

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

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No mass until further notice

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Mass Time:

Sunday: 12:30 pm

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www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org



Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

November 22nd, 2020

PLEASE NOTE!

MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IS NOW HELD
ON SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM
THERE IS NO MASS ON SUNDAY

MASS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH CONTINUES AS
USUAL ON SUNDAYS AT 12:30 PM

WITH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
TO KEEP YOU SAFE

St. Joseph's Church

Important Message from Parish Council

Our Parish Council held a regular meeting October 28th. The meeting was attended by the following members: Cathy Chisholm, Donnie Dewar (Treasurer), Wilhelmina Stewart (Secretary), Bernie MacLean, Henry Joosten and Jerome Grant (Chair). Special guest: Colin MacDonald

The above members have served on Parish Council for a long time. They are also active as members of committees and as volunteers for Church operational duties

We need more Council members to provide the parish with new ideas, initiatives and creativity. For example Father has requested the formation of a Liturgical Committee. There is also a need for fundraising initiatives to help supplement our regular revenue from reduced church offerings.

We also need Parish Council members to reach out to our fellow parishioners who are unable to attend weekly Mass in the church and be involved in church functions

I know there are many of you who have had past and long experience on the Parish Council and I thank you for your contributions. Please consider serving again.

More Parish Council Members and a Vice-Chair are essential for effective succession planning and for the long term survival of parish operations as we now know them.

Please help. **THANK YOU!**

Jerome Grant, Parish Council Chair

Parish Council Meeting

Will be held on **Wednesday, November 25th at 7:20 pm** in the Pioneer Room, following a short meeting of the **SJ Hillside Cemetery Association at 7:00 pm.**

Collections for November 14th

Regular \$795 (29); Social Action \$200 (1); Missals \$20

Lector Schedule

November 21st Jerome Grant

Christmas Masses

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are only having two Christmas Masses this year:

December 24th 5:00 pm Fr. Bernie MacAdam

December 24th 11:00 pm Fr. Lazarus Guria

Due to the limited number of places, pre-registration will be required. More information to follow.

Volunteers will be needed to clean the church prior to the regular **4:00 pm Saturday Mass on December 26th.**

Condolences

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the families and friends of Donna Kennedy and Laurie Breen.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

A video recording of the funeral and burial of Donna Kennedy is available on MacIsaac's website.



Community Events

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

Online 50/50 Raffle

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre has a monthly online 50/50 raffle to help with fund raising. To purchase tickets go to: <https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/stjosephscc/>

James River Christmas Tree Lighting

After much consideration due to COVID-19 we have decided not to have a public event for the Christmas Tree Lighting at the James River Firehall. A tree will be placed there for the spirit of Christmas, but no gathering will be held. We hope to continue this great community event in December 2021.

Give the Gift of Reading

What better way to treat a book or movie/TV lover on your holiday list than by buying a book, movie, or TV series box set for your local library in their name! Sponsoring new library material is as easy as dropping by your local library, calling, or visiting us online at www.parl.ns.ca

Website

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

Recent additions: Seven Ears of Grain, November 16th

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

COVID-19 Precautions

St. Joseph's Parish Council has conducted a thorough review of the Antigonish Diocese's guidelines for the safe re-opening of churches. While implementing these guidelines provide no guarantee the COVID-19 virus will not be contracted, they are the best and most practical measures to ensure the safety of our parishioners. Our Celebration will be somewhat simplified but we must understand that the health and safety of all is our first concern.

Masks are now mandatory in most indoor public places, including places of worship and faith gatherings.

Children under two are exempt, as well as children aged two to four when their caregiver cannot get them to wear a mask. People with a valid medical reason for not wearing a mask are also exempt.

We must also ensure that a physical distance of 6 feet between people is strictly maintained. Families of 2 or more, who plan to sit in the same pew, need not maintain the 6 feet distance requirement.

One entrance (automatic door with the ramp) will be used. A volunteer will record your name and phone number as you enter the church. Registration of each Mass attendee is required to ensure we are in a position to perform tracing in the event of a positive test of the virus.

We are asking all parishioners to arrive early (say shortly after 10:00 am) to ensure Mass is attended on time.

Sanitization stations for cleaning are available in the church lobby. An usher will lead you to a pew, which is marked with the 6ft. distance requirement, starting at the front and working to the back to ensure we have room for all.

To help prevent the spread of the virus all paper material including Hymn books have been removed. If you wish to bring your own Missal please do not share it and please take it home with you when you leave the church.

- There will be no entrance procession. The Priest will enter from the vestry.
- There will be no singing.
- All Holy Water has been removed.
- Water fountain is not in operation.
- The washroom is for use on an exception basis.

RECEIPT OF HOLY COMMUNION

- When coming down the center aisle please keep 6 feet apart. Tape on the floor will guide you. An usher will assist and also provide sanitized hand cleaning.
- Communicants are instructed to remove their masks (if wearing one) while the person ahead of you is receiving Holy Communion. Removal of the mask (with sanitized hands) by one ear loop is recommended.
- After the priest says "Body of Christ" and the communicant responds "Amen" (at a distance of 6 feet), the communicant then approaches the priest to receive Holy Communion.
- Please use the side aisles for returning (after receiving Holy Communion) to your seat. The floor will be marked for 6 feet distancing.

At the end of Mass, we request you to wipe carefully the pew seat and all touched parts of the pew. Ushers will provide you with Sanitization wipes. We ask your cooperation in this matter as we have a limited number of volunteers.

OFFERINGS

The collection will not be taken in the usual manner. Instead, ushers will have collection baskets in place at the exits (i.e. the door with the ramp and the centre doors) for your donations. Please keep six feet apart when leaving the church.

St. Joseph's weekly Masses have been changed to one Mass at 10:30 am on Sunday. Due to parishioner feedback, this will change to 4:00 pm on Saturday starting on November 7th.

In summary we appreciate the procedures for attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion represent changes to our previous experience. The changes are necessary and designed to prevent the spread of a very serious virus, COVID-19.

Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe.

St. Joseph's Parish Council

Fr. Lazarus Guria

Diocese of Antigonish

Our Website's COVID-19 page

<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/index.php/covid-19>

Includes Bishop Kirkpatrick's letters, government links for COVID-19 updates, links to online Masses, and more.

A Message from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

"Those who may not be able to attend church for health reasons or due to capacity restrictions are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass."

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Dearest Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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



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