). All are welcome.

**St. Patrick's Day Concert** – will be held at 2 pm on Sun., Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> at the North Sydney Firemen's Hall. Canteen services & 50/50 draw. Admission (Good will offering). The line-up is as follows: Lynda Maxwell and David Brown; Brent Aucoin fiddle and Scott Mackenzie guitar; Marguerite Musgrave, vocals; Alan Gale and Raylene Burton, guitar and vocals; Annabelle Bugay, Irish Dancer; The D & R Dancers; Ernie Wells; Square Dancers.

**Mass of Chrism** – Mass of Chrism and the collecting of Holy Oils will be held at Holy Cross Church, Glace Bay on Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The parish is looking for two volunteers to take on this assignment. Please contact the office if you are able to do this.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

**Rosaries, Holy Medals & Books etc.** – The Diocese has a large selection of holy items available from prayer books, to greeting cards, gifts for sacraments e.g. First Communion, Confirmation etc. The Diocesan Pastoral Centre is located in Membertou at 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103. The staff would warmly welcome you (secretary at the front door is from Frenchvale). Why not drop in for a visit?

**What is the origin of the Our Father?** Jesus taught us this Christian prayer for which there is no substitute, the Our Father, on the day on which one of his disciples saw him praying and asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). The Church's liturgical tradition has always used the text of Saint Matthew (6:9-13).

### COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU!

	Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup> - Mar. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Envelopes	1701.00
Loose cash	105.00
Fuel	410.00
Special Collections	5.00
Change for Change	5.00
Candles	75.00
Totals	2301.00
Hall Fund	590.00

**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 Devine Providence and in your desire to provide for the needs of our diocesan family. May Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick - 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.

**Letter from CCCB on Euthanasia** – Bishop Kirkpatrick has asked that the letters on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) from the CCCB and Cardinal Tom Collins be made available to parishioners. There are copies available at the entrance of the church and in the parish office.

**Marriage Preparation** – Sponsored by the Antigonish/Guysborough Deanery, is being offered Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:45 am – 4 pm, Room 21, St. Ninian Place (lower level). Online registration on the Diocese of Antigonish website, **Marriage Preparation**. For further inquiries contact Jeff or Jacqueline at, marriageprep@antigonishdiocese.com.

**March Ultreya** – Ultreya will be held Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm. at Our Lady of Fatima Church. This month we welcome Bishop Kirkpatrick. All Cursillistas, please feel free to come and welcome our new Bishop to our Cursillo Community.

**Eucharistic Congress – What does Pope Francis mean by Eucharist Culture attitudes?**

#### **Communion**

Pope Francis says that communion is established with the Lord and among the faithful at mass where we are nourished by His Body and Blood. Archbishop Dunn stated “Christ is present in our gathering (thus the importance of the ministry of hospitality), in the Word (thus the importance of the ministry of lector), in the ministry of the priest (thus the importance of ministers of service) and in his Body and Blood (thus, the importance of communion ministers). The Second Vatican Council proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is “the source and summit of the Christian life” for we all draw our very life from the Eucharist. From the Eucharist, we receive our spiritual power as Church and are then sent on mission to “go therefore and make disciples” (Mt 28:19).”

#### **Service**

The Pope explained that the attitude of service impels the Eucharistic community to be present in places of frailty, under the shadow of the cross, in order to share and to bring healing. He said that through spiritual and corporal works, the balm of mercy can be poured in numerous places and situations, such as families in difficulty, young people and adults without work, the sick and the elderly who are abandoned, migrants experiencing hardship and acts of violence, and many other forms of poverty. In these places of wounded humanity, the Pope said, Christians celebrate the memorial of the Cross and make living and present the gospel of Jesus the Servant, by spreading the seeds of a Eucharistic culture by becoming servants of the poor.

#### **Mercy**

The Pope said we complain about the “*corrosive river of misery*” flowing through our society, such as oppression, arrogance, cruelty, hatred, forms of rejection and lack of concern for the environment. But, he said, this swollen river is powerless against the “*ocean of mercy*” that inundates our world. The Eucharist, he said, is the wellspring of this ocean of mercy that helps form the image and structure of the People of God suited to our modern age. The Holy Father hopes that a Eucharistic culture would be capable of inspiring men and women of good will in the fields of charity, solidarity, peace, family life and care for creation.

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020**

**June 12 – 14**

*Members, Sydney*

**Share Lent Workshop** – ‘*This Lent, give from the heart*’ come join us on March 21<sup>st</sup>. at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Parish of St. Leonard, Pastoral Centre, 5310 Union Highway. Pot Luck lunch. For further information contact Winnie Odo [twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca](mailto:twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca) (902) 862-2330 or [aogbe@devp.org](mailto:aogbe@devp.org).

#### 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.

#### KOC

**KOC Meeting** – will be held March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

#### CWL

**CWL Meeting** – will be held at 1:30 pm on Sun., Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend along; hope to see you there.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Free Senior Functional Classes for Men & Women** – Classes focus on strengthening our balance, focus and multi-joint flexibility. Classes start Wed., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:30 pm at the Florence Legion. Sponsored by Sydney Mines St. Vincent de Paul Society. We invite you all to come join us as we participate in this new healthy adventure. Instructor, Patsy MacKenzie, licensed in this field.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series uniting Faith & Reason** – Welcomes Dr. John Meehan S.J. to give the next lecture at CBU entitled: **Community or Corporatization** – *Does the university have a future?* Funding challenges, technological changes, and a growing corporatization of the academy have prompted concerns over the future of the humanities and even the concept of the university itself. Can the contributions of John Henry Newman and other Catholic thinkers help provide an alternative vision for higher education? In a world of polarization, how can universities promote a culture of dialogue? Mon., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Vershuren Lecture Hall (CS 104), CBU. All are welcome.

**Lenten Activities – at St. Marguerie Bourgeoys - Evening Prayer every Sunday** at 6:30 pm. **Every Tues.** at 7:00 pm. from Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. A study session on the Encyclical Laudato Si and its implications for ecology, social justice and spirituality. **Every Wed.** at 7:00 pm. from Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - A scriptural study focusing on the scriptures of the sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday -the themes, the meaning and the reasons these readings were chosen for the Triduum.

**St. John’s Lenten Lunches** will begin on Wed., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, at noon. A minimum donation of \$5.00 is suggested. The guest speakers are as follows: Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> Ryan Duff – Victory Park  
Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> No Lenten Lunch – Vacation Bible School  
Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> Brian and Monica Shebib – Hospice  
Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> Nicole Cameron – Youth Mental Health  
Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> Rev. Canon Brenda Drake – Int’l Students.

**“An Adaption of Clarence Enzler’s Everyone’s Way of the Cross”** –

This play will take place in the Cathedral on Thurs. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>. The performance will be at 8:00 pm. Admission by freewill offering.

**Irish Pub and Dinner Party** – Sat., Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm. A three-course meal will be provided. Cash bar and a selection of wine available to purchase. Celtic & Irish Music by, Darrell Keigan. A few door-prizes. Presented by Emera Centre Northside and Angela’s Kitchen & Catering. \$30.00 per person. Tickets available at the Emera Centre (902) 794-3839.

**Atlantic Memorial Park Concert** – the AMP Society presents a Variety Concert Fund Raiser at Holy Family Parish Hall, 899 Main St., Sydney Mines, Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and please call (902) 736-0802 for tickets

**Cape Breton Spring Fashion Show** – ‘CBs Only Breast Cancer Survivor Dragonboat Team, The Cape Bretoners’ would like to invite you to their Spring Fashion Show on Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Grand Lake Road Fire Hall. Tickets are \$25 & available at Emerald Isle, Welton Street, Sydney.

#### Community Compassionate Care

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“Whoever does not seek the cross of Christ doesn’t seek the glory of Christ.”*

**PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**