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Parish Priest

To be announced

St. Joseph's Church

2730 Ohio East Rd., PO Box 1022,
Antigonish, NS B2G 2S3

Mass Times:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:
Jerome Grant: (902) 867-1160
jerome.grant@ns.sympatico.ca

Website:

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

St. Patrick's Church

590 Highway 7, Lochaber, NS B2G 2L3
Phone: (902) 783-2631

Mass Time:

Sunday 10:00 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
Carol Young: (902) 783-2462
youngcarip@gmail.com

St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

Mass Time:

Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
Rennie Beaver: (902) 833-2341
aubrey.carol@ns.sympatico.ca



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022

🙏 **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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St. Joseph's Church

Special Collection for Advent

As usual, we are initiating a special collection for Advent, for those who wish to make a donation to a local charity. This year, we recommend two organizations in need of funds:

Antigonish Food Bank

Antigonish Emergency Fuel Fund

Please place your donation in an envelope, with your name, envelope #, and the charity of your choice, and place it in the regular collection at Mass. The amount will be included in your total donations for the year 2022 Income Tax Receipt.

Lector for Mass

Saturday December 3rd - 4:00 pm - Janet Dewar

Collections - November 26th

Regular: \$645 (26); Cemetery Fund \$1,000 (1); Fuel Payment Receipt \$1,000 (1); Raffle Replacement \$495 (7); Missals \$20

Raffle Replacement Collection

Greetings

We have already reached 40% of our goal! We have now received \$795 from 10 donors. Thank you very much. Let's keep driving for our goal! Please share the word about our fund raising initiative. Thank you for your support.

Special envelopes will be available at the back of the church for the Masses up to December 10th. Please record your name and envelope # on the special envelope, and place it in the regular collection at Mass. The amount will be included in your total donations for the year 2022 Income Tax Receipt.

We ask your cooperation toward ensuring all parishioners (including those NOT on our Email Distribution list) are aware of this special fund raising initiative. The more parishioners participating in the Raffle Replacement, the more likely we are to reach our goal.

We wish you good luck with this needed fund raising initiative as we continue our efforts to ensure sufficient revenue is available to cover our parish expenses

It is only appropriate to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners who regularly donate through our regular collection at the weekly Masses. Thank you!

Parish Council

P.S. If preferred you can etransfer your donation to:
stjos1927@gmail.com

OR mail your donation to: **St. Joseph's Parish, 2730 Ohio East Road, P.O. Box 1022, Antigonish NS B2G 2S3**

New Priest

Bishop Kirkpatrick has confirmed that Father MacLean will be coming to our 3 parishes as parish priest. Father MacLean is in the Order: Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy.

Father MacLean currently lives in the North West Territories, and his date of arrival will be sometime this year and before the New Year.

Bishop Kirkpatrick has also confirmed that he has arranged for Father O'Neal to continue his temporary assignment with us until Father MacLean's arrival.



Thank you Fr. O'Neal for coming to celebrate Mass with us!

Community Events

St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

A Crossroads Christmas Jamboree

Sunday December 11th, 2:00 pm

Admission by donation

Pay what you can. New toys and clothes for donation and/or non-perishable food items.

Join us for an afternoon of music, comedy and dancing in support of:

Parkinson Society of Nova Scotia

Antigonish Food Bank

Knights of Columbus Toy Drive

Fun for all ages!

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephscommunitycentre/>

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 28th.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Diocese of Antigonish

Advent Resources

For activities, reflections and more:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/celebrating-advent/>

Saint Ninian Cathedral Concert Series

Hope Is A Star

December 17th, 7:00 pm - Saint Ninian Cathedral

We are very excited to announce the return of the Saint Ninian Cathedral Concert Series. This year, we will be celebrating Christmas through music in "Hope is a Star." The Saint Ninian Choir will be featured, along with the Antigonish Choral Assemblé, Nova Brass, and more.

Admission by donation.

Help Needed—Saint Vincent De Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for YOUR HELP! Over the past months, we have seen an increase in requests and have had a hard time filling them.

This increase in activity means that we are looking for different furniture items such as small couches, love seats, kitchen tables (medium/small) and single mattresses.

In order to successfully meet our community's needs, we are looking for more volunteers to join the furniture team.

If you can help in any way, please call 902-863-8050 and leave a message. Someone from the furniture team will get back to you within the week.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

Sisters of St. Martha

Our Life as Mission: Newsletter now available

From the Martha Leadership Team - including updates on ministries, the Centennial Garden, and Martha Associates

<https://www.themarthas.com/olamn-newsletter.php>

Bulletin Submissions

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

Bulletins are available once again at the entrance to the Church. Please let me know if you would also like to receive a copy of the bulletin each week via email.

Diocese of Antigonish

A Message From Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Most current Public Health restrictions and mandates have ended, but this does not mean that the pandemic has ended. It will be important to use personal public health measures, both individually and collectively, to help keep each other safe, especially those who are at risk of severe disease due to age and/or underlying health issues.

Masking and social distancing are no longer required. However, we still encourage masking and social distancing in our churches. We need time to make the adjustment to the so-called "new-normal" as we learn to live with COVID.

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.

Online Masses

Weekly Mass - Livestream (Video)

From St. Ninian's Cathedral

Every Sunday - 10:30 am

On our website: <https://www.saintninian.ca>

On our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stninian.cathedral/>

Mass for Shut-Ins

Mass for Shut-Ins is aired on **Sundays at 11:30 am** on CTV, or it can be viewed on demand on our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel.

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/>

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Effective March 21st the mandate for Covid-19 regulations will be lifted by the Provincial Dept. of Health.

This is news that many people will be glad to hear; however, there are many others who may be nervous about it.

In an effort to continue to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus we offer the following recommendations for weekly Mass attendance for your consideration. We do recognize these recommendations are optional, and the final choice is yours as to whether you accept or reject any or all of them.

....continue to wear Face masks

....continue to sanitize hands at the church entrance and before receiving communion

....continue to maintain social distancing for procession to and from receipt of communion

Please note: The pews in the North section of the Church will no longer be taped. Pews in the South section of the Church will continue to be taped to help maintain social distancing.

Hand sanitizing stations are available at the entrance to the church, and in the center isle for use before receiving communion. Extra bottles of sanitizer are also available at the back of the church for those who prefer to use them.

In summary, we are simply giving parishioners an opportunity and hopefully a comfort level to help you feel safe attending Mass, and at the same time attempt to control/prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.