

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. July 27, 4:00 pm	Leon Livingstone	Don McIlone
Sun. July 28, 10:00 am	Mary J MacDonald	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses		
Mon. July 22 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. July 23 6:00pm (R)	Judy MacIntyre	
Wed. July 24 6:00pm (R)	Veronica Gillies by Catherine/Donald A MacEachen	
Thur. July 25 6:00pm (R)	Winifred MacDonald by Colin MacDonald	
Fri. July 26 6:00pm (R)	Mae Ann Beaton by Russell Beaton	



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood July 21, 2024

Contact Information

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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

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Send notices no later than 12
noon on Wednesdays.

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brevity or clarity.

Thank you,
Tudi MacEachern

From the Pastor's Desk

"As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things" (Mark 6:34) An incident from the life of St. Mother Teresa shows her love for lonely and unwanted people, the *"sheep without a shepherd,"* who, while materially well-off, are sometimes the poorest of the poor. On one occasion, she visited a well-run nursing home where good food, medical care and other facilities were offered to the elderly. The staff was trained and treated the people in the home well. It seemed an ideal place to spend the last days of a person. There were about forty elderly people in the home. They seemed to have everything they wanted. Yet as she went around, she noticed that none of them smiled unless she touched them and smiled at them first. She also noticed something else. They kept looking towards the door. She asked one of the nurses why this was so. *"They are longing for someone to come to visit them,"* the nurse replied. *"They are always looking and thinking, 'Maybe my son, maybe my daughter, maybe somebody will come and visit me today.' But, except for an occasional visit, birthday gift or a get-well card, this never happens. Otherwise, no one comes. It's the same every day."* "No one comes!" The phrase haunted St. Mother Teresa.

The Gospel passage for this Sunday presents Jesus as the good shepherd fulfilling God's promise given through His prophet Jeremiah. Here we see Jesus attending the weary apostles, who have just returned, jubilant, from their first preaching mission, while at the same time expressing concern for the people who, like *"sheep without a shepherd,"* followed Jesus to the wilderness. Jesus knew that "Sheep without a shepherd" will perish because they cannot find their way and will probably end up being attacked by wolves or other animals; they cannot find pasture, water, and food for themselves; and they have no defense against the dangers which threaten them. The Gospel passage affirms Jesus' extraordinary availability and his compassion for the needy. It teaches that the mission of the Church should be based on the Gospel of compassion we seek to live and share, from the authority of our commitment to forgiveness and reconciliation; and that leadership, inspired by the wisdom of God, means not dictating and ruling over others but inspiring, providing for and selflessly caring for those whom we are called to lead. It challenges us Christians to be ready to sacrifice our time and gifts in the service of the Gospel following the example of Jesus Christ, the **True Shepherd**.

Cemetery Mass: Holy Mass will be celebrated in the old cemetery on **Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 6:30pm** (weather permitting). Some chairs will be set up, but those who wish may bring their own.

KOC Meeting: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 21, 2024 @ 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

The Family of Judy (Morris) Young and Anna Morris would like to invite everyone to a Memorial Mass on **August 5 @11:00am** at St. Peter's Church Port Hood.

Burial of Ashes: The burial of Winifred MacDonald's ashes will be on Friday, July 26 at 1pm in St. Peter's Cemetery. Fr. Sunny will oversee the burial of ashes.

Funeral/Memorial Masses:

Monday, July 29, at 11:00am for **Allan Andrew MacDonald**

Wednesday, July 31, at 11:00am for **Carolee (Gillis) MacNeil**

The families will be present at the church from 10:00am to the time of the funeral.

Finance Council: As per the Canon Law of the Catholic Church (**Can. 537**) it is mandatory that every parish has a Finance Council. It says: **“In each parish there is to be a finance council which is governed, in addition to universal law, by norms issued by the diocesan bishop and in which the Christian faithful, selected according to these same norms, are to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, without prejudice to the prescript of can. 532.”** Parish Finance Council assists the pastor in the administration of parish temporal matters. An active, well-formed Parish Finance Council is a key element for promoting the financial health of a parish, assuring accountability and assisting the pastor with his temporal responsibilities. So, our parish would like to form a **Finance Council** and invites volunteers to serve in the Finance Council. Those willing to be a member or wishes to suggest the name of someone else, may contact Fr. Sunny in person or call **@902-787-3317 or 902-302-6838.**

SUMMER CAMP: Summer Camp for children of ages 5-13, organized by the Religious Education Ministry of our Parish will continue on **July 22 and 29 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.** Come to the camp to have a new experience through DRAMA, MUSIC & ART. **Theatre Play:** A short theatre play, **The Queen’s Greatest Gift**, will be performed by the children attending the Summer Camp on **July 30, 2024, at 7.30 pm** (after the cemetery Mass) in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Come and encourage our children!!! **The second session** of the Summer Camp to be held on the **4 Mondays of August** beginning on **August 4** and continuing on **11, 18 and 25.** To register for the camp and for more information contact: **Sheila MacIsaac: 902-631-2512 or Maria Jardine: 902-483-5234.**

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday, July 28, 2024: Pope Francis inaugurated this World Day to be celebrated by the universal Church each July, either on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus to help “treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.” This year’s theme chosen by the Pope is **“Do not cast me off in my old age”** (cf. Psalm 71:9) which is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture. By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that—as Scripture states—“It is not good for man to be alone” (Gen 2:18).

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.

The fourth ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh series will be Thursday, July 25th at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be Kinnon & Betty Beaton and Mary Janet MacDonald. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

Chestico Museum Twilight Tales Walking Tours led by John & Cathy Gillies are available again this summer. The Monday tour includes St. Peter’s Parish cemeteries and is offered at 8 PM on July 22, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12. The Wednesday tour meets at the Union Protestant Cemetery at 7 PM and is offered July 24, Aug. 7 and Aug. 14. Please contact the museum (902-787-2244) to reserve your spot!

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a **Brunch on Sunday, July 21st from 10:30 to 12:30**, at the **Judique Community Center.** Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHURCH
(9.00AM TO 3.00PM)**

“Remember your church in your Will.”