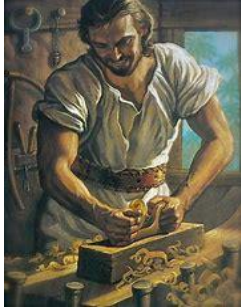




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June 8th, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

JUNE 8TH, 2025 †		
REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<u>Leadership Ministry Team</u> Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Monica Shebib- Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team, Lana Verschuren- Finance	OFFICE HOURS: TUES., WED. THURS, – 9AM– 1 PM TEL: 902 -794-3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. June 9th	St. Joseph Hall	11am	Blessed Virgin Mary	Georgina Muise
Tues. June 10th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Marjorie Toomey
Wed. June 11th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Thurs. June 12th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Barnabas, Apostle	
Fri. June 13th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		St Anthony of Padua
Sat. June 14th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For Sick & Shut-ins of the Parish
Sun. June 15th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, June 14th		10 am Mass Sunday, June 15th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Debbie Reashore, Rebecca Gracie		Bob Jardine, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS	Cheryl Delorey		Iris Young, Helen Gray	
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	
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug		Hunter Hill	
RINGING OF BELLS			Dave Williams	

PARISH NEWS

Visitation to Hospital/Nursing Homes

Relatives or friends of persons in hospital or nursing homes are asked to contact the parish to arrange for spiritual/pastoral care.

Delivering Meals to Neighbors’

Do you know a neighbor or relative or person that could use a meal? Consider coming to St Joseph Hall the 4th Wednesday of each month and picking up meals and bringing to people you know. Each bagged meal includes a healthy well-balanced lunch.

Greeters & Lectors Schedules

Schedules for both ministries are available in the vestry for those who do not have emails.

2 Dozen Lobster Tickets

Tickets for our Father’s Day draw are available at the entrance of the church. Prizes include 1st prize 2dozen lobster with beverage,2nd prize Hotel Package and 3rd prize a 5 course meal. Please help support our parish by purchasing these tickets. We thank you for your continuing support.

Parish Meetings

There will be a Cemetery meeting on Wednesday June 11th in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm.

Pastoral Council

A meeting of Pastoral Council will be held on Sunday June 22nd after the 10am mass downstairs in the hall.

Summer Office Hours and Gratitude

As summer kicks in, our choirs and committees take a break. While we will miss their glorious melodies, and all the work our volunteers do throughout the year, thank you all for your service to God and neighbour. Parish office hours for the summer will be Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer. Peace, Fr. Doug

2025-2026 Sunday Missals

Given the supply issue with missals last year, parishioners are asked to pre-order early for 2026. Sign-up sheets are available at all the entrances. Add your name, phone number along with the number of books you need. Our order will be placed with the Pastoral Centre on June 30th. Monies will be collected later. Please note this will be the only missal order made by the parish.

Holy Cross Cemetery Mass

Mark your calendar! Our annual cemetery mass will be held on Sunday August 3rd at 10am. Details to follow.

Financial Report, St. Joseph Church January 1st-December 31st, 2024

Income: \$270,695.08

Expenditures:

Church	\$40,811.62
Office Administration	\$81,847.84
Household (Glebe)	\$38,028.53
Hall	\$35,094.08
Levy (Social Justice, Baby Food and Lunch Program)	\$19,172.85
Total Expenditures	\$ 252,930.93

Current Account: Reconciliations:

Bank Balance Dec. 31 st , 2024	\$84,390.43
Add outstanding deposits	—
Less outstanding Cheques	\$11,198.50
True Bank Balance Dec 31 st , 2024	\$ 73,191.93
Ledger Balance Dec. 31 st , 2024	\$73,191.93

Levy

The yearly levy is currently being kept up-to- date. We are still in the process of paying down the levy bill from 2018. The balance owing on this levy is \$45,921.52 (April 2025). This levy bill is being paid by Father Doug’s Commitment to his ministry at the University College of Cape Breton. The diocese is paying 35% of our Glebe House expenses and this is applied directly to the levy. We pay 65% of his salary and the Diocese pays the other 35%.

Insurance

Our insurance bill for 2025 is \$25,288.72- we pay \$1000.00 a month by direct payment.

Collections~ Thank You May 31st & June 1st		
Envelopes		1545.00
Loose Cash		340.00
Fuel		20.00
Candles		25.00
Expectant Mothers		25.00
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
Totals		2705.00
Hall Fund		1190.00
Church Improvement		50.00

Ways to Donate

Pre-Authorized Debit: please call the office to get started.

To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>

Diocesan

Men’s Retreat - Father’s Day Weekend

Calling all men: single, married, young & old to a Men’s retreat to help strengthen men in their dignity, their role in society and to grow in integrity. Starts Friday, June 13 at 5 PM and ends Sunday, June 15 with the family joining dad for 11 AM mass followed by a free family barbecue. Our Lady of Grace Monastery 940 Monastery Rd., Monastery Nova Scotia. Cost \$250 all inclusive: 2 nights, 6 meals, snacks & giftsRegister: (902) 623-0075 or by email:

lucillefougere@gmail.com

60th Anniversary Celebration:

Fr. Eugene Morris of Port Hood will be celebrating 60 years of Priesthood on Sunday June 8, 2025. There will be an open reception at St. Peter's Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30pm followed by Holy Mass at 4:30pm, in St. Peter's Church Port Hood (283 Main Street Port Hood). All are welcome.

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

As you know is always open unless there is painting or repairs underway during the month of May.The Gift Shop hours are 10am to 4pm

7 Days per week starting on May 18, Sunday.

Work being done here at the Shrine has been enabled by generous contributions by many of you. Every project we do is a step closer to getting identified projects done in order of priority.

Sincere thanks and we look forward to seeing you this season.

Board & Management, Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

First Saturday Devotion and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Mass will be held at Stella Maris Church, Louisbourg, on the first Saturday of the month of April through to August in devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Mass is at 9:00 am, Rosary begins half an hour before Mass, on June 7th, July 5th, and August 2nd. 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.

Camino Nova Scotia

Since 2014, as part of the educational outreach of the Atlantic School of Theology, Camino Nova Scotia has "made pilgrimage local." Pilgrimage is spiritual travel for transformation. Camino Nova Scotia offers guided group walking pilgrimages in—you guessed it—Nova Scotia!This summer we are offering Caminos along the South Shore of Nova Scotia and on the Western shore of Cape Breton Island, both of which highlight the seaside beauty of our beautiful province. Join us on pilgrimage and discover more about yourself in community, as you also discover the Gaelic, Mi’kmaq, and Acadian histories of the Land under your feet. Visit www.caminonovascotia.ca for more information.

KOC

The regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus will take place next Wednesday June 11th at 7pm in St. Joseph church hall, North Sydney. All members are requested to attend our final meeting for the summer. Pizza, pop and coffee will be provided. Note: Executive meetings will be held throughout July and August.

Quote of the Week

“Whoever is near us and needing us must be our “neighbor”; it does not matter whether he is related to us or not, whether he is morally worthy of our help or not. The love of Christ knows no limits. It never ends; it does not shrink from ugliness and faith. ” St. Theresa Benedicta

Peace be with You and Have a Great Week
