



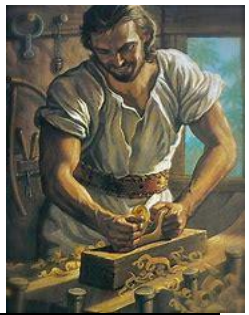
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## The Presentation Of The Lord


† FEBRUARY 2ND 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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 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. 3rd				<b>FOR THE WEEK</b>
Tues. Feb. 4th				
Wed. Feb. 5th			No Week Day Mass	
Thurs. Feb. 6th			No Week Day Mass	
Fri, Feb. 7th			No Week Day Mass	
Sat. Feb .8th	St. Joseph St. Joseph St. Andrew, Boisdale	3:15 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Confessions Mass Mass	
Sun. Feb. 9th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <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	Ina Taylor, Paulette MacDonald
ALTAR SERVERS	CWL	L. LeBlanc, L. Aker
READERS	Frank McNamara, Joan Byers	John Ratchford, Kay Batherson
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Carolyn Campbell, Barbara Williams	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Clare Bishop, Janis Rose, Diana Steele, EMC from congregation	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forest, Ben Long, Joan Skinner, EMC from congregation
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 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.

**Blessing of the Throats** – will occur on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

**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. 5<sup>th</sup> and continue to Sun., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 are the expressions of the life of prayer?** Christian tradition has preserved three forms for expressing and living prayer: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplative prayer. The feature common to all of them is the recollection of the heart. Further reading: CCC 2697 – 2699.

### 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 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Envelopes		2517.20
Loose cash		155.00
Fuel		10.00
Special Collections		35.00
Change for Change		28.00
Candles		35.80
Other		
Totals		2781.00
Hall Fund		365.00

**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 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** – Sat, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> (Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> storm date) Parish of St. Leonard, Pastoral Centre, 5310 Union Highway, New Waterford, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Pot Luck lunch will be served. For further info contact Winnie Odo [twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca](mailto:twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca) 902-862-2330 or [aogbe@devp.org](mailto:aogbe@devp.org).

**Eucharistic Congress**- What are some of the events and experiences happening that might interest you? The Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has been busy and their creative minds hard at work; The diocesan website has a special page, **Transformed by Eucharist**, regularly updated with information. The weekly e-mail **Seven Ears of Grain**, the diocesan Facebook page and the monthly newsletter are some of the social media tools being used to inform us. A calendar, depicting images of the Holy Land with reflections on the Eucharist, has been distributed to parishes that requested them. Much like the 2002 World Youth Day celebrations, a wooden cross, along with the amazing quilt that was created for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, are touring the diocese. A video link, from Bishop Robert Barron, where he explains the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is accessible on the diocesan webpage. The lovely prayer card, distributed to parishes, reminds us that God is the source of all life.

### **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. 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Participants must call 902-849-4772 to pre-register.

**Cursillos**- will take place in Mabou as follows:

For Women Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

For Men Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 For information contact Eddy or AnnaLee MacEachern at 902-258-2089.

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CWL

**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.

**Next regular meeting of the CWL**-will be on Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend along: hope to see you there.

## 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., 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.

**Pancake and Sausage Supper**- St. John the Baptist Church will host a pancake and sausage supper on Tues. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 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,

**Valentine's Roast Beef Dinner**- St. John the Baptist Mother's Union will host this dinner on Fri., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. at 28 King Street, North Sydney. Doors open at 5:30 pm – door prizes and entertainment. Tickets \$15.00 are available at the office 902-794-3392 or Debbie Moore at 902-544-1018.

**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](mailto: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](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.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“What I know of the divine science and Holy Scriptures, I learnt in woods and fields.” -Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.*