

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 5:00 pm

Parish Council Chairperson:

Carl MacDonald: (902) 863-3714

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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:

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youngcarip@gmail.com

St. Paul's Church

8033 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0

Mass Time:

Sunday 11:30 am

Parish Council Chairperson:

Rennie Beaver: (902) 833-2341

aubrey.carol@ns.sympatico.ca

Jesus appears to his disciples



Second Sunday of Easter

April 7th, 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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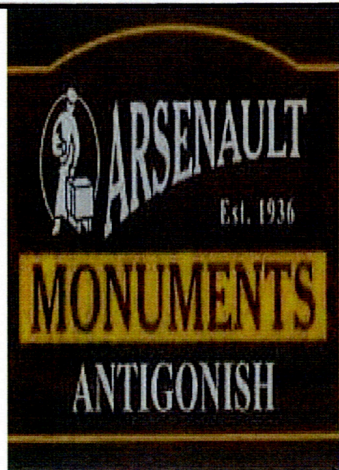
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CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Established in 2018 under the NS Societies Act
For the long-term care of St. Joseph's cemetery
Main sources of funding are Donations & Bequests.
Charity Registration No: 76698 8711 RR0001
Contact: Phone- 902867-1160
Email: hillsidecemeteryassociation@gmail.com



St. Joseph's Lakeside Community Center
It's a beautiful facility. Excellent for banquets, weddings, and conferences.
Phone: (902) 867-2626

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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 March 29th, 30th & 31st

Regular \$1,645 (34); Loose \$218; Church Renovation Fund \$1000 (1); Needs of the Church in the Holy Land \$680 (22)

We sincerely thank all parishioners for their usual generous financial support. THANK YOU!

Lector

Saturday, April 6th - 5:00 pm - Volunteer

PLEASE NOTE

Change in Mass Times for St. Joseph's

We will be adding a **Sunday morning 8:30 am** mass to the schedule for the summer months only, starting on **May 5th and ending on October 27th**.

Saturday 5:00 pm mass will be held as usual.

If the parish priest is away, the substitute priest will be saying mass **only on the Saturday**, so there will be no mass on that Sunday.



Praying the rosary together is a comforting and uplifting experience. If you would like us to pray a rosary 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

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 1, 2024.

Go to: www.saintjosephscatholicchurch.org

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



To all of the wonderful volunteers who assisted with the Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

To Fr. Tom for organizing the services with such care and fine detail. To our sacristans for their dedicated and faithful service. To the many readers, some of whom did double and triple duty this year. To the decorators who make our churches look so beautiful and welcoming. To the music ministers for their wonderful contributions. To the volunteers for foot washing on Holy Thursday. To the church cleaners and all the people who work behind the scenes to make sure our celebrations bring joy and peace to those who attend. To all of the parishioners, families and friends who came out to support us and participate in the services.

We are truly blessed to have you.



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.

Diocese of Antigonish

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation

Deadline: Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

The late Bishop William E. Power recognized the importance of the laity in strengthening Christian faith in today's modern world.

Bishop Power established the foundation in 2001, assisted by the generosity of his family. Annually, the total amount of funding disbursed by the Foundation is \$25,000.

Diocesan, parish and other non-profit groups are invited to apply for funding if their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level.

For Application form, criteria and details: <https://www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca/application-process>



Antigonish Community Living With Grief Group

Monday evenings, April 15th to May 27th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saint Ninian Place

Gladys MacDougall and colleague support individuals who have encountered Grief and or Loss in their lives. They create a welcoming space to gather and feel that you are not alone.

For registration or enquiries: contact:

Gladys MacDougall at 902-870-4884

Email: macdougallgladys@gmail.com

Monique Bond: 902-867-7701

Everybody welcome. No fee to attend.

Community Events

Roots of Hope Traumatic Loss Program

Tuesday evenings, April 16th to June 4th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**East Coast Community Corner, 257 Main Street,
Antigonish**

Bereaved Families of NS in partnership with Roots of Hope invite anyone who has experienced the profound loss of a loved one due to suicide or traumatic death.

The program is guided by compassionate trained facilitators, who provide a safe space to support and help individuals move through the grieving process for a better understanding while supporting their mental health and wellbeing.

Registration is required. For more information, contact us at **902-564-6795**. Email: info@bereavedfamiliesns.ca

Participation is free.

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.