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No mass until further notice

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St. Joseph's Church

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Saturday: 4:00 pm

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Mass Time:

Sunday: 12:30 pm

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org



First Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 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

Thank You from Janet Gallant

I want to thank everyone who sent messages, food, cards, donations, phone calls, and attended Leonard's service. I'm so sorry the virus limited attendance, and not everyone was able to come. So many people reached out to help in any way needed. So much kindness... So much goodness... So much love. We thank you all... Janet and family.

A Special Thank You

To all those who helped with the recent funeral Mass for **Colin MacDonald**. Special thanks to Jerome Grant for organizing these Masses during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the safety of all participants. Your generosity and caring are greatly appreciated.

Collections for February 13th

Regular: \$945 (32); Fuel Offering \$40 (2); Initial Offering \$20 (1); Church Maintenance \$10 (1); Food Bank \$25 (1); Friendship Corner \$20 (1); Mass for Shut-Ins \$25 (1); The SJ Hillside Cemetery Association (IMO Colin MacDonald) \$50 (1)

Lector Schedule

February 20th Carmie MacInnis

Special Collections during Lent

Easter Flower Fund: Those who wish to donate to the Flower/Decoration Fund in memory of past loved ones will find envelopes available at the back of the Church for this purpose. Please record your name, envelope #, and the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered, and place it in the regular collection basket.

Antigonish Community Food Bank: Their client base continues to increase. This is an opportunity to assist and feed the less fortunate.

Antigonish Friendship Corner: The Corner is a drop-in meeting place for the less fortunate/special people. It is operated by volunteers on a very low budget.

Mass for Shut-Ins: TV Mass each Sunday from the Antigonish Diocese in Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Please use an envelope for your donation, and record your name, envelope #, and the amount and name(s) of your selected charity(s). You may place your donation envelope in the regular collection after any Mass during Lent.

Thank you very much.

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 27th - St. Joseph's - 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 28th - St. Paul's - 12:30 pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday April 1st - St. Paul's - 3:00 pm

Thursday April 1st - St. Joseph's - 7:00 pm

Good Friday

Friday April 2nd - St. Paul's - 12:30 pm

Friday, April 2nd - St. Joseph's - 4:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 3rd - St. Joseph's - 5:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4th - St. Joseph's - 10:00 am

Sunday, April 4th - St. Paul's - 12:30 pm

Please inform any parishioners you know who do not have email or access to the Internet.

Saint Joseph's Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Our next regular Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday February 24th**, at 7:20 pm in the Pioneer Room, immediately following the Annual Meeting of the **SJ Hillside Cemetery Association at 7:00 pm.**

Snow Date

If the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass has to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions, it will automatically be re-scheduled to 4:00 pm on Sunday i.e. 24 hours following the cancelled Mass.

Website

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

Recent additions: Letter from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Lent 2021; Seven Ears of Grain, February 15th;

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. 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."

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.

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.

Religious Education

First Communion Classes:

Grade 2

Sundays at 11:30am in St. Ninian Place Room 18

Grades 3-6

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15pm in St. Ninian Place - Breeze Way Entrance

Grades 7-8

Finished for the year.

Confirmation Classes:

January 17th to March 28th

Sundays from 6:00 to 7:15pm in St. Ninian Place (Upper Level)

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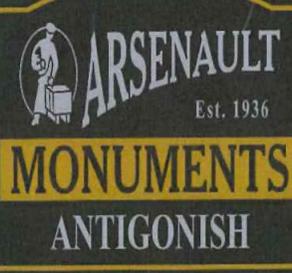
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