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2ND Sunday In Ordinary Time


† JANUARY 19TH 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
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 Sonny Guy-Communion to Sick, Richard Rose-Finance

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. 20th	St. Giles Presbyterian Church	10:00 am	Week of Christian Unity	
Tues. Jan. 21st	St. Matthew Wesley Church	10:00 am	Week of Christian Unity	
Wed. Jan. 22nd	St. John The Baptist Anglican Church	10:00 am	Week of Christian Unity	
Thurs. Jan 23rd	St. Joseph Hall	10:00 am	Week of Christian Unity	
Fri, Jan. 24th	Seventh Day Adventist Church	10:00 am	Week of Christian Unity	
Sat. Jan 25th	St. Joseph St. Joseph St. Andrew, Boisdale	3:15 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions Mass Mass	
Sun. Jan 26th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries Jan. 25th, 26th	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	Ken Byrne, Loretta Byrne, Ann Marie MacGillivray	Ben and Rhea Long
ALTAR SERVERS	E. MacLean, L. LeBlanc	J. Ross, J. Ratchford
READERS	Charlotte Monroe, Norm Connors	Fred MacLeod, Kay Batherson
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Helen Greenwell, Arlene Lyle	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, David Dooley, Lawrence Jellow, Janis Rose	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, George Quirk, 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

Blessing of the Throats – will occur on Feb. 1st and 2nd after Mass.

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.

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity – Each morning at 10:00 am.
 Mon. Jan. 20th, St. Giles Presbyterian Church
 Tues. Jan. 21st, St. Matthew Wesley
 Wed. Jan. 22nd, St. John The Baptist Anglican
 Thurs. Jan. 23rd, St. Joseph Roman Catholic
 Fri. Jan. 24th, Seventh Day Adventist
 Sun. Jan. 26th, Ecumenical Church Service, Seventh Day Adventist, Peppett St., at 3:00 pm.

Collecting old palm for Ash Wednesday – Please bring in your old palm for use on Ash Wed. and leave it in the basket provided at the back of the Church. Thank you.

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 origin of the Our Father? - Jesus taught us this Christina 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). Further reading: CCC [2759-2760, 2773](#).

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 11th/12th
Envelopes		1765.40
Loose cash		70.00
Fuel		30.00
Special Collections		650.00
Change for Change		1.35
Candles		18.25
Other		
Totals		2535.00
Hall Fund		245.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Save The Date- 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 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 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.

Eucharistic Congress- What does it mean to designate a 'Year of the Eucharist'? Archbishop Dunn, in his November 17, 2019 letter to all parishioners, said, "through these celebrations [175th Anniversary] we rediscovered how God is always faithful to us. One of the signs of his faithfulness is the Eucharist and this is why we called for a focus on the Eucharist leading up to a diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Our hope is that we can engage in strengthening our faith in the Eucharist, be led deeper into understanding and appreciating this gift of the Eucharist and grow together in sharing this gift through word and action.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we not only attend an event but we are drawn into the great mystery of love that Jesus revealed when he died for us because of his love. To draw us more deeply into this mystery, this Year of the Eucharist invites each of us to a deeper experience of encounter with Christ.

My hope for this Year of the Eucharist is that the hearts of all Catholics might awaken in the Diocese so that we may come to a deeper understanding, appreciation, and experience of the gift of the Eucharist. We will organize a variety of events and experiences so that we might reach this goal."

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- will take place in Mabou as follows:
 For Women Feb. 13th – 16th, 2020
 For Men Feb. 27th – Mar 1st, 2020 For information contact Eddy or AnnaLee MacEachern at 902-258-2089.

KOC

KOC Meeting – Next meeting will be held on Jan. 19th at 2 pm. in the Parish Meeting Room downstairs in the Hall.

CWL

Christmas decorations will be removed on Jan. 29th at 10:00 am. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the removal and storage of our Christmas decorations. If a funeral occurs, our work will commence at 1:00 pm. The re-assembly of Christmas Ornaments will occur during the removal and storage of our Christmas decorations. All are welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Ministry is joining Bell "Lets Talk" Awareness Day Jan. 29th, 7-8:30 pm Holy Family Parish Sydney Mines
 Mental illness isn't always easy to see: 2 out of 3 people suffering from mental illness suffer in silence. If you are a young person, a parent or someone who is interested in learning more about Mental Well Being and want to break the ice, join us in a conversation with Allan MacDonald and John Ratchford to create a positive change and to empower young people to be Champions of Mental Health. For more information contact Norma Blinkhorn at 902-202-2972 or norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Keltic Dancercise Classes – have started and will continue until mid-June. From 10:00 am – 11:00 am. For information. Call Kay 902-794-3772 or email malcolmbatherson@belliant.net

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.

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

“The Catholic Church is the only thing which saves a man from the degrading slavery of being a child of his age.” – G.K. Chesterton

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
