



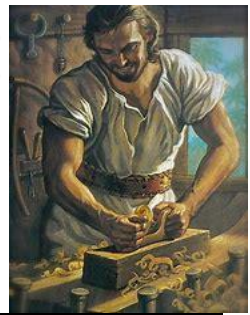
# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## 7th Sunday In Ordinary Time


† FEBRUARY 23RD 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 FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Feb. 24th				
Tues. Feb. 25th				
Wed. Feb. 26th	Central Court My Cape Breton Home CBU Northside Guest Home St. Joseph	9:30 am. 10:30 am 12:00 pm. 1:30 pm. 6:30 pm.	Mass Mass Mass Liturgy of the Word with ashes. Mass	Ash Wednesday
Thurs. Feb. 27th	St. Joseph	10:00 am.	Mass	Winnie MacDonald
Fri, Feb. 28th	St. Joseph	9:00 am.	Exposition	Theresa Forest
		10:00 am.	MASS	
Sat. Feb. 29th	St. Joseph	3:15 pm	Confessions	
	St. Joseph	4:00 pm	Mass	
	St. Andrew, Boisdale	5:30 pm	Mass	
Sun. Feb. 23rd	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am	Mass	For Parishioners

Ministries Feb. 29 <sup>th</sup> , Mar. 1 <sup>st</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	Ken Byrne, Loretta Byrne, Ann Marie MacGillivray	Matt and Kay Batherson
ALTAR SERVERS	L. LeBlanc, E. MacLean	B. Ryan, J. Ratchford
READERS	Joan Byers, Iris Young	J. Ratchford, Taralee MacInnis
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Joe and Marlene Barron	Faith Formation
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy or EMC, Clare Bishop, Janis and Richard Rose, Diana Steele	Deacon Roy or EMC, Armand Forrest. Ben Long, George Quirk, 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 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.

**Ash Wednesday Fasting & Abstinence** – On this day we are called to abstain from eating meat and also to fast. Fasting means consuming only one full meal and two small meals that do not add up to a second full meal. We offer this sacrifice to the Lord for our own sanctification and to identify with the poor and hungry around the world. As you feel hungry this Ash Wednesday, offer it up for an intention.

**Stations of the Cross** – will be prayed weekly during Lent. On Sat. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, the CWL will lead the prayers prior to the Mass at 3:15 pm.

**Income Tax Receipts** – can be picked up at the office during regular office hours.

### 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.

**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!**

		Feb. 15&16th
Envelopes		1906.00
Loose cash		110.00
Fuel		55.00
Special Collections		225.00
Change for Change		0
Candles		55.00
Church Improvement		25.00
Totals		2376.00
Hall Fund		415.00

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**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.

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)

**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.”

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

**Cursillos** – for men, Feb.27<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. For information contact Eddy or Annalee MacEachern at 902-258-2089.

**Shout for Joy Youth Rally** – Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 by contacting Norma Blinkhorn at [norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

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CWL

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

**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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cape Breton Ostomy Support Group** – will meet on Thurs., Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. at the South Bar Fire Hall, Guest Speaker, Avery Tremblett, Dietitian. If school is cancelled due to weather, the meeting will be cancelled. Call Stasia at 902-562-1367

**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: Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Debra MacLean – Haley Street  
Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> Forbes MacDonald- Pharmacist  
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.

**March Break Vacation Bible School** - will be held at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, North Sydney from Mon. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> to Fri. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>. It is open to children from ages 4 – 10, to register please call, 902-794-3392.

**Calling All Challengers** – We will be holding a follow-up on Thurs., Feb. 27, 2020 at Our Lady of Fatima, 7:00 pm. If you wish to sponsor someone to make a challenge, we will be having a young women’s and young men’s challenge in the late spring. You could connect with Rose Henry at 902-577-1517 for further information.

**Atlantic Memorial Park Concert** – the AMP Society presents a Variety Concert Fund Raiser at Holy Family Parish Hall, 899 Main St., Sydney Mines, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$20:00 and please call 902-736-0802 for tickets.

**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**

*“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.”  
Pope Francis, Gospel of joy, 127*

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