

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

| Date | Readers | Eucharistic Ministers |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Sat. June 1, 4:00 pm | Jack Redden | Janice Campbell |
| Sun. June 2, 10:00 am | John Gillies | Catherine Trenholm |
| Weekday Masses | | |
| Mon. May 27 6:00pm (R) | Teresa van Zutphen by family | |
| Tues. May 28 6:00pm (R) | Jan Heukshorst by family and friends | |
| Wed. May 29 6:00pm (R) | Gerard MacEachern by Cathy Hawley | |
| Thur. May 30 6:00pm | Protection of unborn & sanctity of human life by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen | |
| Fri. May 31 9:00am (R) | Jennifer Cameron by Rebecca MacDonald | |
| Sat. June 1 11:00am | In reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary | |

Holy Mass on Friday, May 31st will be at 9.00 am.



St. Peter's Parish Port Hood May 26, 2024

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Jack Redden
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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

Message from the Pastor's Desk

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Mathew. 28: 19) Christian belief that God is a "trinity" of persons is one of the basic mysteries of faith, which we can only understand in and through faith, in and through our contact with God. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches the Mystery of The Holy Trinity in the following words: **"There is one God, who has three Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God"** (CCC #234, #253-256). We have Father Who is the Creator, Son, the Redeemer and Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, and the Counselor. Even though our intellect cannot grasp this mystery, we believe in it because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Apostles experienced it and through the Church we share that experience. The Trinity is always described as a great mystery of Christian faith but that's not because it's impossible to explain. The Bible doesn't explain God's nature in modern scientific language. What the Bible gives is a description of the experiences, first of all of the Chosen People, the Israel and then of the disciples and the early followers of Christ, as they gradually learned more and more about who God is and what He is actually like.

Even though the word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible, the doctrine of the Trinity underlies all the major events of the salvation history...the Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension, and Pentecost. When we were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Triune God came down on us to stay within us. Thus, we were transformed as the children of God, the dwelling places of the Triune God and thus we have become the dwelling places of the Trinity. We should have the conviction of this presence of the Holy Trinity within us which should help us to esteem ourselves as God's holy dwelling places, to behave well in His holy presence, and to lead purer and holier lives, practicing acts of justice and charity. This Triune Presence should also encourage us to respect and honor others as "Temples of the Holy Spirit." This awareness and conviction of the presence of God within us, gives us the strength to face the manifold problems of life with Christian courage. This conviction should lead us to a life in the model of the Holy Trinity. The love, unity, and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families and communities. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others. We have to become more like the Triune God in all our relationships. May the Holy Trinity...God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit...strengthens us to live a true Christian life.

Ordination to Priesthood: Please pray for **Rev. Deacon David Rankin** who is being ordained to ministerial priesthood on **Friday, May 31**, (the Feast of the Visitation) at **3pm at St. Ninian's Cathedral**. Rev. Deacon David Rankin warmly invites all to his ordination and to the light reception at St. Ninian Place. All are also invited to his **First Mass at 4pm on Saturday, June 1 at 4:00pm** at his home parish, **St. Mary's in Mabou**. RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/84gSED3igMoVV99z9>

First Saturday: Holy Hour and Benediction in honour of **Bl. V. Mary** on **Saturday, 1st of June at 10.00am** followed by **Holy Mass at 11.00am**.

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.

Priests' Retreat: Prayers are requested for the priests of our Diocese who are making their annual retreat from **2nd to 7th of June** (Sunday to Friday). Fr. Sunny will be away that week to attend the retreat.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: As the renovation of the chapel is underway, the daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will in the church beginning from **Wednesday June 5, 2024**. The Eucharistic adoration is from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday; on Saturday from 9.00am to 1.00pm and on Sunday from 11.00am to 3.00pm. if anyone would like to sign up for a special hour of adoration, may call Cathy MacDonald @ 902-787-2627. **"The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love."** (Pope St. John Paul II)

The Annual Cemetery Workday sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Cemetery Committee is on **Saturday, June 8th, beginning at 9 AM** and ending by noon. Bring a rake and a shovel; also bring a friend. In preparation for clean-up activities family members are asked to remove old floral wreaths and Remembrance Day wreaths from grave sites. We thank the families of deceased parishioners for their assistance in the maintenance and care of our parish cemeteries. We ask that no articles be placed on graves which might interfere with the mowing of the cemeteries. Only flowers or objects which can be directly attached to the headstone are permitted as well as solar lights placed directly beside the tombstone. Thank you for your support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 2nd, 2024, at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall**. Rosary at 7:00 pm. All members are requested to attend as this is an important meeting to discuss our activities for 2024 – 2025.

Family of the Year-2024: St. Peter's KOC council is pleased to recognize as family of the year for 2024 **Ron and Joanne Schmidt and their family**. Ron is a very active member of KOC and St. Peter's parish. The family operate "The Galloping Cow" business.

Knight of the Year -2024: St. Peter's KOC council is pleased to recognize **Jack MacDonnell** as our 'Knight of the Year'. Jack has been a very willing and dedicated Knight and very worthy of this honor. Jack and his wife, Lorraine, are faithful parishioners of St. Peter's parish. Thanks Jack.

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**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: 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"**.

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.

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.

Sunset Funeral Co-op is hosting a presentation about the services they offer. This presentation will be held at the parish hall on the lower level at 7pm Sunday, May 26.

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=pgKdkLvSmPA>.

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.

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.

Dr. Dòmhnall Uilleam Stiùbhart, a professor from the University of Highlands and Islands on the Isle of Skye, will give a talk at the **Chestico Museum on Friday, June 7th at 7 PM**. The subject will be Scottish folklorist Alexander Carmichael, charms, blessings, and prayers. Dr. Stiùbhart will weave in some thoughts about folk belief and customs with an eye to how Nova Scotian perspectives might differ from those of the Scottish Highlands. Tea will be served. Admission is free. Donations gratefully accepted.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)

"Remember your church in your Will."

Welcome!!!

**St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to
all the visitors to Port Hood!!!**