



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Sept. 3, 2023**

Contact Information

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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Leon Livingstone
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Baptisms

By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

Marriages

Please call Parish Office at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm
to 5:45pm & Saturday from
2.30pm to 3.30pm

To book Parish Hall call:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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Bulletin

parishbulletin@hotmail.com
Send notices no later than 12
noon on Wednesdays.
Please note that bulletin notices
may be edited for
brevity or clarity.
Thank you,
Tudi MacEachern

Parish News

Mass Schedule

4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am on Sunday

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Sept. 9 4:00pm	Leon Livingstone	Jon Kommes
Sun. Sept. 10 10:00 am	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Sept. 4	6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris
Tues. Sept. 5	6:00pm (R)	Roddie Dunford by Dunford family
Wed. Sept. 6	6:00pm (R)	Christie & Alexander Rankin by Don MacKinnon
Thur. Sept. 7	6:00pm (R)	Mary Josephine MacLellan by family
Fri. Sept. 8	6:00pm (R)	Fr. Vincent van Zutphen by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen

Message from the Pastor

"If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me". (Mathew.16:24) In the Apocryphal book 'Acts of Peter' there is an account of the encounter between Risen Jesus and St. Peter along the Appian Way. At the time of the great persecution under Nero, the Christians of Rome told Peter to leave. "You're too valuable," they said. "Get out of town! Find your safety! Go to another place and preach the Gospel." Peter hastily hurried out of town as fast as he could. But as he hurried along the Appian Way, away from the City of Rome, he was met by Christ, going toward the city. Peter said to him in Latin, "**Quo Vadis, Domine?**" "Where are you going, Lord?" To which Jesus replied, "**Back to Rome, to be crucified with my people. Where are you going, Peter?**" Peter's eyes filled with tears of remorse, as he turned and walked back to Rome, where, according to tradition, he was crucified head downward, feeling that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as had his Lord. Jesus' question to Peter comes to us also today: "Quo Vadis?" "Where are you going?" Are we going with Christ, or away from Him and from His cross? That is the really important question. It doesn't matter, how far we have traveled. What does matter is the direction in which we are going. Jesus has put forward three requirements for a person to be his true disciple: deny oneself; take up one's cross and follow Jesus. No Christian life without Cross. Christian discipleship is a life with the Crucified Christ.

The Summer is over, and we begin a new school year and also a new year in our parish life. While looking back, we had a blessed year, with abundant blessings from God on individuals, families, and the community. Let us thank the Lord through the intercession of St. Peter, our Patron. Let us remember with thanks all those who offered their time, energy, and wealth for the growth of our parish. When looking forward, we have great expectations: we have to grow more in holiness as an individual and as a community; grow more in our sense as one community; we have to make our parish more active and vibrant; our young people, both children and youth can have more participation in the parish life; we have to have more people as volunteers in the different ministries of the parish. Our Christian Faith was handed down to us through different generations, through our ancestors and today it is our mission to make sure that this process continues without fail through the generations coming after us. St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta has said, "**Do you want to do something beautiful for God? There is a person who needs you. This is your chance**". Let us make our lives '**something beautiful for God**' by giving ourselves to the service of others, to the service of the Church and to the service of our community.

Back to School with Jesus: As the children are getting ready to go back to school this Fall, we are having the **Holy Mass for all the students of our community, at 6.00pm on Monday, September 4, 2023.** It is a great opportunity for our children to begin the new academic year with **Jesus our Lord and Saviour, who is the Greatest Teacher.** Request all the parents and grandparents to encourage children to attend this Holy Mass. All the children will be given some gift. Juice and cookies will be served after the Holy Mass.

Altar Servers: Children having received the First Holy Communion are invited to be Altar Servers. Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage children. Those interested, please call Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040**

Religion Class Registration: The 2023/2024 **Faith Formation Classes** for Grades 1-6 will start on 11th September 2023. Please e-mail sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com to register your child.

House Blessing: Those who would like to have their houses blessed and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus may write down their names and other details on the **sign-up sheet** on the table at the back of the church.

Holy Hour on First Wednesday: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, 6th of September** from **4:45pm to 5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by Holy Mass at **6.00pm** in the Church.

Important Dates and Events to remember (2023-2024)

September : School Mass
October 2-11 : Solemn Celebration of the Rosary
October 9 : Thanksgiving Day
November 1 : All Saints' Day
November 2 : All Souls' Day
November 11 : Remembrance Day
December 25 : Christmas
February 14 : Ash Wednesday
March 24 : Palm Sunday
March 28 : Holy Thursday
March 29 : Good Friday
March 31 : Easter Sunday

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine Mabou: Save the date and plan to attend our Annual Celebration at the Shrine. On Sunday, September 10th a Continuous Rosary will start at 1:00 pm at the Shrine and will continue until 3:30, just in time for Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's Church. Following Mass there will be refreshments at the Mabou Hall Compliments of our CWL. If you have any questions, please call 902-945-2221. In the meantime, the Shrine is always open for visitation year-round and the gift shop is open daily from 10 am until 4 pm.

Plaques: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund

Port Hawkesbury Ceilidhs: Tuesdays @ from 7.30 to 9.00pm at Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, 606 Reeves Street. Admission: \$15.00. For under 16 free. Season Pass \$150. **Sept 5: Ian MacDougall, Mac Morin, Mary Jane Lamond, Annie Hennessey, Joe MacLean**

Adult upgrading classes, essential skills training, and GED exam prep. are being offered throughout Inverness County from September 2023 to June 2024. Basic computer skills instruction can be provided in your community depending on the interest. For more information, please call Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily at the Literacy Office 258-3110, or toll free at 1-877-258-5550. Instruction provided by Inverness County Literacy, sponsored by the Dept. of Labour, Skills, and Immigration, along with the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

"Remember your church in your Will."