

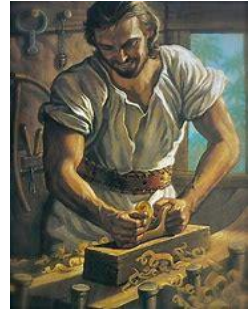


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April 26th, 2026

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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 Pam Hall- Secretary / Faith Formation
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Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at midnight!

OFFICE HOURS:
 TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. April 27th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Jim, Connie & Pat
Tues April 28th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Cordell Brown
Wed. April 29th	Personale Mass		St. Catherine of Siena	
Thurs. April 30th	Personal Mass			
Fri. May 1st	Personal Mass	11am	Funeral Mass	James Dunn
Sat. May 2nd	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. May 3rd	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, May 2nd	10 am Mass Sunday, May 3rd
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Paula LeBlanc, Elaine MacNeil	Viola Smith, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jennifer Roland-Buffett, Jude Rankin	Lynn Hamilton, Ken MacDonald
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Sheila MacCormick, Cathy MacDonald	George Quirk, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RIGGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Parish Finance Meeting

There will be a Finance Meeting on Sunday April 26th at 11am in the Parish Hall.

Access to Holy Cross Cemetery

The chains at the cemetery have been removed. Please use caution while on the premises as there are many limbs and branches down. Cleanup will begin in early May.

Looking for Cups and Saucers

Anyone who may be looking to donate cups and saucers for the Healing Manger High Tea are warmly encouraged to call the parish office and we will come to your house to pick them up. Tea will be served in tea cups at the Manger event on May 2nd.

Catholic Groups using the Parish Hall

A reminder to all Catholic groups using the hall to please ensure it is free with the parish secretary at the parish office. Even if you have spoken to Fr. Doug about your parish event, you must also speak with the parish secretary to ensure it is free. Unfortunately, we are unable to host funeral receptions anymore, however parish organizations such as: Liturgy, Cemetery, Food Program, CWL, KOC, AA etc. must all reserve their hall space with the secretary. *Bulletin deadline is Wednesday at midnight!*

Holy Cross Cemetery – Section Markers

The cemetery is divided into 8 different sections A-H. We are seeking the assistance from any “handy person” who could build / install wooden markers to identify these sections. Material will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office at 902.794.3951.

Annual Diaconate Recognition Day

It is a day to lift our deacons in prayer, to affirm them and to encourage them to continue the three-fold ministry they contribute to the church. Please join us on Sunday, May 3rd, as we give special thanks to Rev. Mr. Roy Smith and his wife Viola for their commitment to St. Joseph Parish.

Recitation of the Rosary

During the month of May, one half hour before all weekend masses, please join us as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother. However, the rosary for Sunday May 10th is cancelled as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion and Mother's Day.

Holy Oils

St. Joseph Holy Oils are available from any member of the CWL or by contacting Debbie Murphy at 902-794-7947.

St. Joseph Parish (North Sydney) Scholarship

Applicants must be a child or grandchild of a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, North Sydney. A letter is due to the parish office by May 15th, 2026. Your name, address and plans for the fall are required.

Healing Manger Farm High Tea

Tickets for the tea luncheon are available at the parish office during office hours: Tuesday to Friday 8:30 am to 2 pm. *Consider purchasing your \$15 ticket now to ensure your seat, as seats are limited.* Tickets not pre-sold will be available at the door. Delicious sandwiches including organic chicken & egg sandwiches, sweets, tea & coffee are all available. *Wear your best hat to win a prize.* Guest musician Rob Murphy will sing 300 days, and lots of fun for Mental Health treatment at the Healing Manger Farm. Anyone struggling can come for free to be healed by the animals, for nature heals.

[Nature Heals
healingmangerfarm.com](http://healingmangerfarm.com)



COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! APRIL 18TH & 19TH

Envelopes		1720.00
Loose Cash		255.00
Fuel		40.00
Candles		45.00
Good Friday		15.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		2825.00
Hall		495.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Ways to Donate:

P.O. Box 338 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M4

E-transfer: Email a donation to the parish email address: stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca **Credit card, or debit card:** Please come into the parish office to complete your donation.

Parish Envelopes: Please see the office or ask us at mass for your own personal box of donation envelopes.

Hall Fund Envelopes: 100% of Donations to the St. Joseph Hall Fund stay in North Sydney and are spent locally. They are available throughout the Church.

Pre-Authorized Debit: Please bring a void cheque and call the office to get started.

Cash Donations: All cash donations given directly at the office get a tax receipt. Loose cash donated at mass is locked in security bags by two screened volunteers and the total amount is posted each week in the bulletin.

Diocesan

APRIL 25/26 IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY

This weekend we observe the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and you are invited to support the Antigonish Diocesan Society in its work to financially support priestly formation by making a contribution. Donations can be made in the special envelope provided in your parish envelopes, or by cheque mailed directly to The Antigonish Diocesan Society, 20 East Main Street, Antigonish, NS, B2G 2E9. An option for electronic contributions will be available later this spring. Donations are tax deductible, and are accepted year-round. Please also consider the ADS when planning your estate.

First Saturday Devotion and Devotion to the Immaculate

Heart of Mary. Mass will be held at Stella Maris Church, Louisburg, on the first Saturday of each month, May 2nd through to October 3rd, in devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Mass is at 9:00 am, Rosary begins half an hour before Mass at 8:30 am. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother asked that faithful Catholics observe five First Saturday Masses. The Blessed Mother explained, "I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour (15 minutes) while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me." Father IK is available to hear confession prior to Mass, or at any of the weekday Masses prior, or upon request. All are welcome.

Community

Hospice Cape Breton

Support Cape Breton Hospice by donating and/or purchasing pre-loved possessions including kitchen ware, jewelry, China art work and much more at the NSCC Waterfront Campus, Building B. Donations: May 7, 8 and 9 from Noon to 4pm. Sale Days: May 15,16 and 17. (For Information call 902-562-0662)

Ceilidh Musical evening, May 8th, 2026 Chalk Dust: On

Friday May 8th, 2026, St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, will be hosting a Ceilidh provided by local band Chalk Dust. Members; Jimmie Campbell, Roy Dawson, Ian MacLeod, and Jennifer MacDonald. The concert will take place from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. This is a free will offering fundraising event with proceeds going to help with church maintenance costs. Come out and join us at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 24 King Street, North Sydney in MacDonald Hall and enjoy a variety of music, share in a time of fellowship and enjoy some light refreshments during the concert. Please mark your calendar and save the date May 8th at 6:30 pm.

Cursillo Weekend

May 21-25, Camp MacLeod, Albert Bridge, Women's Cursillo, June 4-7. For more information contact Karen MacSween 902-317-5425

Cape Breton Chorale Spring Concert

Emma Francis, Conductor, Paula Jane Francis, Organ/Piano

Join the Cape Breton Chorale for an afternoon of music featuring Gabriel Faure's Requiem and Canadian Folk Songs.

When: Sunday, May 3, 2026, 3:00pm Where: St. Andrews Presbyterian, corner of Main St and Queen St, Sydney Mines

Tickets: \$30 general admission. Order by calling 902-270-2591 or buy online at capebretonchorale.com

Quote of the Week

"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be." St. Therese of Lisieux

News Story

https://citizengo.org/en-ca/fr/17855-SENATORS--Reject-C---Defend-Canadians--freedom-of-speech-and-expression-?utm_medium=shared&utm_campaign=EN_CA-2026_04_20-Bill_C9_Senate_Fight-GTO-AA_NA-LO-FR-17855-RT3-YU3SF-350652&utm_source=em&ref=157138206&campaign=EN_CA-2026_04_20-Bill_C9_Senate_Fight-GTO-AA_NA-LO-FR-17855-RT3-YU3SF-350652

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week