

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

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**Mass Time: Sunday 10:00 am**

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**Mass Time: Sunday 11:30 am**

Parish Council Chairperson:

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### Website

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

## Divine Mercy Sunday



## Second Sunday of Easter

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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 Parish

### Revised Covid -19 Protocols

St. Joseph's Parish Council continues to support the wearing of masks and sanitizing of hands. The pandemic may be over, but the health risks of a severe infection are not.

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

Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> & Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>

Regular \$660 (23); Loose \$184; Need of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) \$425 (19); Social Action \$30 (1)

### Volunteers Needed

We need more volunteers to read at mass. Our faithful readers have been doing heroic duty trying to cover all the masses, but they need help. Please consider assisting with this very important and vital church ministry. We will help you get started. No experience necessary!

### Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family and friends of

John Joseph "John J." MacLean

Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time



## 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, April 21, 2025

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

## Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at [jeanpcollins@icloud.com](mailto:jeanpcollins@icloud.com) 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 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:

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## Community Events

### Sausage & Pancake Breakfast

Lions Den, 13 Highland Drive Ext., Antigonish

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - Noon

Donations at the door. Proceeds will go to the Antigonish Challenger Baseball Program.

### St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Centre

Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



## Diocese of Antigonish

### Pope Francis



Pope Francis died on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, at the age of 88 at his residence in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta.

“Today, we mourn the loss of our beloved Pope Francis, a shepherd who dedicated his life to spreading the message of love, compassion, hope, and unity across the globe. His tireless efforts to advocate for the marginalized and his commitment to interfaith dialogue and synodality have left an indelible mark on the world.

Pope Francis was not only a spiritual leader but also a voice for peace and justice. His humility and warm-heartedness inspired millions, and his teachings will continue to resonate in our hearts and communities.

We cannot forget Pope Francis’s visit to Canada in July 2022, which was described as a “pilgrimage of penance” aimed at apologizing for the harm caused by Catholic-run residential schools that sought to assimilate Indigenous children. These schools, operated by the Catholic Church, were part of a broader policy to erase Indigenous cultures and languages. The Pope’s visit included stops in Alberta and Quebec City, where he met with Indigenous leaders and survivors of residential schools.

As we remember his legacy, let us come together in prayer, reflecting on his profound impact on our faith and the world. May we honour his memory by continuing to live out the values he championed—mercy, social justice, and a deep love for our neighbours. In this time of mourning, we also turn our gaze to the future, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide the Church in the days to come. We ask for God’s comfort for all who are grieving during this difficult time, remembering that we are all Pilgrims of Hope journeying together in faith.”

**Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick**

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/remembering-pope-francis/>

## 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.

**I will continue to dispense** from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for people who may not be able to attend for health reasons, as well as for those who care for them.

### 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

**Sundays at 11:30 am on CTV**

Recordings are available for viewing on our [website](#) and 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.