

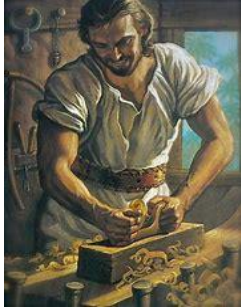


PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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September 20th, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026 †	
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REV. DOUGLAS MACDONALD – PASTOR CHAPLAIN CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon roy.smith@hotmail.ca	<u>Leadership Ministry Team & Committees</u> 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
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				Mass Intentions 
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Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. Sept. 21st	Personal Mass		St. Matthew	
Tues. Sept. 22nd	Personal Mass			
Wed. Sept.23rd	Personal Mass		St. Pius of Pietrelcina	
Thurs. Sept. 24th	Personal Mass			
Fri. Sept.25th	Personal Mass			
Sat. Sept. 26th	St. Joseph Church	4pm	St. Jean De Brebeuf & St. Isaac	
Sun. Sept.27th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, Sept.26th	10 am Mass Sunday, Sept.27th
SACRISTAIN & LIENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil	Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Charlotte Monroe, Jude Rankin	Kay Batherson, Lynn Hamilton
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Theresa Ivey, Ken Young	Susan & Gary Burton
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTÉRIEUR SERVICE (EXTÉRIEUR)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RIGGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

PARISH NEWS

Ice Cream Sundaes for Faith Formation

To start off the new year with Faith Formation, we will be having ice cream sundaes as part of the registration on Sunday September 20th after the 10 am mass downstairs in the Hall. If you are unable to register your child on that date, you can fill out the forms located at the entrance of the church or by calling the office during regular office hours and the forms can be filled out over the phone. Please note that all parents/guardians are required to fill out these forms for all children who will be attending classes.

St. Joseph Fall Fair

Our Fall Fair is fast approaching. The date for this year’s fair is October 3rd from 10am to 2pm. We depend on the generous support of the parishioners to make this event a success. If you have any items you may want to give a new home to, we will gladly take them. Our bake sale is always well received, and we hope parishioners will be willing to help us again this year with your delicious baked goods. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 902-794-3951.

Our Auction site is up and running with lots of great items. You can view the many items by going to your Facebook page and searching St Joseph North Sydney Fall Fair. New things are being added all the time.

Fall Fair Tickets

Starting this weekend, 50/50 tickets and tickets on a hutch will be available at the entrances of the church. This is part of our Fall Fair which is the major fundraiser for our parish. We thank you for your continued support.

Return of Choirs

The Saturday Choir as well as the Sunday Choirs will be returning on Thanksgiving Weekend October 10th and 11th.

Do you have a Room to Rent

A parishioner is looking to rent a room for 7-10 days. If you have a room that you are looking to rent, please call the office and we put you in contact with the parishioner.

Chaplaincy Chili

CBU Chaplaincy is hosting meals for students and I am wondering if any North Sydney parishioners would be open to making a pot of chili for the student gatherings? There are numerous gatherings but you would only be asked once a year. If you are interested, please call the parish office to sign up by Sept. 30th. Sponsors of the meal have the option for Fr Doug to pick up and return your pot, or you are also welcome to join us at CBU and meet the students. Call 902-794-3951 to sign up. Peace, Fr. Doug; CBU Chaplain

Do you have a key to the church?

There is a mandatory meeting for all people who have a key to the church on Sunday 27th at 11 am in the Church vestry.

Blessing of Animals

On Sunday October 4th - Feast day of St Francis of Assisi; Fr Doug will be blessing your animals at 11:15 am after mass in the Church parking lot. Time will be given for people to go home and return with their cat, dog, gold fish, rabbits etc.

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! SEPT. 12TH & 13TH		
Envelopes		1442.00
Loose Cash		305.00
Candles		40.00
Faith Formation		100.00
Church Maintenances		1030.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3667.00
Hall		395.00
Church Improvement		60.00

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

Weekend for Care of Creation Oct. 2-4Our Lady of Grace Monastery

Includes screening of Laudato Si': A Canadian Response; Mass for

Care of Creation celebrated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick; Conversation in the Spirit with Sr Donna Brady; and Engaging Youth, Ecology and Action with Ishara Munazi, youth ambassador, Development and PeaceFor details: <https://antigonishdiocese.com/season-of-creation-3/> Registration by Sept. 24 is appreciated to determine numbers for accommodations and meals

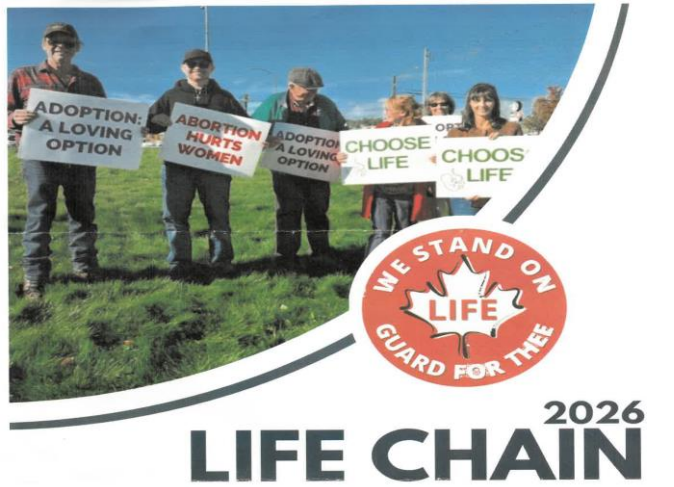
Community

Run/Walk for Menta Health



Life Chain

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration on Sunday, October 4th from 2:00-3:00 pm. Location: sidewalk in front of the Mayflower Mall, 800 Grand Lake Rd., Sydney.



Cape Breton Right to Life Diaper Drive

Cape Breton Right to Life is hosting a diaper drive throughout the month of October. Parishioners are asked to bring donations of diapers and place them in the collection box at the entrance of the church. All donations will be donated to Family Place Resource Centre where they will be distributed to families in need throughout their six offices across Cape Breton.

Newfie Night

The Mothers' Union of St. John's Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney will be sponsoring a Newfie Night on Friday, October 2nd from 7:00-9:00 pm. Music and Mug-up. Cost is \$10.00 at the door. Come and share some fellowship and refreshments.

Peace Be With You and Have A Great Week
