

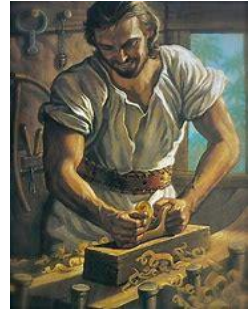


PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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May 3rd, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR
CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY
Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon
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Leadership Ministry Team & Committees
Pam Hall- Secretary / Faith Formation
Cavell Young – Bookkeeping, Pastoral Council
Cathy MacDonald- Liturgy, Cemetery
Monica Shebib-Baptism, / Bereavement/Funeral Team
Lana Verschuren- Finance
Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at midnight!

OFFICE HOURS:
TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM

TEL: 902 -794-3951

ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details
Mon. May 4th	Personal Mass		
Tues May 5th	Personal Mass		
Wed. May 6th	Personal Mass		St. Francois DeLaval
Thurs. May 7th	Personal Mass		
Fri. May 8th	Personal Mass		
Sat. May 9th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	
Sun. May 10th	St. Joseph Church	10 am	For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, May 9th	10 am Mass Sunday, May 10th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Alberta Devoe, Georgie Bonnar	Ina Taylor, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Ellen McNamara, Carolyn Aker	Kay Batherson, Cheryl Delory
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lisa Brown, Cathy MacDonald, Ken Young	Susan & Gary Burton, Joan Skinner
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RIGGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

New Catholics, Post Catechesis luncheon

After Easter we have a period of Mystagogy for new Catholics. A time of reflection for new Catholics that were welcomed into the Church at Easter. All 12 new Catholics and their families are invited to the Bible Study and meal after Sunday mass this weekend, May 3 at 11 am. We will conclude our study of the Book of Proverbs until the fall. We will celebrate with Deacon Roy and Viola, as we appreciate their service in the Parish. Looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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 Graduation Awards

Graduates of Highschool must be a parishioner of St Joseph Parish North Sydney, or a child or grandchild of a parishioner. Applications to the parish office are due Friday, May 15th. Provide a one page resume including: Name, Address, phone and email address and plans in fall. Email or mail your interest in the parish award to:

stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca

St Joseph Parish, PO Box 338

34 Archibald Ave, North Sydney, NS, B2A 3M4

Healing Manger Farm High Tea

Tea Luncheon - Its Time for Tea

<https://luncheon.healingmangerfarm.com/>

May is Mental Health Month

Tickets for a dinner for 5 and afternoon at the farm. \$5 tickets available on line or at the office. Draw is May 30th.

<https://farmday.healingmangerfarm.com/>

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! APRIL 25TH & 26TH

Envelopes		1775.00
Loose Cash		395.00
Fuel		775.00
Candles		40.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3735.00
Hall		1492.00
Church Improvement		70.00

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.

Community

Evening Prayer Service: The Parish of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 24 King St., North Sydney will be hosting an Evening Prayer Service, a Service to remember & pray for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls (Red Dress Day), with The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. This Service will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at 7:00

pm. A meet & greet with Bishop Sandra & a light lunch to follow in MacDonald Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Support Cape Breton Hospice by donating and/or purchasing pre-loved possessions including kitchen ware, jewelry, china, art work and much much more at the NSCC Waterfront Campus, Building B.

Donations: May 7,8, & 9 from Noon to 4:00 Sale Days: May 15, 16 & 17 (For information call 902-562-0662)

Spring Gala



The poster for the Spring Gala features a purple background with musical notes and treble clefs. The text reads: "Spring Gala Three Course Authentic Italian Dinner & Entertainment Saturday May 23rd \$40 Bar opens 5pm Dinner & Music 6 to 9pm Entertainers Angela Iannetti, Anurag Ware, Evan MacDonald, Karmie Steele, Evan Milligan, Ward Glogowski, Tim Glogowski, Roy Dawson Little Bras D'or Pensioners Hall Tickets 902 577 8787 angelaianetti@hotmail.ca"

Party of 6 may have their own table. Vegetarian gluten free lactose intolerant option made available by booking in advance with no additional fee.

Calling for Models

Hair Masters Salon and School, 26 Archibald Avenue, North Sydney

902-577-8787. I have a student who is doing his Provincial in July and requires some models for hair cuts. If you or any of your family or friends is in need of a free hair cut, please call me to make an appointment with Don. Thank You Angela Iannetti

KOC

Father William Kiley Council 5109 will host a Sunday Tea for all widows of deceased members of the council. This event will take place in St. Joseph Church Hall, North Sydney following the 10am mass on May 31st 2026. Sandwiches, sweets and fresh fruit will be served along with coffee, tea or juice. Please pass on this information if you know of any council widows who might be interested in attending this gathering. Any questions please contact Lloyd Brewer at 902-544-0681 or Tom Gaskell at 902- 736-1267.

Go Fund Me

Can you help a young woman with cancer.

mariemacphee2@gmail.com

Quote of the Week

“Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against natural instinct and repay evil with good”

Pope Saint John Paul II

Forgiveness is rarely easy because our natural instinct is to defend ourselves, hold onto the hurt, or seek fairness. Yet we are invited into something higher. Choosing forgiveness is not denying the wound, it is choosing freedom from the bitterness that can quietly take root in our hearts. It is a grace-filled decision that places the situation back into God’s hands, trusting that His justice and mercy are greater than our pain. In this way, forgiveness becomes not weakness, but a quiet strength that reflects the love of Christ in the world.

News Story

<https://healingmangerfarm.com/>

May is Mental Health Month

<https://youarelovedlife.com/>

Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week