

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

## 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Feb. 9, 2025**

Contact Information

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from  
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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.

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. Feb. 15 4:00pm	Melanie MacDonald	Janet van Zutphen
Sun. Feb. 16 10:00am	Coline MacEachern	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Feb. 10 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Feb. 11 6:00pm	Special Intention by Anita Dwyer	
Wed. Feb. 12 6:00pm	(R) Steve Whelan by Eileen & Hugh J. Beaton	
Thur. Feb. 13 6:00pm	(R) Neil Moran by Betty & Edgar Cormier	
Fri. Feb. 14 6:00pm	Deceased members of CWL by CWL	

**Parish Council:** There will be the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on **Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm** in the Glebe.

**Thank You:** The Parish Council and Fr. Sunny wish to thank all those who participated in the birthday celebration of Fr. Eugene- to those who prepared the wonderful lunch, to the musicians, and to all those who came to extend greetings and prayers to Fr. Eugene.

**Holy Mass for Children:** As part of the Religious Education Program Holy Mass will be celebrated for children and their parents on **Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 4.30pm** in the Church. Two children are baptized during the Holy Mass.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 16, 2024, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with **Rosary at 7:00 pm**.

**World Day of the Sick:** Tuesday **February 11** (The Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) is the **World Day of the Sick**, which highlights the healing ministry of the Church. Let us recognize and remember with thanks the great efforts of doctors, nurses, other health care professionals and workers, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and diseases. **The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those who wish to be anointed, after the 6.00pm Holy Mass.**

**First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** Invite the parents of those children who would like to make their **First Reconciliation** (in the spring before Easter) and receive the **First Holy Communion** (May) and the **Confirmation** (November 9) this year to contact the coordinator for Religious Education **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512**.

**Thank you, thank you, thank you!** A very special thank you to all who helped make my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so special. Thank you to Fr. Sunny, St. Peter's Council, the members of the Catholic Women's League and to all who bought and prepared the delicious food. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. The entertainment was super, especially the Boys from the Hood, who truly outdid themselves. Again, thank you to everyone who came and made it a lovely enjoyable evening. (*Father Morris*)

**Building Fund:** Request whole-hearted support from the parishioners to raise money for the **Building Fund** with your generous donations, especially to pay off the cost of the brick work done at the back wall of the church building and for the future maintenance works. Tax receipts will be issued to all donations. **Envelopes are available at the back of the church.** Donations can also be dropped in the collection box at the back of the church

### **Message on Jubilee Year 2025**

Seeing groups of believers making pilgrimage on foot to Rome to pray at the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul and impressed by their faith it was Pope Boniface VIII who declared the year 1300 a Jubilee “a year of forgiveness for all sins”. Since then, the Church has designated certain years as Jubilees and in recent times they have been commemorated every 25 years as a Jubilee year. This year, 2025 Pope Francis has declared as the Jubilee Year with the theme **Pilgrims of Hope**. Even though most of us won't be able to travel to Rome or Holy Land on a pilgrimage, Pope Francis wants everyone to participate in this year's Jubilee and receive the graces that the Lord wants to shower on His people. Pope Francis in his Bull of Indiction called *Spes non confundit* or 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' has said; “For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.” So that we can become signs of hope to others, the Pope has called for us to carve out “moments of greater intensity” during this holy year in which we take extra steps to make acts of faith or perform additional acts of service.

#### **Some ways to enter the spirit of the Jubilee Year.**

**Make a pilgrimage:** Pope Francis says, “Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life”. While Rome remains the center of activity in the Jubilee Year, we can be part of the jubilee activities and celebrations conducted by our local church...our Diocese. The Diocese of Antigonish is planning a diocesan project involving all the parishes and missions in the Diocese, to promote pilgrimages to churches throughout our diocese. This project would develop a 'Pilgrim's Way' of parishes and churches in our diocese, highlighting the Feast Day of various namesake churches and diocesan shrines and encouraging pilgrims to visit churches in all areas of our diocese. The Pilgrim's Way would be launched during Lent and continue until Jubilee Year closes on December 28, 2025. A pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year offers plenary indulgences to pilgrims who take part in one of the following sacred celebrations: Holy Mass; a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours; the Way of the Cross; the Marian Rosary and a penitential celebration with individual confession. **Forgive Your Debtors:** Forgiveness of debts is an important part of Jubilee Year. We are called to forgive the debt incurred against us when other people have hurt or offended us. Jubilee Year is also an opportunity to seek forgiveness from the Lord by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our parishes will provide more opportunities for Confession. **Do Penance:** During this Jubilee Year the Church invites us to “put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance, which is in a sense the soul of the Jubilee.” We are supposed to give importance to the penitential nature of Fridays, not only by abstaining from meat, but also by fasting from futile distractions such as social media or television. Also, we could donate to a charity as an act of penance. We must see the acts of penance as the way to grow in holiness. **Become a Sign of Hope:** Pope Francis calls us who have placed hope in the Lord, to bring that hope to people around us especially to people who are in need...to those who are sick, poor, elderly and to the young people. Doing visits to a sick or elderly person who is confined to home will be a sign of giving hope. Let us participate in the Jubilee Year programs and be renewed as true Christian disciples.

*(Summarized from an article in the January issue of The Word Among Us)*

**Healing Mass:** On **Saturday, February 22, at 1:30pm** a Healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Albert MacPherson at Our Lady of Grace Monastery.

**For Rent:** Looking for a house/apartment/basement (in Port Hood/Mabou/ Judique) for long term rent from **May 1, 2025**. If any available, please call **Jinoy at 778-876-7818** or Fr. Sunny at **902-787-3317**.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje March 13th to 26th, 2025:** Join Fr. Andrew Gillies and group leader Rhonda-Lynn Clarke on a 12-night spiritual journey to Medjugorje. Pilgrimage package includes departure from and return to Halifax International Airport, ground travel to and from airports in Europe and accommodations with breakfast and dinner each day. \$3485.55. Call Rhonda-Lynn for more information at 902-448-3660.

**The January winners of the Judique Community Center Draw** for \$500.00 are: January 6<sup>th</sup>, Terri Ferris, # 525, Judique; 13<sup>th</sup> Bonnie MacDonald (Cyrils) #619, Inverness; 20<sup>th</sup>, Cecelia MacEachern, #510, Ontario; 27<sup>th</sup>, Randy MacDonald #630, Judique.

**The Judique Knights of Columbus** are having a **Brunch** on **February 9th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00

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

**“Remember your church in your Will”**