

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. May 25, 4:00 pm	Gabriella Watts	Marlene MacMillan
Sun. May 26, 10:00 am	Angela Avery	Marcella Watts
Weekday Masses (In the Chapel)		
Mon. May 20 6:00pm Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. May 21 6:00pm (R) Donnie MacDonald by Annie Mae/Melanie MacDonald		
Wed. May 22 6:00pm (R) Bobby MacDonald by Chris MacLeod		
Thur. May 23 6:00pm (R) Julie MacDonald by Frank MacDonald		
Fri. May 24 6:00pm (R) Mary Claire MacDonald by Joe Peters		
Sat. May 25 11:00am *Funeral for Angus L. (Shaymaker) MacDonald		



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood May 19, 2024

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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

Message from the Pastor's Desk

In the book of Genesis, we see the people using language to promote a human agenda (Gen 11:3-4). So, God confused tongues into many different languages (Gen 11:7). The result was disunity (Gen 11:6-7). At the Tower of Babel, God scattered the human family across the face of the earth in judgment (Gen 11:9). But on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit used language to announce the mighty works of God (Acts 2:14-41). Thus, the Holy Spirit caused people speaking many different languages to understand one Gospel message (Acts 2:5-11). The result was unity (Acts 2:41). Pentecost was the beginning of the reunification of the human family as God sent men and women to gather into the New Covenant Church of Jesus Christ redeemed people from across the face of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:37-41).

Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Flood and with Moses at Mt. Sinai. Christian Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues. The Paschal Mystery- the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus-culminates in the descend of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church through the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.

What are the roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives? **As an indwelling God**, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). **As a strengthening God**, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. **As a sanctifying God**, He makes us holy through the Sacraments. **As a teaching and guiding God**, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. **As a listening and speaking God**, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. **As a Giver of gifts**, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thus enriching the Church. As we celebrate this Feast let us permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: by constantly remembering His holy presence and living accordingly; by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions; by asking His daily assistance to pray, by listening to God through meditative Bible reading; by talking to Him by personal, family and liturgical prayers; and by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day. Let us pray; **"Lord Send forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth" (Ps. 104).**

Funeral for Angus L. (Shaymaker) MacDonald will be held Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 am.

2024 Graduates: The parish would like to have a Holy Mass for the graduates from our parish on **Sunday, June 9th at 10:00am Mass.** Please contact **Ellen Murphy @ 902-631-0613** if you wish to participate.

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held **Sunday, May 19th, 2024, @ 7:30pm in the Church Hall.** Rosary at 7:00 pm. **KOC Bursary:** Knights of Columbus are once again offering Bursaries to the **2024 graduates.** Applicants must be the members of St. Peter's Parish and planning to attend a recognized Post-secondary education program in the Fall of 2024. Any person applying must complete an application form, which can be found in the back of the church and be returned to our council on or before **June 2nd, 2024.**

CWL: Dues for 2024 is now due. The amount due is \$34.50. It may be sent to Anne MacDougall @ (902-227-5268), 431 Shore Road, Judique, NS B0E 1P0 or you may put it in the church collection in an envelope clearly marked with **member's name** and "**CWL Dues**".

Steubenville Conference: The Diocese of Antigonish has a group of young people going to the Steubenville Conference. The conference is scheduled from **July 5-7, 2024, in St. Mary's University Halifax.** The theme for this year is **ILLUMINATE.** In this present age, it's so easy to get caught in the darkness. We are all looking for a place to be welcomed. A place full of light! This year's conference will be all about finding that light in Christ. Please contact **Michelle Gouthro at 902-919-4453** those who are interested. For a teaser on the conference, visit <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pqKdkLvSmPA>.

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-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.

Ordination to Priesthood: Rev. Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick on **Friday, May 31,** (the Feast of the Visitation) **at 3pm at St. Ninian's Cathedral.** There will be a light reception to follow at St. Ninian Place. All are also invited to his **First Mass at 4pm on Saturday, June 1 at 4:00pm** (vigil for Corpus Christi) at his home parish, **St. Mary's in Mabou.** RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/84gSED3igMoVV99z9>

The Chisholm Bursary Committee are now accepting application for bursaries for the 2024-2025 year. St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Peter's Parish members who are attending post secondary education next year are welcome to apply. Please email chisholmbursary@gmail.com for an application.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Brunch on Sunday, May 19th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30.** Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00

The ICMH Auxiliary will be holding its Spring Fling Tea & Sale on Friday, May 31, 2024, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Inverness Fire Hall. Sale includes bake table, fudge, crafts, plants, 50/50 tickets, raffle items, silent auction, parcel post and new-to-you-jewellery. Tea tickets \$5.00 (take out only). Our area is asked to supply wrapped articles for Parcel Post worth \$2.00 and marked man, woman, or child. A canvasser will call on you for a donation. For further information contact **Alice Landry @ 902-787-2491.**

Support for the Christian Physicians: Please support the **Thirty-three courageous Christian physicians** who have told Nova Scotia's medical regulator that they cannot abide by the policy that forces the physicians to refer patients for euthanasia and other controversial procedures. Pray for the protection of doctors' conscience rights. You may support these physicians by signing letters to decision makers. You may write a letter either online at <http://bit.ly/NSRegulator24> or use the letter available on the table at the back of the church.

The World in Prayer For Priests: The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will take place **on June 7, 2024.** On this day, countries around the world will pray and offer their Holy Rosary in Thanksgiving to God for Priests and to implore the protection and loving care of our Lady, mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. **At midnight on June 7,** the Rosary Relay will begin with groups praying the Holy Rosary in one part of the world and will continue to be passed on to other countries until the entire world is encircled in prayer over a 24-hour period. You may pray individually, as a family, as a parish or prayer group.

"Remember your church in your Will."