The Catholic Communities of St. Joseph's St. Patrick's & St. Paul's

United in Faith

Parish Priest

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St. Patrick's Church

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Mass Times
Sunday 10 am
Tuesday & Friday mornings 9 am
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St. Joseph's Church

2730 Ohio East Rd., PO Box 1022,
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Mass Times
Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

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St. Paul's Church

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Mass Time
Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 9th, 2018

Collections: December 1st & 2nd

St. Joseph's: Reg. $819 (46), Special Collections: St. Vincent de Paul $20 (1), Highland Academy $50 (1), Food Bank $80 (2), Friendship Corner $20 (1), Our Lady of Grace Monastery $326
St. Patrick's: Reg. $330, Our Lady of Grace Monastery $191.75
St. Paul's: Reg. $190, Our Lady of Grace Monastery $154.35

Pastoral Visit

If you have a family member or friend who is sick, disabled or in hospital, please contact Fr. Lazarus for a pastoral visit.
Phone: 902-776-0228
Email: lazguria@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Church

Sunday Missals: The new 2019 Sunday Missals are on sale for $5 on the table at the entrance to the church.

Chase the Ace: Is being held at St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre every **Friday night** and will continue until the Ace is drawn. Ticket sales from **7 pm - 9 pm**, with the draw shortly thereafter. Come join your friends and neighbours for a fun evening. See you there!

Christmas Flower Fund: As in past years, parishioners have made donations to the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of past loved ones. Proceeds from the donations are applied against the cost of Christmas flowers and new decorations.

If you wish to make a donation this year, special envelopes are at the back of the Church. Please record your name and envelope #, and the amount of your donation, as well as the name(s) of the loved one(s) being remembered. Please place your special envelope in the collection during any Mass in December. Thank you.

Parish Involvement Forms: We have received to date completed Forms from 19 parishioners. Thank you. This is a very good start. Based on the number of active parishioners in the Parish our objective is to receive 40. Please pick up a Form at the back of the church, if you haven't already done so, and place your completed Form in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

Special Advent Collections: The Parish Council offers the following selection of charities for donations during Advent:

Highland Academy, Antigonish - a non-profit, private Catholic school founded 20 years ago by a group of lay Catholics to assist and support parents in the formation and education of their children. Current enrolment is 18, with 1 full time teacher. The Academy does not receive public funding. Donations are always welcome.

Antigonish Community Food Bank - our past generous support is very much appreciated by the Food Bank, whose client base continues to increase. This is an opportunity to help feed the less fortunate.

Friendship Corner - our assistance last year was much appreciated. The Corner is a drop-in meeting place held each Tuesday and Thursday every week for the less fortunate/special people in our community. The Corner is operated by volunteers on a very low budget.

As in the past, special envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Should you decide to donate, please record your name, envelope #, amount, and the name of your selected charity from the above. Thank you.

Church Ministry Schedule

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

Masses for December 8th and 9th

St. Joseph's: Saturday December 8th, 5:00 pm
Eucharistic: Mary K, Ann VH, Carl
Lector: Pauline

St. Joseph's: Sunday December 9th, 8:30 am
Eucharistic: Vaughan, Mary MI, Dawn
Lector: Jerome

St. Patrick's: Sunday December 9th, 10:00 am
Eucharistic: John, Reneé
Lector: Ralph MacDonald
Altar Server: Phonse
Offertory: Wayne, Doug

St. Paul's: Sunday December 9th, 11:30 am
Eucharistic: Keith, Carol
Lector: Stephen

Masses for December 15th and 16th

St. Joseph's: Saturday December 15th, 5:00 pm
Eucharistic: Janet, Theresa, Mary MI
Lector: Robyn

St. Joseph's: Sunday December 16th, 8:30 am
Eucharistic: Kaye Marie, Dawn, Ann C
Lector: Graham M

St. Patrick's: Sunday December 16th, 10:00 am
Eucharistic: Gloria, Theresa
Lector: Mary Porter
Altar Server: Reneé
Offertory: Mark, Buddy

St. Paul's: Sunday December 16th, 11:30 am
Eucharistic: Ren, Fern
Lector: Maureen

Please make other arrangements if unable to attend

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Monday, December 24th:

5:00 pm - St. Joseph's Church (Children's Mass)
7:00 pm - St. Paul's Church, Sherbrooke
9:00 pm - St. Patrick's Church, Lochaber
11:00 pm - St. Joseph's Church (Midnight Mass)

Tuesday, December 25th:

10:30 am - St. Joseph's Church

🙏 Prayer Requests 🙏

Father God

We lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies, calm their fears, and let them experience the healing power of your Love. In Jesus' name. Amen

Community Events

Old Fashioned Christmas

Friday December 14th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

St. James United Church, Antigonish

Please join us for an Old Fashioned Musical Reading of the Christmas Story, followed by light refreshments.

This is a fundraiser for the VON Antigonish.

The VON provides Meals on Wheels, transportation to medical appointments and groceries, adult day program, seniors tax clinic, the Vial of Life for seniors, and makes over 20,000 nursing visits per year.

Contact: 902-863-5700; **cscantigonish@von.ca**; **www.von.ca**; and Facebook @VONAntigonish

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Home for Christmas:

An Evening of Holiday Magic

Thursday December 20th, 7:30 pm

Friday December 21st, 7:30 pm

Bauer Theatre, St. FX Campus, Antigonish

Cost: $20

All proceeds go to support Antigonish Affordable Housing. Tickets are available at Antigonish 5-$1:00 and Hawthorne Convenience. Or leave a message on our Facebook page: Antigonish Affordable Housing.

There are only 200 available for each evening, so get yours early to avoid disappointment.

2019 Respect Life Calendars

The 2019 Respect Life Calendars are now available for $20 each at the Respect Life Centre, 344 Main Street, Antigonish, or by calling (902) 863-6636 or 863-3873. These calendars make the perfect Christmas gift, featuring pictures of local children, a monthly scripture quote, and a saint for every day, along with a chance at 16 cash prize draws of $250 each. Please consider supporting local pro-life efforts by purchasing at least one of these great calendars.

Diocese of Antigonish

Employment Opportunity

Two Diocesan Youth Ministers:
Inverness Deanery, and Antigonish/Guysborough/ StFX and Pictou Deaneries

We are looking to hire two part-time Diocesan Youth Ministers to build youth ministry for the Inverness Deanery and the Deaneries of Antigonish/Guysborough/ StFX and Pictou.

For details and to apply, see our website:

http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/news-to-you/upcoming- events/100-youthministersposting

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Mass For Shut-Ins - now on YouTube

New episodes of Mass for Shut-Ins are uploaded to our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel each Monday.

Our YouTube Channel: **https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w**

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine, Mabou

The gift shop is closed for the season, but the Shrine is open year round.
Any questions or requests, please call 1-902-945-2221

Welcome, Advent!

See our Advent page for prayers, reflections and resources to celebrate this season of waiting:

http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/news-to-you/upcoming-events/84- advent-2018

Website **www.antigonishdiocese.com**

See our **Events Calendar** for more events and details.

Website

The bulletin, scripture readings, a homily, and resources for prayer and reflection, are available each week on our website by **Friday** evening.

Recent Additions under Other: Seven Ears of Grain, December 3rd; This Month in the Diocese, December 2018

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at **jpcollins@eastlink.ca** or call 902-863-2482 **before Thursday**.