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Mass Time: Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:

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Website

www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

"It is the Lord!"



Third Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025

🙏 **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 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

Saturday April 26th

Regular \$725 (26); Loose \$21; Need of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) \$40 (2); Missals \$6

Bulletin Advertisements

We have recently renewed 5 existing Bulletin Ads. Our Bulletin Ad sheet remains full of paid advertisements. We express our sincere appreciation to our sponsors for their ongoing support.

Revenue received through the sponsors of the Bulletin Ads equals 10% of our total annual revenue. This is significant. Please therefore take the time to review the complete Ad sheet attached to the weekly Bulletin and plan to look for opportunities (including referrals) to support our sponsors.

Thank you. Jerome Grant, Finance Committee Chair

St. Paul's Parish

Lunch after Mass



St. Paul's is hosting a light lunch after Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

Next date: May 4th

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 28, 2025

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

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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and tomstephan1june@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Social Action Committee

St. Joseph's Social Action Committee was formed in 2007. The main purpose of the Committee is to assist those less fortunate people in the Parish community of St. Joseph's. One of the initial reasons for the formation of the Committee was to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Antigonish who were involved in serving both the Town and County. Initially we gathered used furniture (to give) in addition to cash donations. However the storage of furniture was a problem and we discontinued this function and gave our leads for used furniture to St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Joseph's parishioners have been very generous with their support via cash donations and serving as volunteers. Thank you. In 2024 we assisted 11 persons who needed groceries, gasoline for travelling, and nursing supplies.

Many of our committee members have been life time members. Current members of the Committee are Cathy Chisholm, Marion MacNeil, Donnie Stewart, Meagan Kennedy and Jerome Grant. Special thanks to Cathy and Marion who are in the "front line" to deal with requests, many of which are sensitive and even desperate for help.

Going Forward: Poverty issues continue to surface and dictates the need for additional support. Our regular annual collection resulted in 15 donations last year. We would like to see more donations to enhance our level of assistance for the needy. In this regard we have provided a supply of **Special Donation Envelopes** at the back of the church.

Respectively submitted by.... Jerome Grant

Bulletin Submissions

Please send to Jean Collins at 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.

Diocese of Antigonish

Spring Deadline for Bishop Power Foundation

Wednesday May 7th, 2025

The late Bishop William Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world. A family charitable foundation in his name continues to support individuals in Catholic Studies (full or part-time), and non-profit groups who:

- a) empower the poor **and/or**
- b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church **and/or**
- c) aid the missionary activity of the church

Applications are accepted each spring and fall for consideration. The foundation typically distributes up to \$20,000 annually to successful applicants.

Deadline is May 7th for consideration this spring.

To apply or for more information, visit:

www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference

Dalhousie University, Halifax

Friday July 11th - Sunday July 13th

For details: <https://www.halifaxarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

Or contact Sarah Robinson of Saint Peter's Port Hood to register your youth with the Diocese of Antigonish group that will be attending. Phone **902-302-2324** or sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com

Development & Peace

Peasant and rural communities in the Global South are uniting to ensure their rights are respected in the face of challenges such as land grabbing, resource theft and the contamination of soil, water and air by private corporations. Let us ensure that no Canadian company tramples on their rights by calling on Canada to adopt mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence legislation.

To learn more: devp.org/campaign

Visit our website where you can donate online or become a D&P Share Year Round monthly donor.

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

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

Local contact in our diocese: Winnie Odo:

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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.