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Parish Priest

Fr. Macleen Anyanwu, SMMM
(due end of December)

<https://smmmcongregation.org/>

St. Joseph's Church

2730 Ohio East Rd., PO Box 1022,
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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) 867-6367

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18th, 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

Revised Covid -19 Protocols

St. Joseph's Parish Council has made some changes to it's Covid-19 precautions. We continue to support the wearing of masks and sanitization of hands. **Please see Page 5.**

Please be kind and considerate of our many elderly and vulnerable parishioners, and stay home if you are coughing or sneezing, or have any other symptoms of Covid-19.

Lector for Mass

Saturday December 17th - 4:00 pm - Jerome Grant

Collections - December 10th

Regular: \$705 (16); Christmas Offering \$100 (1); Loose \$40; Raffle Replacement \$100 (1); Donations in memory of John Toone: Cemetery Fund \$20 (1); St. Joseph's Parish \$20 (1)

Raffle Replacement Collection

We have now received \$1,360 from 17 donors, which is 68% of our goal. Thank you so much for your support! We still have a few weeks left, so let's keep the initiative going.

Special envelopes are available at the back of the church for your use, to be placed in the regular collection at Mass.

OR 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**

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 donations for the year 2022 Income Tax Receipt.

Donation Envelopes for 2023

Boxes of Donation Envelopes for 2023 are now available on the table at the back of the church. If you do not presently have one, and would like to get your own set of envelopes, please contact Jerome Grant at **(902) 867- 1160**

New Priest

Bishop Kirkpatrick has confirmed that Father Macleen Anyanwu will be coming to our 3 parishes as parish priest.

Father Macleen is in the Order: Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy. Father Macleen currently serves in the North West Territories, and will arrive sometime before the New Year.

Father O'Neal will continue his temporary assignment with us until Father Macleen's arrival.



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

Christmas Mass Schedule



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St. Joseph's Church, St Joseph

December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Fr. MacAdam
December 25 Christmas Day 8:30 am Fr. MacAdam

St. Patrick's Church, Lochaber

December 24 Christmas Eve 8:00 pm Fr. O'Neal
December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am Fr. O'Neal

St. Paul's Church, Sherbrooke

December 25 Christmas Day 11:30 am Fr. O'Neal

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, December 12th: Bishop Kirkpatrick's Christmas Message 2022

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.

Bishop Kirkpatrick's Christmas message 2022

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/bishops-christmas-message-2022/>

St. Joseph's Church (cont.)

Request from Parish Council



We are in need of new Parish Council members for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary.

We also need someone to represent us on the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre.

Please give these requests your most serious consideration, especially if you have never served on Parish Council or any of its Committees before. We all need to pull together to serve St. Joseph's Parish, to keep us growing and thriving as a vibrant faith community.

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 was 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

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.