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

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St. Patrick's Church

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Mass Times:

No mass until further notice

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St. Joseph's Church

2730 Ohio East Rd., PO Box 1022,
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Mass Time:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:
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St. Paul's Church

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Mass Time:

Sunday: 12:30 pm

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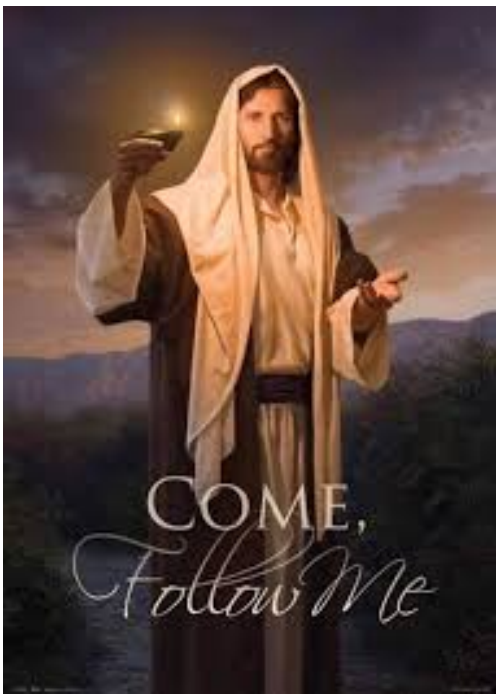
Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24th, 2021

🙏 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

St. Joseph's Church

SNOW DATE

In an effort to retain/improve weekly Mass attendance we have set a "SNOW DATE" for Mass.

IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE CANCELLATIONS OF THE 4:00 P.M. SATURDAY MASS DUE TO A SNOW STORM AND/OR HEAVY SNOWFALL

This means that if the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass is cancelled we shall automatically re-schedule that Mass to the pre-established time and date of 4:00 pm Sunday i.e 24 hours following the cancelled Mass.

The timing and date of the re-scheduled Mass takes into consideration the need to allow time for:

- **The Priest and parishioners to have their driveways cleared**
- **Plowing of the highways**
- **Snow removal of the Church parking lot**

Also the Snow Date timing has due respect for Father Lazarus' responsibility to hold the regular Sunday morning Mass at St Paul's Sherbrooke

We feel the above arrangement is a reasonable alternative to missing out on a weekly Mass, and at the same time respecting the need for safe driving conditions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Parish Council Chair Jerome Grant 867-1160

P.S. Please let your follow parishioners (who do not use email) know about the above arrangement.

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Collections for January 16th

Regular: $2,315 (30); Initial Offering $5 (1); New Year's Day Offering $40 (1)

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Lector Schedule

January 23rd Donnie Dewar

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, January 18th; This Month in the Diocese, January 2021.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Year of Saint Joseph

Pope Francis has declared this year to be the Year of St. Joseph, to run through to December 8th, 2021.

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html

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/**

Next draw date January 29th, 2021

Ticket sales end January 25th

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Our Fitness Centre is Now Open!

We are thrilled to announce that our new fitness centre is now open! This space has been in the works for quite a while and we finally get to share it with you all.

Cost: $60 for 3 months, plus $20 deposit on the key fob.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact us via our Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/stjosephscommunitycentre/

Bulletin Submissions

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

St. Joseph's weekly Masses have been changed to one Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday. We are asking all parishioners to arrive early (say shortly after 3:30 pm) to ensure Mass starts 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.

Thank you for your cooperation and stay safe.

Diocese of Antigonish

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."

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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.

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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.

Antigonish Right to Life

January is membership month for Antigonish Right to LIfe, a local educational pro-life organization working to promote respect for all human life in Antigonish and the surrounding areas. Individuals are invited to support and enhance these efforts by contributing a membership fee of $10 (or more where possible). You may drop off membership and/or donations in person or by mail to:

Antigonish Right to LIfe, 27 St. Andrews Street, Antigonish, NS B2G 2G9, or by e-transfer to **antigonishrighttolife@gmail.com**

If sending an e-transfer please send a separate email with your name, address and phone number. Thank you.

Because of Covid-19 regulations, we will not be providing envelopes or stickers in church this year.

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