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The Baptism Of The Lord


† JANUARY 12TH 2020, CHRISTMAS YEAR A †

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Leadership Ministry Team
 Pam Hall-Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Janis
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OFFICE HOURS:
 MON, TUE, THURS, FRI –
 8:30 – 12:30 PM
 WED.-CLOSED
 TEL: 902 – 794 – 3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Jan. 13th				
Tues. Jan. 14th				
Wed. Jan. 15th				
Thurs. Jan 16th				
Fri, Jan. 17th		9am	Exposition	Theresa Forest
		10am	MASS	
Sat. Jan 18 th	St. Joseph	3:15 pm	Confessions	
	St. Joseph	4:00 pm	Mass	
	St. Andrew, Boisdale	5:30 pm	Mass	
Sun. Jan 19th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries Jan 18th, 19th	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	Elaine MacNeil, Yvonne MacDonald	Yvette Landry, Louise Ivey, B. Ryan, J. Skinner
ALTAR SERVERS	CWL	L. LeBlanc, B. Ryan
READERS	Joan Byers, Frank McNamara	Taralee MacInnis, Crystal Winter
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Julie Green Barb Williams	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Lawrence Jellow, Janis and Richard Rose, Diana Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, Ben Long, Monica Shebib, Ann Marie Steele
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER – OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS.

Announcement on Heat - Ministries like the Celebration and Adult choirs, and groups like the CWL & KOC are very important to the life of our Parish. They have all agreed to help the Parish by gathering in the Meeting Room for the winter and we are grateful to them for their assistance.

Heat will be provided in the Parish Meeting Room, next to the office for all groups who plan to use the Parish Hall or Church this winter. Groups like the two Choirs, CWL, KOC, AA group, and others are all very welcome, and asked to use the rear entrance door to access the meeting room.

Why? First, the heating system is no longer reliable, occasionally cutting out, requiring constant monitoring to turn back on. I can only commit to monitoring for masses and funerals when I am here.

Secondly, oil prices may spike as tensions in the middle escalate. These two factors collectively were too overwhelming to ignore.

Electric Heat will be left on in the meeting room and your group can adjust the heat as warm as you like. This will ensure all groups have a warm room for practices, and meetings etc. The door should always remain unlocked before and after use, as all confidential material is in the locked main office. The Church and Hall will always be warm for all masses, and funeral receptions. This decision is a necessity for us to live within our means, but we also want to ensure heat for our groups, as they are very important to us. I thank everyone for your understanding,

+ Fr. Doug, Pastor

Nativity Figures Fixed by Maura McKeough – People are asking if we got new Nativity figurines, but the answer is no. Instead Maura repaired each of the figures and then hand painted them. She did a beautiful job and we are all so grateful for her gift. We will leave the Nativity scene up

through January for meditation. On behalf of the people of North Sydney, thank you so very much, Fr. Doug

PYXS Needed- We are in need of Pyxs to hold the Blessed Host when visiting the sick. If anyone has a Pyx they are not using, please drop it at the office. Thank you.

Winter Weather Policy- In the event school is cancelled, there is a storm, or if the power goes out for any reason, all masses, events and meetings in the church and hall are cancelled.

Mass For Seniors in their Homes- For the winter months when it is difficult for some to get to mass, Fr. Doug will offer mass at Senior's apartments. We are grateful to Rev. John Hannan for his warm reception to use the facility at Central Court. Mass will be celebrated in the common room on Wed., Jan. 29th at 2 pm. All are welcome.

Sunday Missals -The Sunday Missals will be available at the Parish Office during office hours.

Calendars- For the Year of the Eucharist, which our diocese is now celebrating, free calendars are available to parishioners. The calendars show various scenes from the Holy Land where our Lord walked the earth. Calendars are available at the entrance of the church and in the parish office to take, so as to help you enter into the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist. Contact the office if none are left, and we will get you one. The Eucharist is at the heart of it all, so lets all enter into the profound mystery together.

Holy Cross Cemetery – Holy Cross Cemetery will be closed for burials until mid April, 2020. As of Jan. 1st the entrances will be closed and the chains put in place. Thank you. Daniel McKeough, Chair Holy Cross Cemetery.

What is an extraordinary minister of communion? This is a formal title given to lay people in the parish, who distribute the Eucharist, offered under the forms of consecrated bread and wine, during Mass. The "EMCs" also go into the community to distribute Holy Communion to the faithful who are sick at home, in the hospital, or living in homes for special care, and nursing homes. We serve dozens of parishioners weekly in this capacity, however, the number of EMCs available for this important task continues to dwindle due to their retirement, illness, etc.

As a result, our parish is in dire need of parishioners to undertake this vital role. We are also encouraging family members of loved ones and/or neighbours to consider signing up to bring Holy Communion to those that they know who are unable to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist.

In preparation for this ministry, you will receive training so you can confidently fulfill your position with knowledge and reverence. Such preparation addresses appropriate attire, demeanor, and manner in which to handle the consecrated bread and wine.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office with your name and contact information. Thank you and God bless.

EMC and Readers' Schedules – for Christmas to Palm Sunday are now available for pick up in the vestry.

Hospitality Schedule – is now ready at the entrance to the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation Classes – Sundays at 9:30 am

First Communion Modules – will begin for First Communion Candidates on Sun. Jan. 5th and continue to Sun., Jan. 26th after the 10:00 am Mass downstairs in the Hall.

It is important your child/children attend these modules in preparation for the sacrament of First Eucharist.

What is the prayer of the Hour of Jesus? – It is called the priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus, the High Priest of the New Covenant, addresses it to his Father when the hour of his sacrifice, the hour of his "passing over" to him is approaching. Further reading: CCC 2604, 2746-2751, 2758.

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!

Jan. 5, 2020

Jan 1, 2020

Envelopes		6705.00
Loose cash		65.00
Fuel	180.00	280.00
Special Collections	680.00	865.00
Change for Change		5.00
Candles		55.00
Annette Verschuren		3500.00
Totals	860.00	7975.00
Hall Fund	50.00	370.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Save The Date- Installation Ceremony for Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. The Installation Ceremony for Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 3 pm at St. Ninian Cathedral.

Evening prayer will be held at 7 pm on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at St. Ninian Cathedral. A reception will follow each event. All are welcome.

Diocesan Prayer for Our New Bishop – Gracious God, Giver of all spiritual gifts, 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 he 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 Community of Disciples, receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ.

As he begins his new Ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and discernment. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and unconditional support as we begin our new journey of faith together. St. Ninian, Pray for Us.

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

KOC

CWL

The CWL Memorial Ornaments -

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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., Jan. 15th, 2020 from 1:30 – 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).

Walk with a Doc- will be held on Jan. 25th at the Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre. For information contact Dawn Carey at 902-567-8974.

CBU Students Grateful for Furniture – Numerous people in North Sydney donated furniture to CBU students thank you all. There are many to thank including Joe and Sandra Pyke, Peter & Eileen Walsh, Cynthia Hillier, Tweet Munroe and many more. One female student from Bangladesh was sleeping on the floor the first semester and is so grateful for the donation of a bed.

Taoist Tai Chi – starts on Wed., Jan. 8th at the Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive, at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. For information phone 902-567-0525

Keltic Dancercise Classes - will resume Mon, Jan 13th & Wed, 15th from 10 am to 11 am and continue until mid-June. For information. Call Kay 902-794-3772 or email malcolmbatherson@belliant.net

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

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If in Christ we have been tempted, in him we overcome the devil. Do you think only of Christ’s temptations and fail to think of his victory? See yourself as tempted in him, and see yourself as victorious in him. He could have kept the devil from himself; but if he were not tempted he could not teach you how to triumph over temptation”.

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
