

# 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 Time:**

**Sunday 10:00 am**

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### St. Joseph's Church

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**Mass Times:**

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

**Sunday 8:30 am**

**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](http://www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org)



## Second Sunday of Advent

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 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



### Collections for November 27th & 28th

Regular \$1,265 (34); Loose \$5; Miscellaneous \$176.52; Mass for Shut-Ins \$20 (1); Antigonish Food Bank \$20 (1); Christmas Flower/Decoration Fund \$20 (1); Raffle Replacement Fund \$240 (2)

We have now reached the **Grand Total of \$2,185** in donations to our RAFFLE REPLACEMENT fundraising initiative. This exceeds our goal of \$2,000. THANK YOU again for your most generous financial support towards the funding of our operating expenses.

### The Sacrament of Confession



Father Lazarus will be available to hear confessions on the first two Saturdays of December, from **3:30 pm to 4:00 pm**, immediately prior to Mass.

Father will be in the confessional at the back of the church, and the back pews will be reserved for those attending the sacrament of confession.

Dates for confessions: [Saturday December 4th](#) and [Saturday December 11th](#)

### Lectors for Mass

Saturday, December 4th - Donnie Dewar

Sunday, December 5th - Cathy Ferguson

(Welcome Cathy! Our newest lector. Thank you for joining us in the ministry of the word)

### 2022 Sunday Missals

The 2022 Sunday Missals have finally arrived. They are set up on the table at the back of the church, on sale for \$5.00 each book.

## St. Joseph's Church (cont.)

### Church Cleaning

We will be cleaning the Church in preparation for Christmas **after Mass on Saturday December 4th**. If you can stay to help us we would be most appreciative.



### Advent Collections

As in the past, we will provide you with an opportunity to donate to outside local charities through the regular weekend collections during Advent. Two charities recommended this year are:

#### **Antigonish Food Bank**

#### **Sunday Mass for Shut-Ins televised from Sydney**

Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please ensure your envelope # is recorded, and the name of the charity of your choice. Thank you.

### Flower/Decoration Fund

Also during Advent, for the past several years we provided special envelopes for donations to the Parish Flower/Decoration costs in memory of past loved ones.



We will continue to provide this opportunity to donate in the regular collection basket by way of a special envelope supplied at the back of the Church. Please record your name and envelope #, as well as the name(s) of the past loved one(s) you wish to have remembered. Thank you.

### 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 29th.

Go to: [www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org)

### Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at [jpcollins@eastlink.ca](mailto:jpcollins@eastlink.ca) or call **902-863-2482** before **Thursday**.

If you would like to receive a copy of the bulletin each Friday evening via email, please let me know, and I'll add you to our list.

## Lights of Love Campaign

### R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home, Antigonish

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**

Join this year's celebrations at the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home by helping us light our Christmas Tree with bulbs dedicated to love. You can dedicate a bulb in memory of a deceased loved one or honour someone presently in your life.

This is the 24<sup>th</sup> year for our annual Lights of Love campaign. Your generosity has helped the R.K. residents quality of life for more than two decades. Funds raised during this year's campaign will support an R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home initiative called "Comforts of Home"

If you wish to make a donation and are not currently on our mailing list, please call the R.K. Foundation office at **(902) 863-2578, ext 223**, and leave your mailing address.

Donations can also be made online by clicking the Lights of Love link at [www.rkmacdonald.ca](http://www.rkmacdonald.ca)

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 50 seats will be available for the dedication ceremony.**

All Covid-19 precautions will be followed to keep our visitors, staff, and residents safe. Masks, ID and Proof of Full Vaccination are required.

## Christmas Cheers Program 2021

The members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ninian's Parish, are appealing once again for donations to their Christmas Cheers Fund.

All financial contributions or gift cards are gratefully accepted. Tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more will be available in the new year.

If you or anyone you know will need some assistance this Christmas, please call the **St. Vincent de Paul Help Line** at **(902) 863-8050**, and request to be included in the Christmas Cheers Program. Registration runs from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your/their name, home address, telephone number, number of people in the household, and the grocery store where you/they prefer to shop.

## Respect Life Centre

The 2022 Respect Life Centre Calendars are now available for \$20 each at the Respect Life Centre, 27 St. Andrews St., Antigonish, or by calling **(902) 863-6636** or **(902) 863-3873**.

They make the perfect Christmas gifts, 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 — a total of \$4,000 in prizes.

Please consider supporting local pro-life efforts by purchasing at least one of these great calendars.

## Diocese of Antigonish

### From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick:

"Those who may not be able to attend church for health reasons or due to other COVID-19 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.**

### Online Masses

**Sunday Mass Livestream:** From St. Ninian's Cathedral **Sundays at 10:30 am** <https://www.saintninian.ca>

**Mass for Shut-Ins —New Season:** Broadcast each **Sunday on CTV at 11:30 am**, and can be watched later on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel.

**Questions? Contact Fr. Patrick MacNeil, producer, Mass for Shut-Ins, at (902) 562-9810.**

### Diocese of Antigonish YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHdH8KJ71w>

### Churches Online

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/churches-online/>

### Daily TV Mass:

from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council  
<https://dailytvmass.com/>



### **Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic or Helping Others on their Journey?**

St. Ninian's Parish Religious Education Program is re-establishing the RCIA Team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), and are inviting people who wish to become Catholic, as well as those willing to help, to contact Leonarda MacNeil, ofs, at [religioused@saintninian.ca](mailto:religioused@saintninian.ca) or **(902) 863-2338 ext 3**. We welcome all inquiries.





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