

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

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Mass Time:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:

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St. Paul's Church

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Mass Time:

Sunday: 12:30 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Divine Mercy Sunday



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11th, 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.



There are many people to thank for the special four days of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

Firstly, we thank all parishioners for their attendance and strong financial support. Total attendance over 4 days = 210.

There are many volunteers (families and individuals) who took responsibility for the presentation of the Holy Week services and the accompanying tasks: decoration of the Church, thorough sanitization of the Church following the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services, visiting and unveiling of the Cross and statutes in the sanctuary, cleaning of the Altar linen, provision of recorded music/sound system and individual singing. Reservation of seating for Good Friday, Lay Ministry/Lectors, Altar servers, collection tabulation, team implementation of the Covid-19 regulations designed to prevent the spreading of the virus, the creation and distribution of the Email bulletin as a significant communication vehicle for the Parishes

This is a great list but we apologize if we omitted anyone.

Also we appreciate and welcome the attendance by the parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Paul's.

Thanks to all.

Father Lazarus and Jerome Grant Parish Council Chair

In addition, we thank Father Lazarus for conducting the Holy Week Services and providing us with his guidance during this special time in the Church Year. Thank you Father And last but not least, we thank Jerome Grant, without whose dedicated leadership and organizational skills none of this would have been possible. Thank you Jerome, from all of us.

Collections: April 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Good Friday (Needs of the Church in Holy Land) \$655 (28)

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday: Regular: \$2,223.90 (41);
Social Action \$70 (2); Cemetery Fund \$20 (1)

Lector Schedule

Saturday, April 10th - Carl MacDonald

Year of Saint Joseph



This year is a special year for our Church. Pope Francis has declared 2021 to be the Year of St. Joseph, to run through to December 8th.

St. Joseph's "hidden life" of service mirrors the lives of so many people today who are carrying out hidden acts of love and kindness during the pandemic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DM4QyCmPfQ>

**A New Online Resource
for Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph**

Has been launched by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The webpage contains Prayers, Litanies, and Devotions, Consecration to Saint Joseph, Church Documents and Catechetical Resources for children, youth and adults. Included are seven short video presentations in English and French, highlighting each of the seven attributes of St. Joseph.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/celebrating-the-year-of-saint-joseph/>

<https://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/celebrons-lannee-de-saint-joseph/>

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, April 5th; This Month in the Diocese, April 2021.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

St. Joseph's Church (cont.)

CHURCH FINANCES

As noted from our 2020 Financial Statements, our Cemetery Fund is in a good position to cover future maintenance needs. Also, our Renovation Account appears adequate to cover Church improvements for the short term.

However, our 2020 Church Revenue fell short by about \$7,000 from covering Church operating expenses. We cannot survive future annual financial shortfalls of this magnitude.

Many of our parishioners are very generous with respect to making regular donations to our Parish Church. We thank you very much for effectively financing a very large portion of our Church's expenses.

There are some parishioners who do not regularly contribute to the church, but may require services of the Church, for example weddings, funerals, administration of the sacraments. We would appreciate a minimal annual contribution in the range of \$250 to \$300 from these parishioners. The additional funds will be designated to help pay our Church operating expenses. We want to be clear that the above mentioned minimum amount is not a firm requirement; instead, we are humbly requesting you to share in our efforts to cover the operating costs of our church.

Also, we recognize that the Covid-19 virus has made matters difficult for all of us. We respect the decision of those parishioners who decided not to attend the regular weekly Mass in Church to avoid the risk of catching the virus. We look forward to your return once the Covid-19 virus is under control and remedies are in place,.

Our Church expenses have reduced very little due the lower attendance. We would therefore appreciate donations from those who no longer attend the weekly Mass in church.

If you would like a set of church donation envelopes for 2021, please contact any parish council member.

We now have the capability of accepting donations through etransfer at: stjos1927@gmail.com

Through PayPal on the Diocese of Antigonish website:
<https://fs26.formsite.com/DiocesefofAntigonish/jdqh7w8ymr/index.html>

By Credit Card on our St. Joseph's Church website:
(one time or recurring donations)
www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

You can also mail your donation to:

St. Joseph's Parish
P.O. Box 1022
Antigonish NS
B2G 2S3.

Please include your name, address and envelope # so we can send you a charitable receipt for income tax purposes.

Thank you, Jerome Grant Parish Council Chair

Please pass this information on to any parishioners you know who do not currently attend Mass or receive the parish bulletin.

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.

A Message from Development & Peace

Today we at Development & Peace Caritas Canada find ourselves at the feet of Jesus with a deep sense of thankfulness for the support and generous spirits of our parishioners of the Diocese of Antigonish.

Share Love Share Lent would never enjoy success if it wasn't for the kindness of each of you. So, like the lepers who came back, we, too, come back to extend our thanks for your faithfulness to our neighbors in the Global South.

May our Loving Creator God bless you abundantly for your generosity and may you be warmed by the love God has for you.

Antigonish D & P Diocesan Council, Winnie Odo, Chair

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/stjosephssc/>

Next draw date April 30th, 2021

Ticket sales end April 25th

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Excellent for Banquets,
Weddings, and Confer-
ences. Phone (902) 867-
-2626 Check our Face-
book page for upcoming
events.