

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

**'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'**



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood**

**March 16, 2025**

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Parish Office

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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. Mar. 22 4:00pm	Melanie MacDonald	Ann MacDougall
Sun. Mar. 23 10:00am	John Gillies	Judy Leadbetter
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Mar. 17 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Mar. 18 6:00pm (R)	Teresa Giancola by Roberta MacEwan	
Wed. Mar. 19 6:00pm	In honor of St. Joseph	
Thur. Mar. 20 11:00am	Funeral Mass for Terry Wilson	
Fri. Mar. 21 6:30pm	For culture of life & protection of unborn by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	

**Funeral:** The funeral Mass for **Terry Wilson**, brother of Colleen MacLeod, will be celebrated on **Thursday, March 20 at 11am**. The family will be at the church from 10:00am until 10:45am to meet with family and friends.

**Thank You:** Thank you to the family of **Catherine (MacKinnon) Smith** for having designated St. Peter's Parish, where Catherine was born, as a recipient of donations after her death (as per her wishes). She stayed very loyal to the parish and enjoyed watching masses and special occasions online whenever possible.

**Stations of the Cross:** During 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.

**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**.

**KOC-Hot Roast Beef Dinner:** KOC meal (hot roast beef dinner with pies) is scheduled for **Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30pm**. Please plan to support our charities.

**CWL:** CWL is collecting the 2025 CWL Dues. Once again, this year the Annual fee is \$34.50. Money can be placed in a sealed envelope, marked CWL Dues and added to the weekly church collection. If additional arrangement for collection is required, please call Debbie MacDonald at **902-623-2578**.

**First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion:** The **First Reconciliation is on Saturday March 29 at 9.00am** 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 (**902-631-6533**), or **John Gillies/ Hughie John Beaton**-Cemetery Committee members. (**902-787-3441/ 902-787-2322**)

**The Solemnity of St. Joseph:** On **Wednesday, March 19** 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**.

**Consecration to Jesus through Mary:** The Annual Renewal of Consecration will take place after Mass on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday, March 25 at 6.00pm**.

**The Food Bank** uses a lot of food/grocery bags. If you have extra bags you would like to donate, please leave them at the back door of Food Bank and someone will pick them up daily. Thank you.

**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.

**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** at **902-302-2324** or email to [sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com). For more details: [www.halifaxarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic](http://www.halifaxarmouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic).

**Lenten Parish Mission at Port Hawkesbury:** **St. Joseph's Parish** invites all to attend the **Parish Mission** led by Archbishop (*Emiritus*) Martin Currie from **March 15 to 18. Saturday & Sunday (March 15-16)** talk as part of Weekend Masses (Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 10am) and **March 17-18 (Monday & Tuesday)** from **3 to 4:30pm** Confessional/Drop in chat, **Mass at 6:30pm** followed by **Presentation at 7pm.**

### **Jubilee Year 2025-Pilgrims of Hope**

**"Hope does not disappoint"** (Rom 5:5). On December 24, 2024, Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year-2025 with the motto '**Pilgrims of Hope**'. The intention of the year is to offer all of us an opportunity to be "renewed in hope." As part of the Jubilee Year, the Diocese of Antigonish is encouraging the faithful to do pilgrimages to designated places. **What is a pilgrimage?** "Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God." (Pope Francis) A pilgrimage is a journey with an intention to open, learn, feel, and deepen our awareness and connection to God, our faith, and ourselves. The experience of a pilgrimage is to awaken new insights, illuminate new possibilities, and invite action, all from and through the love of God and inspiration of His Word, the Saints, and the unique aspects each sacred site provides.

**How do I become a pilgrim?** The Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out. It is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way, our traveling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives. Contemplation of creation is also part of the journey and helps us to realize that care for creation "is an essential expression of our faith in God and our obedience to his will" (Pope Francis, Letter for the Jubilee 2025).

For the Jubilee Year, a plenary indulgence can be received through either Pilgrimages, Pious Visits to Sacred Places, or Works of Mercy and Penance. In our diocese, a sacred place is any of our churches or one of our diocesan shrines: Our Lady of Sorrows in Mabou, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Johnstown, or Our Lady of Grace Monastery. At this sacred place, pilgrims are asked to participate in Holy Mass, a ritual Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick, a celebration of the Word of God, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Way of the Cross, the Marian Rosary, the recitation of the Akathist hymn, a penitential celebration with individual confession, or Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Our Father, Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary. (Taken from the Diocesan website)

To help the faithful for pilgrimage the Diocese has prepared a **PILGRIMS WAY**, which includes parishes, shrines, and sacred celebrations honouring our namesake saints, cultures, and traditions woven into the rich tapestry of our diocese. **A list of the Way is attached to the Bulletin.** We faithful are invited to make the pilgrimage on or around this date, or at any time throughout the year. We are also invited to hold the Saint, significant date, and site in prayer on our own spiritual pilgrimage.

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

**St. Patrick's Pub** at Glendale Hall on **Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm.** Admission by Donation. 19+ event/ cash bar/ Food & Drink/Live Music by a variety of local artists.

**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"**