

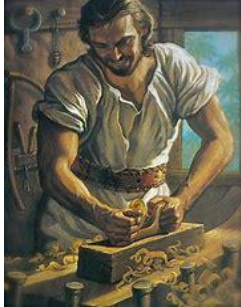


PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

P.O. BOX 338 34 ARCHIBALD AVE. NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. B2A 3M4

E-MAIL: stjoseph2006@ns.alianzinc.ca

Northsydneyparish.com holycrosscemeteryns.com



September 27th, 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

		SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2026 †				
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	
ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK						
Date		Location		Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Sept. 28th		Personal Mass				
Tues. Sept. 29th		Personal Mass			St. Michael, St Gabriel, St. Raphael	
Wed. Sept. 30th		Personal Mass			St. Jerome	
Thurs. Oct. 1st		Personal Mass			St. Therese of the Child Jesus	
Fri. Oct. 2nd		Personal Mass			Holy Guardian Angles	
Sat. Oct. 3rd		St. Joseph Church		4pm		
Sun. Oct.4th		St. Joseph Church		10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries		4 pm Mass Saturday, October 3rd			10 am Mass Sunday, October 4th	
SACRISTAIN & LIENS		Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald			Deacon Roy Smith, Cathy MacDonald	
CHOIR		St. Joseph Choir			Alan Gale	
GREETERS		Ann Sampson, Sally Ryan			Bob Jardine, Pam Hall	
USHERS		Men and Women of the Parish			Men and Women of the Parish	
LECTORS		Paula LeBlanc, Ellen McNamara			Cheryl Delorey, John Ratchford	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS		Parishioners			Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION		Lloyd Brewer, Joe Tobin			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

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.

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.

First Friday Communion Calls

Holy Communion will be brought to the sick and shut ins on Friday October 2nd

Blessing of Animals

On Sunday October 4th- feast day of St. Francis of Assis; 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.

Return of Choirs

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

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

CBRM Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to the 21 st Annual Leadership Prayer Breakfast. This year we are honouring those who serve our community. The theme this year is: Prayer Restores, Heals and Rebuilds.

Come and hear stories of hope from transformed lives: Father Doug MacDonald - Healing Manger Farms: Alana MacLellan - Souls Harbour Rescue Mission.

Musical guest Joe Cook - Local singer/ songwriter Come and be inspired.Tuesday, October 6, 2026.7:30 -9:00 AM

Center 200 Concourse,Tickets available through Eventbrite, QRcode on the poster attached or https://bit.ly/45YUgOs

\$35 per person or table of 10 \$300.Tickets are also available at the parish office for those who would like to attend. Please see Pam the parish secretary for more information.

Seniors Care Grant (\$750) Link:

https://www.novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-healthcare-and-home-heating-costs-seniors-care-grant

EHS - Ambulance Fee Assistance Program For Low Income Residents:

https://novascotia.ca/dhw/ehs/documents/Ambulance-Fee-Assistance-Program-Form.pdf

COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! SEPT. 19TH & 20TH		
Envelopes		1730.00
Loose Cash		480.00
Candles		25.00
Fuel		10.00
Church Maintenances		10.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3005.00
Hall		505.00
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.

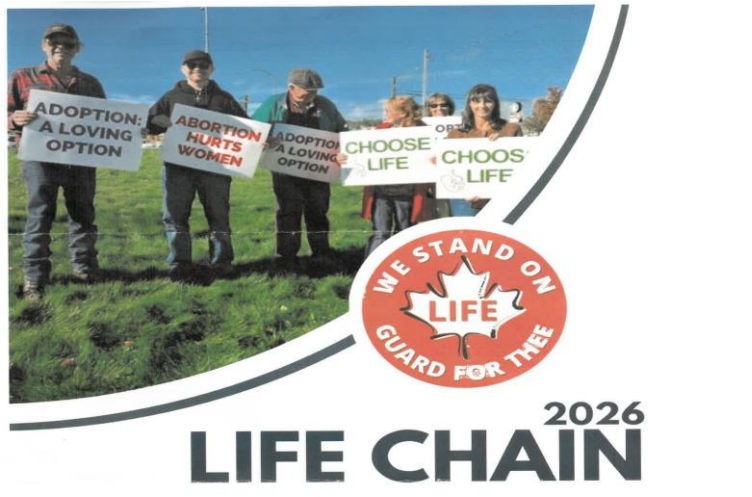
Diocesan
Resurrection Cemetery will be holding a Remembrance Day Service for the 802 veterans interred at our cemetery. If you have a veteran interred at our cemetery and you would like to honour them, we invite you to attend the service which will be held on Saturday November 7, 2026, at 10:00 am at the East Bay Legion Branch 151 - 2317 Kings Road, Howie Center.If you are interested in attending this service, please RSVP to the cemetery office (902-564-6304) by October 30th. A light lunch will follow the service.
Community

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.

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.



Celtic Colours Concert:

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines will be hosting a Celtic Colours on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30 p.m. The name of the concert is “Some Good Craic on the Northside”. It features Lisa MacArthur, Malcom MacNeil, Kolton MacDonell and the Voices of Ireland and promises to be a lot of Craic (fun). The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$45 and can be picked up at Sexton’s Pharmasave or by calling the Celtic Colours Box office. And if you are looking for dinner before the show, check out the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008 in town for a delicious Fish and Chip Dinner. Don’t wait to get your tickets because they are getting low.

Trinity Anglican Open House

On Friday October 16, from 10am -4pm Trinity Anglican church celebrating 185 years will host an open house. There will be items for sale by local crafters and other community members.

Roy Dawson will be providing music from 10:30-11:30 and 1:30-2:30.

The ACW have made plum puddings and they are 18.00 each and will only be sold from 10am till 4pm.Tea coffee and treats available. All are welcome!

