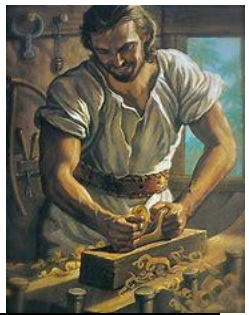




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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time


† SEPT. 27TH 2020, ORDINARY TIME YEAR A †

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SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions 
Mon., Sept. 28th	Private Mass			FOR THE WEEK
Tues., Sept. 29th	Private Mass			For Special Intention
Wed., Sept. 30th	Private Mass			For All The Sick
Thur., Oct. 1st	Private Mass			For Special Intention
Fri., Oct 2nd	Private Mass			For All Doctors and Nurses
Sat., Oct. 3rd	St. Joseph Church	3 :15 pm	Confession	For First Responders
	St. Joseph Church	4 :00 pm	Mass	
Sun., Oct. 4th	St. Joseph Church	10:00 am		Gladys Covin

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Oct. 3rd	10 am Mass Sunday, Oct. 4th
SACRISTAIN & LINES	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR		
GREETERS	Sally Ryan, Elaine MacNeil	Pam Hall, Taralee MacInnis
USHERS	Cathy MacDonald, Rebecca Gracie, Irene Cogan	Cavell Young, Susan Spurrell, Yvonne MacDonald
READERS	Norma Connors	Denise Jardine
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

Our Parish needs your help in keeping all of us safe.

Public Health requirements state it is mandatory that at faith gatherings, we collect personal contact tracing information, ensure masks are worn, and hands are sanitized. We must also make sure social distancing is maintained in our church. This requires 2 Greeters & 3 Ushers – a total of 5 volunteers at each weekend Mass. Currently, we do not have enough volunteers to sustain our schedule.

If you are able to assist us by joining this group, please call the office (902-794-3951), and leave your name, phone number and email address. Thank you.

Mass Cards Available at Entrance Church

Self-service for mass cards is now available. Write the intention in the mass card and simply place the completed mass card in the collection. The new simple way to get mass cards (intentions for mass) was created by request, since our office is still closed.

Self-Service Method?

Mass Cards and their envelope are now placed on the ledge at the entrance of the church. Take a mass card, write the name of the person or intention you want mass said for, then place the mass card in the accompanying envelope with a small donation, and drop in the collection basket.

Sacraments are free because God's grace is free, that means masses are also free. However, the church places a suggested donation of \$10 for each mass card intention, to prevent people from whimsically requesting too many. The suggested \$10 is a donation, not a cost, therefore if you offer \$5 or \$2 or even a loonie that is fine.

Please take advantage of this new self-service approach. Every mass card intention will be processed with names or the cause listed in the weekly bulletin.

Peace, Fr. Doug

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Weekend Masses at St Joseph's

Bishop Kirkpatrick is not yet permitting events other than mass in the diocesan churches. Therefore Religious Education and all First Communion and First Penance will take place by booking a time at the office at a weekend mass. These sacraments will be spread out over a few months, since we are not permitted to give the sacrament as a group.

Due to Covid-19 there has been a substantial decrease in donations. Thus going forward, all church activities will surround the weekend masses.

Peace, Fr. Doug

First Penance (Confession)

Any children who are ready to make their first confession are asked to book a time with Director of Religious Education Pam Hall at your convenience. I will be hearing first confessions throughout the fall.

Peace, Fr. Doug

First Communion

Since large group gatherings for first Holy Communion are not permitted in the Diocese at this time due to the pandemic, individuals are asked to book their Sunday to make their First Holy Communion starting Sunday, Oct 18 and continuing every Sunday at 10 am throughout the fall.

Pam Hall, Director of Religious Education

Hank's Corn Maize for October

The children from St Joseph Parish will be going to Hank's Farm in Millville for their outdoor October Religious education gathering.

Parents are responsible for getting their children to Hank's Farm on Thursday, October 1st by 4 pm. The kids will get free chips and pop upon arrival and then participate in the Corn Maze and pumpkin carving. Each child gets their own pumpkin to take home.

The event ends at 6 pm.

No registration required, simply show up at Hank's Farm in Millville by 4 pm next Thursday, Oct. 1st for a free and fun filled event.

Looking forward to seeing all the youth,

Pam Hall

Director of Religious Education

Faith Formation in the fall

Dear Parents and students,

A few weeks ago we did a survey and asked what do you want to happen with Religious Education or faith formation this fall during the pandemic?

After considering all the factors during this pandemic, we have decided to make the weekend mass the place where youth will get their faith formation until 2021. The Parish will also host free events for youth each month. The first activity is the **teaching mass on Sunday, Sept 27th at 10 am**, followed by free candy apples for all young people in university or younger.

October - Hank's Corn Maze

November - Hiking, bowling, and treats.

December - Skating party with Santa and treats.

All events are free, including a free meal paid by the Parish. Parents are asked to contact Religious Ed Coordinator Pam Hall to sign up. 902-794-3951 or email

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Thank you all for your understanding,

Peace, Fr Doug

What are the privileged places inside sacred buildings?

They are: the altar, the tabernacle, the place where the sacred Chrism and other holy oils are kept, the chair of the bishop (cathedra) or the chair of the priest, the ambo, the baptismal font, and the confessional. Further reading: CCC 1182-1186.

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!

		Sept. 19 th , 20 th
Envelopes		3310.00
Loose cash		
Fuel		120.00
Holy Cross		
Special Collection		
Candles		10.00
Faith Formation		
Totals		3440.00
Hall Fund		685.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

Chaplaincy Outdoor Nature Retreat, sponsored by the Newman Society

COVID-19 has taught us we are all in solidarity as we navigate this pandemic. CBU is now on line and the campus has limited

access. Valid restrictions are also in place on all Diocesan property to protect life.

Chaplaincy is finding new safe ways to minister to the needs of students, while ensuring safety is paramount: contact tracing, health checks, hand sanitizer, masks and physical distancing. Most of the retreat is outdoors with physical distancing and masks are required for any retreat sessions that may take place inside depending on weather. Who: All CBU students & staff

What: 1/2 day outdoor multi-faith retreat

Where: Two Rivers Wildlife Park, Marion Bridge.

When: Sunday September 27th 1 - 7 pm.

Why: To encounter one another in a safe way, while reflecting how God is present in nature.

Chaplaincy and the Newman Society are offering a free ecological Retreat during the season of creation in the spirit of Laudato Si, a social encyclical on creation. The Latin Laudato (praise) Si - literally means "praise be to you," a 13th century phrase from Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun, or Canticle of Creatures - a poem/prayer in which God is praised for the creation of the different creatures and aspects of the earth.

The retreat is free, including supper, but must rsvp with CBU

Chaplain Fr. Doug MacDonald:

doug_macdonald@cbu.ca

All students of all faiths and students of no faith are welcome. We only ask that you are open to the hidden glories of creation and how we are all connected.

Hope to meet you this Sunday.

Peace, Fr. Doug

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CWL

On Sep 15th, we planted two saplings at Holy Cross Cemetery in honor of our CWL'S 100th birthday.

- The new sapling, from a 100+ year old tree, represents the first 100 years of the League. The CWL Executive of the St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney, in attendance are, Cathy MacDonald, Taralee MacInnis, Iris Young, Janis Rose, and Kay Batherson.
 - The maple leaf sapling represents our future hopes for the League.
- Thanks Earlene for the hard work you do on our behalf and God bless.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collections

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected.

The Special Collections for Development and Peace, Collection for the Holy Land, and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall.

October 4, Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi: *Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence)*

This special collection is in support of the Holy Father's apostolic ministry to the Universal Church (canon 1271)

November 15, World Day of the Poor: *Development and Peace*

Development and Peace's theme for the fall will be "COVID-19: Recovering Together." They will be featuring stories of projects that have already been initiated to help people in the Global South respond to the pandemic. For example: to feed their families, many Haitian tradeswomen, known as "madam sara" in Creole, buy produce in rural areas and travel to cities to sell it. The wide travel and close interactions that their trade requires places the madam sara at an elevated risk of catching and transmitting the virus. DPCC is helping Caritas Haiti provide food aid and pandemic prevention & care information to these women and their communities.

Community Compassionate Care

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The times are never so bad but that a good man can live in them." Saint Thomas More

PEACE BE WITH YOU AND HAVE A GREAT WEEK!