



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Sept. 10, 2023**

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Parish Office Hours

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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:

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Bulletin

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Send notices no later than 12  
noon on Wednesdays.

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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. 16 4:00pm	Melanie MacDonald	Janice Campbell
Sun. Sept. 17 10:00 am	Brian MacDonald	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Sept. 11	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Sept. 12	6:00pm (R) Allana Mullaney by Calist & Wilfred Tompkins	
Wed. Sept. 13	6:00pm (R) Bonnie Harper by Omer & Maude Campbell	
Thur. Sept. 14	6:00pm Special Intention by Barbara MacLellan	
Fri. Sept. 15	6:00pm (R) Tommy Batherson by Jenny Batherson	

### Message from the Pastor

**“Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law”** (Rom.13:8) **August 21, 2002**, was a memorable day for those who believe in **Christian LOVE**. It was on that day, Sister Selmy, a nun from the Franciscan Clarist Congregation in India, visited Samandar Singh who was in jail for murdering **Blessed Sister Rani Maria**, her older sister. Her visit to the jail was to pardon Singh on behalf of her family. To Singh, who stood before her with folded hands, shivering and weeping bitterly, Sister Selmy said, **“We have forgiven you. Do not keep anything in your heart. Be good to everyone,”**. Later sister Selmy said, “It is hard to believe but from then on, I received the grace to feel that he was my own brother.” After being released from jail Samandar Singh visited Sr. Rani Maria’s family in Kerala, India where he was welcomed and embraced by her parents as their son. This act of great love from the part of the family led Singh to conversion and now he leads a normal life in his village. See the power of **Christian LOVE!!!**

Jesus teaches that true Christian love or charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist the neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also with correction and counsel for an erring brother or sister who has damaged the community by his or her public sin. If the erring brother or sister refuses a one-on-one loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, “one or two others,” and eventually “the Church.” Jesus mentions the effectiveness of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community. What Jesus wants from us as Christians is that we should all work towards reconciliation rather than punishment. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us that love requires that we should watch out for one another’s souls, and love specifies the way our watchful care of one another should be exercised. Love always seeks the good of the one who is loved. So mutual and self-giving love is to be the motivation which should guide us in all our relationships. As Christians, we are the keepers of our brothers and sisters in the family and in the community and so we have the serious obligation to correct them, guide them and help them to retain their Christian Faith and practice, and lead a holy life, especially through our model Christian lives. In our Faith community, let us act together so that we may help one another in God’s Name, thereby multiplying our resources and ability to do what God calls us to do. Let us come together, stay together, work together in our Lord’s Name, bringing to focus the Presence of God and unleashing the power of the Spirit to transform our lives and the lives of all God’s children.

**Altar Servers:** Children having received the First Holy Communion are invited to be Altar Servers. Parents and grandparents are requested to encourage children. We also look for individuals who are willing to be **Lectors** (Readers). 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 **11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**. Please e-mail [sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

**Parish Council:** There will be a parish council meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm in the parish hall.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm. **Installation of KOC officers** will be held following Sunday Mass, **September 17th, 2023**. All members are encouraged to attend. **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic men's organization based on the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Our many activities and fundraisers are in support of the needs of the Port Hood community and St. Peter's Church. Men of all ages are welcomed to join our council. For more information, please contact any Knight.

**Parish Mission:** Parish Mission is taking place in **Stella Maris Parish Inverness & St. Margaret's Parish Broad Cove** from September 16-20, 2023. Fr. Albert MacPherson will be preaching at the weekend Masses on September 16 & 17. The official opening of the Mission will be with Holy Hour at 6.00 pm on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> in Stella Maris. On Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm Mass & penance service in St. Margaret's; on Tuesday, the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm Mass & healing service in Stella Maris and on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm closing of the Mission in St. Margaret's. Religious articles will be available for sale.

**Chalice is coming to St. Peter's Parish:** At the September 16-17 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

**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.

**St. FX Vicar of the Founder Lecture Series:** After a summer where we have experienced the disastrous effects of climate change-related wildfires and flooding, it is hard not to be anxious about the future. Dr. Hilda Koster will offer a presentation bringing the wisdom of Pope Francis' encyclical **Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home** to the work of reimagining our lives together for a future that is just and sustainable for all. All are welcome to attend. Dr. Koster is the Associate Professor of Ecological Theology at Regis-St. Michael's Faculty of Theology, University of Toronto where she directs the Elliott Allen Institute for Theology and Ecology. Her presentation is part of the St. FX Vicar of the Founder lecture series. For more information: [www.antigonishdiocese.com/hope-in-a-time-of-climate-emergency](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/hope-in-a-time-of-climate-emergency).

**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](mailto:maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com). The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

**The Judique Knights of Columbus** are having a **Brunch** at the **Judique Community Center** on **Sunday, September 10th** from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

**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 12: Troy MacGillivray, Andrea Beaton, Lisa Cameron, Vern MacDougall, Sabra MacGillivray & Ruby MacDonald**

**The winners of the Judique Community Center Lottery** of \$500.00 for the month of August are: August 7<sup>th</sup>: Robert L MacDonald #616, Judique; 14<sup>th</sup>: Allan Downie #527, Judique; 21<sup>st</sup>: Stanley Macleod #507, Judique; 28<sup>th</sup>: Florence Beaton #650, Port Hood.

**"Remember your church in your Will."**