

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

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### St. Joseph's Church

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#### Mass Time:

**Saturday 4:00 pm**

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#### Website:

[www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org](http://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:

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### St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

#### Mass Time:

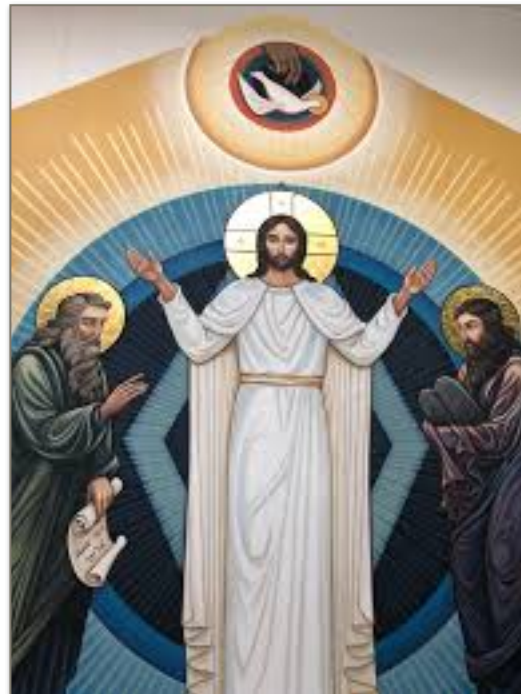
**Sunday 11:30 am**

Parish Council Chairperson:

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## The Transfiguration



## Second Sunday in Lent

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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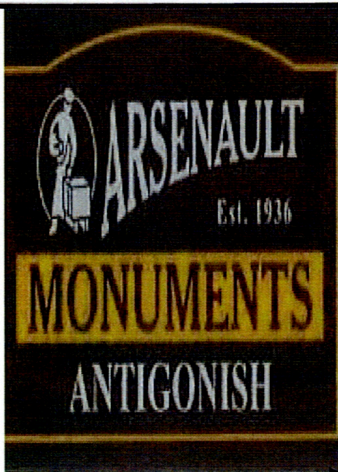
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Contact: Phone—902867-1160

Email: hillsidecemeteryassociation@gmail.com



**St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Center**

*It's a beautiful facility. Excellent for banquets,  
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## 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 February 17<sup>th</sup>

Regular \$865 (31); Loose \$40; Church Maintenance Fund (Ash Wednesday) \$350 (13); Fuel Fund \$50 (3); New Years Offering \$20 (1); Initial Offering \$5 (1); Renovation Fund IMO Ronald MacDonald \$100 (1)

### Lector

**Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm - Robyn MacInnis**

### Parish Council Announcements

**2023 income tax receipts** are available at the back of the church. The "Mac's" are at the table on the left as you enter the main church and all others are on the right.

**Parish Financial Statements** for 2023 are on a table in the entrance. There will be an opportunity, for those who wish, to review the statements after mass, including any questions or concerns parishioners wish to bring forward.

**Repairs to the interior** of the church have begun. Please use caution around the construction area. Some areas will be inaccessible until repairs are completed.

### Lenten Donations

**Parish Council** is recommending that parishioners who wish to do so may make a special Lenten donation to **Development and Peace, the Catholic organization** which supports our missionary activities throughout the world. See Page 4 for details.

### Praying the Rosary Together

**Praying the rosary together** is a comforting and uplifting experience. If you would like us to pray a rosary together after any Saturday mass for someone who is sick or for a special intention, please contact Jean Collins at **902-863-2482** or **jpcollins@eastlink.ca**

## Our Parish Priest

### Fr. Tom Stephan

In addition to serving at Mass and on our Parish Councils, Fr. Tom has organized Religious Education programs for 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**

## LENT

### Journey Through Lent

#### The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

**The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB)** presents "Journey Through Lent" with the Most Rev. **Mark Hagermoen, Bishop of Saskatoon, and the Most Rev. Stephen Hero, Bishop of Prince Albert.**

**Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Lent 2024.**

**On the Second Sunday of Lent, Bishop Hero provides a reflection on the Transfiguration.**

**A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office National de Liturgie, and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis.**

**Watch the reflection video each week, and visit**

**[www.cccb.ca/lent](http://www.cccb.ca/lent)**

**for a new reflection every Monday on the readings for the following Sunday.**

## 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, February 19, 2024; Witness to Hope, Lent 2024; Lenten Message from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick.

**Go to: [www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org)**

## Diocese of Antigonish

### Development & Peace

**Our mission is to build a more just world:** We provide humanitarian aid, as well as supporting local partner organizations that work on four key areas: democracy and citizen participation; ecological justice; justice for women; and peace and reconciliation.

**In Canada,** we work to educate people in parishes, schools and communities on the causes of poverty and injustice; to mobilize a movement of international solidarity; and to advocate for fair and just policies.

<https://www.devp.org/en/>

## Community Events

### St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

#### Big Community Breakfast!

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am - 12 noon

**Breakfast includes** scrambled eggs, sausage & bacon, pancakes, toast & biscuits, hash browns, coffee, tea or juice.

**Cost:** Adults \$12; Under 12 \$6

#### Sausage and Pancake Breakfast

Antigonish Lions Club, Highland Drive Extension

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 12 noon

Donations at the door will go to Imagination Library Antigonish.

### St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

#### Yoga on Wednesday Evenings

Chair Yoga - from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Vinyasa Flow - from 7:15 to 8:15 pm

### Goldenville Museum - Go for the Gold!

#### 50/50 February Raffle

**Sales end:** Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Tickets may be purchased** by visiting our Facebook site or by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs>

## 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/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHd8KJ71w>

#### 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.