# The Catholic Communities of St. Joseph's St. Patrick's & St. Paul's

# UNITED IN FAITH

# **Parish Priest**

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# St. Joseph's Church

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

# Mass Time:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Parish Council Chairperson: Carl MacDonald: (902) 863-3714 StJosephParishAntigonish@outlook.com

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:

# <u>Sunday 11:30 am</u>

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

# Here I am, Lord. Send me...



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**January 14th**, 2024

# 🙏 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



# Sunday, January 14, 2024

# St. Joseph's Parish

# **Revised Covid -19 Protocols**

**St. Joseph's Parish Council** continues to support the wearing of masks and sanitization of hands.

**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.

# **Collections for January 6th**

Regular \$540 (18); Loose \$15

## **Lector**

Saturday, January 13th - 4:00 pm - Ann MacDonald

# **LECTORS NEEDED**

We need more readers! We just lost two of our best readers (thank you Donnie and Janet for many years of faithful service). If you are willing to read at mass on Saturday evening, please contact me so I can add you to the schedule. Our standards are not high! and if you can't make your scheduled time, there is always someone else ready to step in.

Please help out! There are many blessings to becoming a regular contributor at mass.

Jean Collins at jpcollins@eastlink.ca or call 902-863-2482

# Website

#### **Resources for Prayer and Reflection**

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

Recent addition: Seven Ears of Grain, January 8, 2024

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.

# Our Parish Priest

## Fr. Tom Stephan

In addition to serving at Mass and on our Parish Councils, Fr. Tom organized our Religious Education programs for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates. He is also available for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, to bless your home, to pray for yourself and your loved ones, to hear confessions, to anoint the sick and dying, to visit with those who are isolated and lonely, and to bring communion to those who are unable to attend Mass.

# Fr. Tom can be reached at:

(437) 366-0731 (cell); (902) 783-2631 (glebe); and tomstephan1june@gmail.com

# **Community Events**

## VON Antigonish

The VON is pleased to offer our Frozen Meals on Wheels Program delivered to your door in Antigonish and surrounding areas.

**Our meals are home-style and cost \$6**. Our dedicated team of volunteers deliver each week on Tuesdays with a minimum order of 5 meals. Gift certificates are available.

For more information please call 902-863-2547

#### The People's Place Library, Antigonish

Memory Café Mondays

Beginning Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

#### 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Drop by and join us** for a new program for brain health for persons with Dementia/Alzheimer's, family, caregivers, friends and anyone interested in exercising their brain.

We will have fun games and activities to play together, and light refreshments available. Please ask about transportation assistance.

**This program** is sponsored by a Seniors Connect Grant, and the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors and Long Term Care.

For more information please call the Antigonish Library at 902-863-4276 or email antigonish@parl.ns.ca

#### Hope to see you soon— at the library!



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# **Diocese of Antigonish**

# Peace On Earth and Goodwill Towards All

"As we see Mary taking care of her Child, let us learn to take care of others and ourselves, caring for our physical and mental health, our spiritual life, and also our environment and common home. Let us learn to care for our brothers and sisters in need who call for our attention and compassion."

#### Read Bishop Kirkpatrick's Christmas letter: https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/bishops-christmasmessage-2023/

# **Development and Peace**

#### Thank you for giving from the heart

Your support will help provide legal services to human rights and environmental defenders imprisoned for protesting against land grabbing; communities struggling to protect their ancestral lands and cultures from displacement and extinction; and help with advocacy works to pressure multinational companies to respect human and environmental rights.

To learn more, visit our website where you can donate online or become a D&P Share Year Round monthly donor.

#### https://www.devp.org/en/

If you are passionate about social justice and want to be more involved in your church community, contact Winnie Odo at 902-322-1864 or twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca

**Thank you** for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

## **Contemplative Prayer Group**

A Contemplative Prayer (Meditation) Group meets twice a month on Friday mornings, from 10:00 am to noon at the Bethany Resource Centre.

For more information please contact Carol Beaver at 902-863-7992 or carolann776@gmail.com

## Mass Times at Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Fr. Frank Pellerin offers weekday mass 9:30 am Monday through Friday and 10:00 am Saturday. Weekend mass on Sunday at 10:00 am followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 pm and Holy Hour at 3:00 pm.

Fr. Albert MacPherson offers a healing mass once a month. Next mass: Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Read the full story on our website: https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/new-chapter-for-ourlady-of-grace-monastery

# **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 risk of infection 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

Now airing on **Sunday mornings** on the CTV channel. Recorded Masses can also be viewed anytime 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.

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