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Fr. Macleen Anyanwu, SMMM
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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
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Website:

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

St. Patrick's Church

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

Mass Times:

Sunday 10:00 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
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St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

Mass Time:

Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:
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We are called to be
salt and light...



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5th, 2023

🙏 **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 its 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 February 4th - 4:00 pm - Jerome Grant

Collections for January 28th

Regular \$810 (25); Fuel Fund \$220 (2); Loose \$30; New Year's Day \$40 (1); Initial Offering \$10 (1)

Income Tax Receipts

Income Tax Receipts for 2022 are now available on the table at the back of the church. Thank you for your faithful contributions!

Parish Council Meeting

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7th**, in the Pioneer room, beginning at **7:00 pm**. Parishioners are welcome to attend.



The SJ Hillside Cemetery Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Association's Board of Directors will be held in the Pioneer Room of St. Joseph's Church on **Tuesday February 7th**, beginning at **6:40 pm**.

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.

Parish Priest - update

Bishop Kirkpatrick has confirmed that Fr. O'Neal will be with us until the weekend of February 25/26, at which point a relieving priest (Fr. Tom Stephan) will be made available to the 3 parishes to take over from Fr. O'Neal, pending the arrival of a permanent priest.

Fr. Stephan will accompany Father O'Neal at his final masses on February 25/26, and will be with us for at least the month of March.



Thank you Fr. O'Neal for continuing to celebrate mass with us. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and faithful service.

Save Your Stamps

We are collecting used stamps for Development and Peace, who sell them to stamp collectors from all over the world.

The proceeds are used to fund development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Please cut off the stamps from your envelopes, without damaging the perforations, and place them in the jar at the back of the church. Thank you for caring!

Website

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

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

Bulletin Submissions

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

Diocese of Antigonish

February 8th - International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

Celebrated on the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, also known as 'Mother Moretta' who bore 144 physical scars from when she was kidnapped at age nine and sold into slavery.

Let us pray for the victims and for those who work to end human trafficking.

To learn more about this important issue, visit the RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre website:

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ht-tp/index-eng.htm>

February 11th - World Day of the Sick

"I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness" - Pope Francis

Read Pope Francis' message:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20230110-giornata-malato.html>

Community Events

Grief Group For Survivors Of Suicide

When someone dies by suicide, grief is complicated. There are unique struggles and questions.

This is normal... and you're not alone.

These facilitated meetings are open for anyone who has lost someone to suicide.

**Dates: Feb. 15th, Mar. 22nd, Apr 26th, May 24th, June 28th,
from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
at St. Paul's Anglican Church**

Call (902) 863-5089 or email rector3harbours@gmail.com for more information.

Nova Scotia Government

Heating Assistance Rebate Program

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low- and moderate-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates are **\$1,000 for each household**. You can apply until March 31st 2023.

To qualify for the rebate, you need to pay for your own home heating costs and have a household income of \$85,000 or less.

To check eligibility requirements and to apply online, go to:

<https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>

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 "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.