

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



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

Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Pastor
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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Website

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Pastoral Council Chairperson

Leon Livingstone
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KOC Grand Knight

Ron Schmidt
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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

Parish News

Mass Schedule

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

Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar. 15 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Donna MacDonald
Sun. Feb. 16 10:00am	Angela Avery	Janice Campbell
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Mar. 10 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Mar. 11 6:00pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Wed. Mar. 12 6:00pm (R)	Hugh Watts by Sarah Robinson & family	
Thur. Mar. 13 6:00pm (R)	Donald, John, Francis MacDonald by Annie Mae & Melanie	
Fri. Mar. 15 6:30pm	Deceased members of CWL by CWL	

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a parish pastoral council meeting on **Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00pm** in the glebe.

Stations of the Cross: In the Season of Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross** on every Friday at 6.30pm followed by **Holy Mass** in the Church.

Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday: We are looking for **12 volunteers** to be part of the Holy Thursday service of washing of the feet this year. Those willing to be **one of the twelve**, may call Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040** or write down their names and contact details on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Holy Communion for the sick. The parish is making plans for those who are sick and unable to come to church, to bring the Holy Communion to their homes during Lent. Those who would like, may call Fr. Sunny @ **902-787-3317** or Linda Beaton @ **902-787-3040**.

CWL: On **Wednesday March 12**, there will be Holy Hour in the Chapel at **2:00pm** lead by the CWL. Prayers for Pope Francis, all who are sick and for World Peace. All are welcome to attend.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with **Rosary at 7:00 pm**.

First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion: The **First Reconciliation** is on **Saturday March 29 at 9.0am** and the **First Holy Communion** is **Sunday May 11 at 10.00am**. For more details contact **Sheila MacIsaac at 902-631-2512**.

Lawn Caretaker: Expressions of interest are being sought for a person to provide lawn mowing services for St. Peter's parish properties. The work covers the period from May through September. The properties to be maintained are the two parish cemeteries and the lawns around the parish glebe, the church and the hall. For further information contact **Charlie MacDonald**, Finance Committee chair or **John Gillies** or **Hughie John Beaton**, Cemetery Committee members.

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.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph: On **Wednesday, 19th March** we celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, patron of the Universal Church and the principal Patron of Canada with **Holy Hour from 4.45 to 5.45** followed by **Holy Mass at 6.00 pm** in the chapel. The Novena to St. Joseph begins on **March 10th**.

Message from the Bishop for Lent 2025

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter this sacred Season of Lent, a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal, despite the issues in the world around us, we are filled with much gratitude for the many blessings our Diocese has received and the rich history that shapes our faith journey together. This year, we embark on our Lenten pilgrimage mindful of significant anniversaries that remind us of our spiritual heritage and call us to move deeper into the heart of Christ.

As we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025 with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," we are invited to journey together to be synodal on the Pilgrim's Way towards justice and renewal. We are called to walk alongside others and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Our diocesan Pilgrim's Way invites us to be pilgrims visiting our parishes and shrines, participating in celebrations honouring our namesake saints, cultures, and traditions woven into the rich tapestry of our diocese. Like the faithful who have journeyed before us, may we seek the light of Christ amidst our trials, becoming beacons of hope for others in our communities. This journey is not solely a personal endeavour; it invites us to walk together, sharing our joys and burdens and extending Christ's love to all.

This Jubilee Year marks several important anniversaries that invite us to deepen our understanding of our faith and its impact:

1. Seventeen Hundred Years since the **Council of Nicaea in 325**: This pivotal moment in Church history established the foundation of our Christian doctrine and the Nicene Creed, the first attempt to create a common agreement on prayer and liturgy for the Christian Church.
2. Eight Hundred Years since the Canticle of the Creatures by St. Francis of Assisi: Saint Francis invites us to see God's handiwork in all creation. During this Lent, let us renew our commitment to care for the planet, our common home, as we respond to the call of *Laudato Si'*.
3. Ten Years since ***Laudato Si'*** by Pope Francis: This encyclical offers a profound call to action regarding our responsibility towards creation and our brothers and sisters. As stewards of God's creation, let us promote sustainable practices and support initiatives that address environmental challenges.
4. One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Martha in our Diocese: We are blessed by the selfless service of the Sisters of St. Martha. Their dedication to the community exemplifies Christ's call to serve. They have been pillars of faith in education and healthcare in our diocese and beyond. This Lent, let us remember the importance of community service and outreach and be inspired by their commitment.
5. Two Hundred Anniversary of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in our Diocese: The Monastery is devoted to wisdom and service in caring for souls and our common home. It is a tranquil, peaceful, and hallowed place.

As we embrace these significant anniversaries, I encourage you all to engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. By opening our hearts to the needs of others and turning outward in love, we can indeed become pilgrims of hope. Share your blessings with those in need, and let your actions reflect the love of Christ to others. Let us also make time for communal activities, such as prayer services, study groups, and shared reflections on these themes. Through our shared experiences, we will grow in faith and become stronger witnesses of hope. May this Lent be a transformative time for us and our entire Diocese. As we journey together toward Easter, let us carry the spirit of hope and the teachings of our cherished faith traditions.

Please continue to pray for Pope Francis. May the Lord, through our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth.

With prayers for a blessed and fruitful Lent,

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick (Bishop of Antigonish)

Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference: Inviting high schoolers into a life changing encounter with Christ from **July 11-13, 2025, at Dalhousie University**. To register your youth with the Diocese of Antigonish group that will be attending, call **Sarah Robinson** of St. Peter's Port Hood at **902-302-2324** or email to sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com. For more details: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch at the Judique Community Center on Sunday March 16th, from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$12.00. Children \$6.00.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9AM TO 3PM & SUNDAY 11AM TO 5 PM)

"Remember your church in your Will"