



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## November 12th, 2023

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

†NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023 †

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#### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions  
FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon Nov. 13th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Marguerite Ratchford
Tues. Nov. 14th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Raymond Forrest
Wed. Nov. 15th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
	St. Joseph (Bras D'OR)	6pm		
Thurs. Nov. 16th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
	St. Joseph (Bras D'Or)	6pm		
Fri. Nov. 17th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	
	St. Ann's (Alder Point)	9am		
Sat. Nov. 18th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. Nov. 19th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, November 18th	10 am Mass Sunday, November 19th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ann Sampson, Kim Dooley, Georgie Bonnar	Taralee MacInnis, Bob Jardine, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
READERS	Daniel McKeough	John Ratchford, Helen Gray
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Sheila MacCormick	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	?	?
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Ben Tucker

#### PARISH NEWS

##### Parish Meeting

There will be a Fundraising Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Parish Hall.

##### Pastoral Council

A Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after the 10 am mass downstairs in the Hall.

**Halloween Candy for Faith Formation** Anyone with leftover candy are welcome to bring it to the office or on the Church on the weekend so we can give to the kids during faith formation this fall.

##### Pastoral Visits to the Hospital

The new government regulations for hospitals no longer collect patient faith information. Without this information concerning the "faith identity" of patients in hospital, we will no longer know your there and so our parishioners in the hospital, or their family will need to tell us and ask clergy to visit them.

##### Return of Shoeboxes

A reminder to all parishioners who may have shoeboxes not returned yet, they must be returned by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> so we can get them to their shipping location on time. Thank You.

### **Important Meeting for All who Serve**

Every 5 years all clergy, staff and volunteers are required to have an educational session on Responsible Ministry in the Church, and some in high- risk positions will also require a police check. This meeting is compulsory to educate parishioners in ministry on what misconduct looks like and their duty to report misconduct of minors, but also vulnerable adults. Individuals who serve in various ministries in the Church always have a duty to report:

*The Diocese of Antigonish recognizes that, under the Adult Protection Act, Section 5, all persons have a duty and an obligation to report to the Department of Health, Continuing Care, Adult Protection Services 1-800-225-7225 all information of any real, potential or suspected physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults sixteen years or older.*

“A cleric, religious, paid employee, or volunteer of the Church having any information indicating that a vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected shall give such information immediately to the Department of Health,, Continuing Care, Adult Protection Services 1-800-225-7225 and the local Police Department for investigation. A report shall be compiled and a copy shall be submitted to the Bishops’ delegate.”

**Reporting known or suspected cases of abuse** is mandatory for all people in Nova Scotia. Therefore, staff and volunteers including members of the clergy are required to report.

*“No clergy, diocesan employee or volunteer can absolve themselves from the duty to report by rationalizing they have no “first hand information”, that the information is “hearsay” or that someone else will make the report. Failure to report promptly on such complaint risks exposing the vulnerable adult to harm.”*

We have a duty to report misconduct by a bishop, priest, deacon or lay person. Since clergy and laity work with children, and people of all ages, including vulnerable adults, we need to know the boundaries, expectations and protocols.

The meeting for St Joseph Parish in North Sydney is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 27th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall below the Church. Most will only need to attend the educational session and sign to abide by the protocols and some like the priests will also require a police check. Peace, Fr. Doug

### **Religious Education**

#### **What is set forth by the seventh commandment?**

The seventh commandment requires respect for the universal destination and distribution of goods and the private ownership of them, as well as respect for persons, their property, and the integrity of creation. The commandment also forbids the unjust keeping or taking of the good of one's neighbor, as well as wronging the neighbor in any way in respect to his/hers good's or property. The Church also finds in this Commandment the basis for her social doctrine which involves the correct way of acting in economic, social and political life, the right and the duty of human labor, justice and solidarity among nations, and love for the poor. Further reading: CCC 2401-2402

### **Christmas Fair**

It is that time of year again as we begin preparations for our Christmas Fair. This year the fair will be held on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am until 2 pm in the Church Hall. There will be lots of Christmas crafts, baked goods, fudge and ticket draws. We are hoping this year to have a toy table with toys that are in like new condition. If you have any toys you would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, we are looking for your help with baked goods for our bake table. With so many excellent bakers in the parish, we will have lots of goodies for sale. Thank you in advance for your continuing support with our fundraisers for our parish.

### **Christmas Craft Fair Tickets**

We try to avoid selling tickets in our Church, but some can not make it to the office during the week to purchase tickets due to work. So for your convenience, we will have tickets available at the entrance for the last two weekends of November. The finance committee created hall envelopes that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: St. Joseph Hall on your cheque.

#### **COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! NOV.4TH. & NOV.5TH**

Envelopes		2060.00
Loose Cash		405.00
Fuel		40.00
Candles		40.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Indigenous Fund		5.00
Special Collections		5.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>3330.00</b>
Hall Fund		645.00
Church Improvement		50.00

**Shortfall for the week of Nov.4th& Nov. 5th \$ 516.00**

### **Community**

#### **Seton Community Complex**

Volunteers unveiling the new name for the Seton Community Complex which is home to the Foodbank, Youth & Family Recreation Centre, housing and more. Thank you for all you do for the community.



#### **Sunday Nov. 26, 2-4pm**

Session at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys on the Synod just conducted in Rome.

Dr. Michael Higgins will be the presenter. Dr. Higgins is distinguished scholar in residence at St. Michael’s university in Toronto. He has been president of several catholic universities in North America, and often does Theological commentary for CBC. He attended the Synod as the designated journalist for Paulist Press. Open to all!

### **CWL & KOC**

CWL meeting Monday Nov. 3 at 7 pm in the church hall. Any lady 16 or over can come to our meeting and see what we’re about and what we do for our church and community. Hope to see you there.

### **Quote**

*“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.”*

**Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week**



# Deacons in **ACTION**



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## Community Work with the Northside Gals

By Doreen Lewis



A recent gathering of the Northside Gals, community-minded women working together to make a difference

Hi, my name is Doreen Lewis. I am Deacon David Lewis's wife. While David continues to be very busy with the church and community, I decided to do my own Community work. I became a member of the Northside gals, a women's group that help our community.

I am very proud to be a member. We are a community of women made up of special people who go the extra mile to make things happen. Our primary purpose is to help others in need. We are community-minded women looking to make an impact in our community.

Together we hopefully made a differences in our community by helping with fundraising, a Pre-grading Day party, Back to School party, Halloween party, and Christmas party for kids and parents. We also had six raised garden boxes made for a seniors complex. My most favorite event I was involved in was a Pre-Christmas party for kids. We donated gifts and had tables of the gifts for the kids to pick from. They paid two dollars, and picked out presents for their parents and grandparents which we wrapped for them. If you could see the smiles on their faces, it was priceless.

The Northside Gals continue to do community work of which I am proud.

## Honouring Treaty Day:

Treaty Day in Nova Scotia is celebrated on October 1, the first day of Mi'kmaq History Month. Treaty Day in Nova Scotia reaffirms the Mi'kmaq Friendship Treaty of 1752.



On October 1, Archbishop Brian Dunn of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and Deacon Tom Sylliboy of the Diocese of Antigonish, participated in Treaty Day celebrations. Both the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Diocese of Antigonish are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq.





**Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick and Deacon Art Riley  
in a game of washer toss**



**Deacons Sander Burke and Henry Van de Wiel**



### **Diaconate Community Barbecue 2023**

was hosted this year by Deacon Henry and Minnie Van de Wiel at their home in Antigonish County.

Good weather added to the good time had by all enjoying great food, conversation, and a game or two.



**Spouses enjoying the shade**



## Photo Gallery



Mainland deacons and their spouses gathered at the home of Deacon Art and Theresa Riley for a wonderful dinner, conversation, and laughter.



Deacon Spouses Day of Reflection this year was with Sr. Theresa Parker. The day was inspired by the words of St. Teresa of Avila.



Deacon Duncan McMaster celebrates the joy of grandchildren



The Atlantic Dioceses Diaconate Formation Program is under way as diaconate candidates from the Dioceses/Archdioceses of Antigonish, Halifax-Yarmouth, Saint John, and Grand Falls begin their four-year discernment.

Our dioceses candidates and their formation team meet once a month at St. Joseph Church in Port Hawkesbury.

### **Thought for the Day**

“Dear Deacons, this is a grace you can implore in daily prayer. You can offer the Lord your work, your little inconveniences, your weariness and your hopes in an authentic prayer that brings your life to the Lord and the Lord to your life.”

**(Pope Francis)**