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March 20th, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

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<p>REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca</p>	<p>Leadership Ministry Team Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Sally Ryan- Liturgy, Monica Shebib-Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Richard Rose-Finance</p>	<p>OFFICE HOURS: TUES., WED., THURS, FRI – 9AM – 1 PM OPEN TO PUBLIC WEDNESDAYS 9AM- 1PM TEL: 902-794-3951</p>
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions
Mon. March 21st	Private Mass			For Leo Power
Tues. March 22nd	Private Mass			For A Special Intention
Wed. March 23rd	Private Mass			For Sonny Guy
Thurs. March 24th	Private Mass			For All Maintenance Workers
Fri. March 25th	Private Mass		Annunciation of the Lord	For All Health Care Workers
Sat. March 26th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For All Clergy
Sun. March 27th	St. Joseph Church	10am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday	10 am Mass Sunday
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS		
USHERS		
READERS	Frank McNamara	Joan Byers
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Roy	Deacon Roy
Cleaning of Church	Team	Team
PORTER - OPENS CHURCH	George Quirk	Calvin Gracie

PARISH NEWS

Furnace Fund

As you may know, we are in need of a new furnace for our church. Under ordinary circumstances we do not fundraise, but this is an example of extra ordinary circumstance. If you are able to help out during these difficult times, you can place your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it and place it in the collection basket. For those who do not have an envelope number, you can write your name and address on the envelope and a tax receipt will be issued to you. Donations can also be dropped off at the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Covid Restrictions removed

After two years the restrictions are all being removed, yet the pandemic continues. We are inviting people to accept individual responsibility for their health and the safety of others e.g. wash hands, stay home if sick, wear masks if you want to etc.

The Church teaching says there is no obligation to be vaccinated, however the same document states if you are not vaccinated you must take preventative measures not to expose yourself or others to the virus. We all have a responsibility to care for others. As people everywhere are getting Covid after being fully vaccinated, many are questioning the effectiveness of vaccines; therefore we need to be cautious as all restrictions are lifted on Monday, March 21st, 2022.

If you are a vulnerable person, you may wish to stay home during this cautious time of transition or take as many precautions as possible and those who are healthy are invited to be considerate of others needs

Next weekend March 27th when you come to mass there will be some changes:

- No vaccine passports at funerals
- Masks are optional
- Social distancing is optional
- Plexiglass removed for communion
- Singing beginning, but hymn books will only be phased in over time.

- Bulletins will be printed again for some, but only those without email. Please continue to read the bulletin on your computer, since only a few dozen bulletins will be available for those who do not have email.

Transition time:

During this transition time, Ministers of Communion are encouraged to continue to wear their masks only when giving Holy Communion, however it is optional.

We are invited not to shake hands at the sign of peace and after mass. However people are invited to give the peace of Christ verbally or with a gesture.

Pews will continue to be cleaned weekly. Hand sanitizer is available for all who want it, but this is optional too.

Finally the Church Verification team at the door will be phased out, but continue until May 1st. Special thank you to the entire team of volunteers who worked so hard for the past two years.

They include:

Co-chairs: Janice Rose and Cathy MacDonald; Monica Shebib, Iris Young, Pam Hall, Cavelle Young, Deacon Roy Smith, Taralee MacInnis, Sally Ryan, Elaine MacNeil, Susan Spurrell, Rebecca Gracie, Ellen MacNamara, Kim Dooley, John Ratchford, Viola Smith, Georgie Bonnar, Joe Howell, Bob Jardine, Yvonne MacDonald, Debbie Reashore and Calvin Gracie.

Thank you for your service and May God Bless you all for being there for the community.

Peace and Love, Fr. Doug

Schedule Of Weekday Masses of Lent

Holy Family

Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Thursday at 9am.

Friday Stations of the Cross at 11:45am. Mass at 12:10pm

St. Joseph Bras D'OR

Thursday at 6:30pm (in Hall)

St. Ann Alder Point

Thursday at 9am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Patrick's Breastplate, also known as *The Lorica of Saint Patrick* was popular enough to inspire a hymn based on this text as well. (This prayer has also been called *The Cry of the Deer*.)

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of
doom.

I arise today
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In the predictions of prophets,

In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgins,
In the deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.

I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.

I summon today
All these powers between me and those evils,
Against every cruel and merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul,
Against incantations of false prophets,
Against black laws of pagandom,
Against false laws of heretics,
Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
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Hall Envelopes - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

The finance committee created *new hall envelopes* that are available. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

COLLECTIONS ~ THANK YOU

March 13th, 2022

Envelopes		1070.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		
Candles		30.00
Faith Formation		
Fuel		45.00
Total		1145.00
Hall Fund		465.00
Preauthorized Debit		
Furnace Fund	March 13th	220.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Are You Called to the Diaconate?

Many deacons are numbered among the saints celebrated by the Church throughout the liturgical year. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was one of the original seven deacons in the Act of the Apostles. Lawrence, among the great saints in the early church and on the list of Martyrs venerated at Rome, was untiring in his efforts to serve the greatest treasure of the Church of Rome, its poor.

Donations to Assist the People of Ukraine

My Dear Clergy and My Dear People

For those who want to make a donation to assist the people of Ukraine, we have been directed to CNEWA

CNEWA - Catholic Near East Welfare Association, founded by the Holy Father, shares the love of Christ with the churches and peoples of the East.

Updated March 7, 2022 - The Ukrainian bishops of Canada are working together with their churches to join CNEWA's campaign. To date, CNEWA Canada has raised over \$350,000 for Ukraine. CNEWA Canada, a registered charity. Charitable Registration Number: 86775 7502 RR 0001

Fraternally,

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE SURVIVE THE WAR. Follow this link to make a secure donation.

<https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>

Lenten Calendar for your Synod Journey

March 16-23

Fast from Discouragement; Feast on Hope

We can feel powerless to change anything or help anyone. But Pope Francis in his Synod invitation reminds us that we are church, we are loved, and we have much to share.

Almsgiving:

Write a letter to Pope Francis, or create a video, or piece of art. Share your creation with our Synod journey, or keep it for personal reflection.

Prayer:

Submit a prayer intention to Bishop Kirkpatrick, who will be holding intentions in daily prayer during the diocesan Synod journey

www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch

Resources:

Print resource for parish or community conversations is attached:

a brief guidebook for hosting and recording a Synod conversation

Print and Online resources are available on our website:

www.antigonishdiocese.com/listeningchurch

Synod Posters and Prayer Cards

are available in both English and French, free of charge.

Does your parish need some, or need more?

Contact Debbie at the Emmaus Centre with your order: 902-539-6188 or toll-free 1-800-656-5311 ext 226 or daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca

We Hold in Prayer:

Permanent Diaconate Deacons and Spouses

who are holding their Synod conversation on Saturday, March 19 at St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury

Calendar:

Synod Conversations with Catechists, Coordinators, and Graduates of the Lay Formation Program:

April 2 in Our Lady of Fatima parish hall, Sydney River

10:30 am - 4 pm, includes lunch, join in person or via Zoom

Contact: Debbie Aker, daker@dioceseofantigonish.ca

**Wednesdays 7-8 pm through March 30
Holy Family Church, Sydney Mines**

All are invited.

Topics for Conversation

March 16: Journeying Together

March 23: Wounds of the Church in Need of Healing

March 30: What is your Dream for the Church

Contact Norma Blinkhorn: norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

March 22, 8 pm

CBU Synod day via Zoom

CBU students will offer 2 min personal reflections on what needs to happen in the Church today.

Invitation extended to youth and young adults who may wish to participate, and with adults at large who want to listen to the ideas of the next generation in faith.

Contact: Fr Doug MacDonald, Chaplain,

CBU: doug_macdonald@cbu.ca

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92406962010>

March 26, 10 am – 2:30 pm

Synod Conversation

St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury

All are invited. Lunch is included.

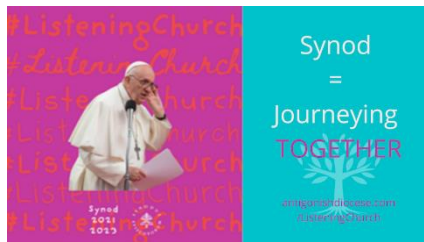
Please register by contacting the St. Joseph Parish Office: 902-625-1045, st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca

Thank you for joining us on this journey!

See you next Wednesday.

Jennifer Hatt, Communications Officer

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Synod = Journey Together

Pray Connect Share Your Story

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CWL AND KOC NEWS

KOC

KOC 4th degree Assembly 0797 will be having a General Meeting at Our Lady of Fatima Sunday March 27th at 2:00 pm. to 3:00 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Northside Council, is reopening the clothing and small appliances depot in the Sydney Mines Food Bank on the 1st 3 Thursdays of each month. We open from 1 to 3 pm with all Covid protocols in place including physical distancing and limited numbers inside the building at one time.

We began on February 17, 2022 with the next Depot being March 3. All items are free of charge to those in need.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Only the pure in heart can make a good soup.”

Ludwig van Beethoven

Community Compassionate Care

Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868

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 www.abuse-free-sport.ca

Compassionate Community Care 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

End Human Trafficking

<https://blocktraffik.org/>

Vaccine Injury Support Program

1-833-489-0839 info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca

<https://vaccineinjurysupport.ca/en>

Parenting Resources:

<https://axis.org/resources/>

www.CatholicMomsGroup.com

www.DynamicWomenFaith.com

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!
