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Sunday 10:00 am

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Sunday 11:30 am

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Jesus Heals a Blind Man



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19th, 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 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 March 18th - 5:00 pm - Jean Collins

Collections for March 11th

Regular \$935 (31); Loose \$15; Social Action \$295 (10); Fuel Fund \$100 (1); Cemetery Fund \$20 (1); Antigonish Food Bank \$60 (1); Cathy's Place Cancer Resources \$200 (3)

Special Collection for Lent

Consistent with our past thoughtful practices, we are initiating a special collection for Lent for those who wish to make a donation to a local charity. This year, Parish Council recommends two organizations in need of funds:

Antigonish Food Bank

Cathy's Place - Cancer Resources

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. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for your convenience. The amount of your donation will be included in your total donations for the year 2023 Income Tax Receipt.

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**.

Please let me know if you would like to receive a copy of the bulletin each week via email.

Prayer Requests

Fr. Tom Stephan has contracted Covid-19, and is recuperating in New Glasgow.

Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. May God grant him a speedy and successful recovery.



Congratulations!



To Collette Murphy (daughter of Laureen and George Murphy) and Ryan MacKinnon, who were married at St. Joseph's Church on Friday March 17th.

Community Events



Sausage and Pancake Breakfast

Antigonish Lions Club, Highland Drive Extension

Sunday, March 26th, 9:00 am - 12 noon

Donations at the door will go to assist Red Cross Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal.

Sausage and Pancake Breakfast

North Shore Firehall (Civic #432 Marsh Road, rte. 337, Cape George, Antigonish Co.)

Sunday, March 26th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fundraiser for a local family in time of need.

Laura Lee Landry-Rudolph has recently been diagnosed with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma also known as mycosis fungoides.

In addition to sausage and pancakes, the buffet style brunch will include tea, coffee, juice and fresh muffins.

Takeouts are available. Phone **902-863-5720**.

COST: Adults \$10, Children \$6 or by donation.

50/50 draw on site. Storm date: April 2nd.

Lenten Reflections

Lent 2023: Care For Our Common Home

Lent comes at a time when the daytime hours are ‘lengthening’, as spring approaches, and so it is a time when we too can ‘lengthen’ spiritually, when we can stretch out and grow in the Spirit.

Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's letter, download our Lenten poster and calendar, and reflect with diocesan hermit Sheila O’Handley, all on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/lent/>

St. Ninian’s Lenten Parish Mission

March 27th - 29th, 2023

Offered by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal:

Fr. Juan Diego Sutherland, CFR

Fr. Roch Mary Greiner, CFR

Father Juan Diego Sutherland and Father Roch Mary Greiner, will be with us at the weekend Masses and the Mission will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. They will also preside at weekday mass on these days.

This Mission is a time for spiritual renewal for each of us, for our parish and for our larger community. It will include prayer, music, quiet reflection and Eucharistic Adoration as well as talks on the Eucharist, Forgiveness and Mercy. Please bring your family, and tell your friends to come and experience this time of renewal.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Journey Through Lent

This video series includes reflections on each Sunday in Lent.

Bishop Brian Dunn will provide reflections in English, and Cardinal Gérard Cyprien Lacroix in French.

<https://cccb.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=60a646aaa3adcf048918aeebd&id=8f9e25b178&e=6224a14c1a>

Development & Peace - Share Lent Campaign

**Create Hope — Stand For the Land — 2023
begins Ash Wednesday and ends on
Solidarity Sunday, March 26th.**

To learn more and support our mission, call us toll free at 1-888-234-8533 or visit our website:

<https://www2.devpo.org/en/civCRM/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=4>

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.