



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Joby
 Augustin

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday.....4pm
 Sunday.....10am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wed, Thurs, Fri.....9am

Online Mass from St. Joseph's:

Sunday.....10am

<https://www.facebook.com/StJparish2020/>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am-2pm

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Berkley
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The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led to reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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Healing Mass May 30, 1:30pm

Our Lady of Grace Monastery with Fr. Albert MacPherson, OSA

Healing Masses on the last Saturday of the month.

940 Monastery Rd, Monastery NS

www.ourladyofgracemonastery.ca

Do you receive our diocesan newsletters?

Seven Ears of Grain is emailed each Monday morning, with news and events from our diocese and parishes, plus news and resources from the Vatican and national offices. Witness of Hope is our seasonal newsletter. To subscribe, visit <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/newsletter/> or email jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Preserving Human Voices and Faces': World Communications Day was May 17

"By simulating human voices and faces, wisdom and knowledge, consciousness and responsibility, empathy and friendship, the systems known as artificial intelligence not only interfere with information ecosystems, but also encroach upon the deepest level of communication, that of human relationships.

"The challenge, therefore, is not technological, but anthropological. Safeguarding faces and voices ultimately means safeguarding ourselves. Embracing the opportunities offered by digital technology and artificial intelligence with courage, determination and discernment does not mean turning a blind eye to critical issues, complexities and risks.

"Do not renounce your ability to think."

Read the Holy Father's letter for the 60th World Communications Day:

[Pope's Message for World Communications Day](#)

Welcome to St. Joseph's!
We're so glad you're here!

This Week's Events in Our Parish:

Monday May 25

Tuesday May 26

Wednesday May 27

9am - Mass

Thursday May 28

9am Mass

Friday May 29

9am Mass

9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

6pm Rosary with the CWL

The CWL will be leading the recital of the Rosary on Friday evenings during the month of May at 6pm.

All parishioners are invited to attend.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Registration on for Years 1-9 - Nancy @ 902-625-1264

Cemetery Spring Cleanup - Sat June 13

from 8-12 Bring any tools or equipment you want to use, some will be available.

Chalice is coming to St. Joseph Parish!

At June 6-7 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more info about Chalice and its mission.

REVENUE

May 16 & 17

Envelopes 2371.95 Loose 251.60 Diocesan Society 200.00

Pope's Pastoral 550.00 Cemetery 190.00

E-transfers (May 16-22): Regular 130.00

Vision 100.00

Average PAD amount per week: 707.50

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-4:30

Tuesday 9-12, administration afternoon

PASTORAL STAFF

Administrative Assistant

Carolena MacKinnon 902-625-1045

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Faith Formation Coordinator - Nancy Day 902-625-1264

Pastoral Council Chair - Cathy MacDonald

Liturgy Committee Chair - Marina Martens

Finance Committee Chair - Kevin MacEachern

Fundraising Committee Chair - Louise Campbell

Property Committee Chair - Sandra Praught

Cemetery Committee Chair - Gelas Boudreau

Catholic Women's League - Grace MacDonald, President

Knights of Columbus - Joe Praught, Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings:

Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom - Tues June 9 @6pm

KOC Meeting - Tues June 9 @ 6:30pm

Lobster Ticket Draw for Father's Day

The Fundraising Committee is selling tickets on 40lbs of lobster for Father's Day. There are sheets at the back of the church for those who can assist us by selling tickets at the Superstore and those who wish to take some books to sell to family and friends. As always we appreciate your support

St. Joseph Parish International Potluck Event

Meet, Greet & Share Our Parish Cultures (including Nova Scotian & Canadian!) Sat. May 23, following 4pm Mass

Sign up Sheet at the back of the Church

Contact Nancy 902-625-1264 or stjoereled@gmail.com

CORAH

We will soon be wrapping up CORAH activities as we head into the summer, but before we do, we invite you to join us for a variety of engaging and enjoyable programs. Take part in Guided Meditation, relax with an Afternoon at the Movies, or stay active with Chair Yoga or Tai Chi at the Creignish Hall. There are also plenty of creative and social opportunities, including Crafternoon and Scrabble Club, Legacy Journal Writing, as well as a Digital Literacy Workshop. Don't miss our ever-popular CORAH Café held every Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-10:30am, where you can enjoy meaningful conversation over a complimentary tea or coffee and a small snack. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone for your continued support over the past few years - it truly means so much to us. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate a wonderful year together.

Strait Area Evergreen Club Breakfast 37 Embree St

Sat May 30 8:30-11:30am Bacon, eggs, pancakes & sausage, toast, tea, coffee, juice \$10 under 10 years \$5 50/50 Draw

Judique KOC Brunch @ Judique Community Center

Sun May 24 10:30-12:30 Adults \$12 Children \$6

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through faith. Please keep Mark Britten, Paul Steele, Joanne MacDonald, Alexander Lamey, Jessica MacDonald, Carolyn Boudreau, Segundina Maqui, Tony Harding, and Matthew Angus Brophy in your prayers this week. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please call the parish office.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptism Preparation/Marriage - Please contact the parish office, for Marriage, one year prior to making arrangements

Pastoral Visits - Communion is brought to sick and shut-ins on the first Friday of the month. If you or a family member would appreciate a visit, contact the Parish Office

WAYS TO DONATE:

ETRANSFERS: (st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca) Please specify the fund in the message portion, otherwise, it's credited to the regular operating fund.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: Call our office to get started

MASS CARDS/MEMORIALS: Please phone the office
Please remember your parish in your will.

