



# This Month in the Diocese

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“O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; For the wide sky and the blessed sun ...  
... Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty”  
(from Prayer of Thanksgiving by Walter Rauschenbusch)

Wishing each of you a safe and blessed autumn and Thanksgiving.



### 5 Stories of Gratitude

For Deacon Duncan and Wanda McMaster of Inverness: “We are grateful for our health and family gatherings.” **More on Page 2**



### Fall Campaign Launched

Development and Peace annual campaign focuses on recovery from social issues made worse by the pandemic: **See Page 4**



### Dates of Note

Mass for Shut-Ins new season, remembering All Saints and All Souls, Season of Creation draws to a close, and more. **See Page 4**



**Five ways:** our parishioners are feeling gratitude this Thanksgiving

**Rayanne and Brooke Wood,  
St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury**

**Rayanne (left):**

"I am thankful for God, because if He wasn't here, we wouldn't be here!"

**Brooke:**

"I am thankful for God taking care of us and for our safety when God is here."



**Jack Fraser, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Stellarton**

"So grateful that God has listened and answered our prayers to keep our daughter Brittany in remission while safely carrying our precious angel Addison Mae full term and for all the committee and volunteer members of our parish whose tireless efforts keep our church doors open and for the opportunity to have Addison Mae receive the Sacrament of Baptism into our Faith... We are truly grateful for having a kind and merciful God."



**Jolene Chisholm, Tri- Parish  
(Heatherton, Pomquet, St. Andrew's)**

"Growing up in the country with fresh air, sunshine, the four seasons and countless happy memories that bring a smile to my face are things that I am grateful for. I feel blessed that I get to spend time with my family and friends, enjoying the best nature has to offer. From beautiful beaches, wildlife in the backyard, fields of hay and woodland trails, I have much gratitude to be living in an area which has such treasures."

**Irene MacNeil, Emmaus Bookstore, Sydney**

"As we enter the month of October I am grateful for the beautiful colours it brings and for much cooler temperatures. Autumn is my favourite season, the golden sunlight and crisp smell in the air make me so happy. I have been watching the news of late and feel very grateful to be a Canadian and to live in a country that is so diverse and welcoming to all people. During these uncertain times of Covid-19, I am grateful for God's blessing of good health not only for me, but for my husband, son, parents and extended family. This virus has really put things in perspective about what is most important in life. We shouldn't take our days on this planet for granted. Each new day I wake up and get to experience the joy of being with those I love, which makes me feel very grateful indeed."



## Channelling YouTube

Hints for page administrators and parishioners

by Jennifer Hatt, Communications Officer

If your parish has a YouTube channel, you no doubt use it to share videos of prerecorded weekly Mass (YouTube requires a minimum of 1,000 subscribers to enable livestreaming). But YouTube has a few other features that may help with parish engagement. Following are some hints for YouTube administrators, and for parishioners who visit YouTube.

### First, for administrators:

When you log in to your YouTube channel, click on the blue Customize Channel button. From the left column, click **Playlists**

You can create and name playlists to organize your videos by date, theme, or whatever you wish. You can also use this screen to edit existing playlists

Under **Layout**, scroll down to the Featured sections and click Add Section to add rows of Featured Channels or playlists to your page. When finished, be sure to click the blue Publish button before leaving the page.

Under **Branding**, ensure you have a profile picture and a banner image. Using the same images that you use on your Facebook page or website helps people easily identify your page (and saves you from finding another photo or two!). Clicking **Video watermark** will add your profile picture to the bottom of every video you upload while it is being viewed.

Under **Basic Info**, include a description of your parish. Consider editing your Channel name to include your location to help distinguish your channel from other parishes of the same name. Add links to your website, Facebook page, and other social media – these will show up on your banner photo. Contact info is optional, but yet another invitation for people to reach you.

### For parishioners who visit YouTube:

1. Subscribe to parish pages and our diocesan page  
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHDh8KJ71w>
2. Share parish and diocesan pages on your social media
3. Offer recommendations for playlists, featured channels and videos

Thank you to our clergy, staff, volunteers and viewers who continue to keep us connected via video during this time of pandemic.

**Questions about using YouTube? Want to set up a channel?**

Contact Jennifer Hatt, Communications Officer,  
[Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca) or (902) 759-2181.



**Churches Online:** Local parishes with livestreamed or video Masses and prayers

**See Our Website:**

[www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.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.*

**Amen.**



**Have you seen our new Daily Prayers calendar?**

Starting this month (October), the Daily Prayers list includes both clergy and communities in our diocese.

See our website:

[www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com)



**From Development and Peace:**

“The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, your solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so all can live in dignity.”

**A collection for Development and Peace will be held in our parishes on the weekend of November 15: World Day of the Poor.**

We are also invited to support the campaign through awareness and prayer:

*Lord, In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach to us, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: “Wake up, Lord!”. “Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” Lord, you are calling to us, calling us to faith. Which is not so much believing that you exist, but coming to you and trusting in you. You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a time of choosing. It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. In the face of so much suffering, where the authentic development of our peoples is assessed, we experience the priestly prayer of Jesus: “That they may all be one.” Amen. — Extraordinary moment of prayer presided over by Pope Francis Sagrato of St Peter’s Basilica, 27 March 2020*

For details and resources:

<https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/recoveringtogether>  
<https://www.devp.org/fr/campaign/recoveringtogether>

**Dates of Note:**



**Oct 4: St. Francis of Assisi**

End this year’s Season of Creation with this reflection featuring scenes from our diocese. Find it on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/RdYBepD2qOY>



**Oct 18: Mass For Shut-Ins**

begins its 58<sup>th</sup> season on CTV, airing 11:30 am Sundays. Watch later on our YouTube channel and MyParish app

**Also on MyParish: Coronavirus Novena** under the Prayer button. Lovely prayer for the Marian month of October.



**Nov. 1: All Saints Day**

**Nov. 2: All Souls Day**

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
Through the mercy of God,  
Rest in peace, Amen*