

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



St. Peter's Parish

Port Hood

April 20, 2025

Contact Information

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Parish Office Hours

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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.

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. Apr. 26 4:00 pm CWL Mass	Gerard MacPhee	Sandy MacKinnon
Sun. Apr. 27 10:00 am	Mary J. MacDonald	Ann MacDougall
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Apr. 21 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Morris	
Tues. Apr. 22 6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory by Barbara MacLellan	
Wed. Apr. 23 6:00pm	(R) Aaron MacDonald by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	
Thur. Apr. 24 9:30am	(R) Reta MacInnis by Anita Dwyer	
Fri. Apr. 25	No Mass	

Regina Caeli: The prayer **Regina Caeli** is to be said during the Easter Season from Holy Saturday to the Saturday after Pentecost, instead of the **Angelus**.

KOC: "The Silver Rose" is in Nova Scotia and St. Peter's KOC council are honored to host it when in our area. Through the Silver Rose we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe but express the unity of the Order as well. St. Peter's KOC Council wish to invite all members and parishioners to attend the **Silver Rose service on Monday, April 21st, 2025, at 6:45 pm at St. Peter's Church.**

KOC: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 27th, 2025, @ 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

Funeral Mass for Fr. Pierre Antoine St. Cyr, C.S.C. Pastor of St. Pierre Parish, Cheticamp, who died on Tuesday April 1, will take place in **St. Pierre Church in Cheticamp on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10.30am.**

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27): The Divine Mercy Sunday is being celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter with **Holy Hour and Divine Mercy Chaplets from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Confession at 1.30pm.** Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery-the whole mystery of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ-made present to us in the Eucharist. **Jesus said to St. Faustina: "Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognise My unfathomable Mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it, will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them on the Cross." (Diary 848)** All are welcome. All are welcome. (Copies of the novena are available at the back of the church. Novena beginning on Good Friday may be said at homes and also privately)

Blessing of the Boats: The annual blessing of the boats will take place on **Sunday, April 27th**, after the Sunday Mass, beginning at Murphy's Pond, and continuing to Little Judique Harbour and then Pig Cove.

First Holy Communion: The first Holy Communion of Children in our parish is scheduled for **Sunday, May 11th at 10.00am.** If anyone would like to donate (or lend) First Communion dresses, shoes or suits to help families who can't afford to buy, please contact **Anita Dwyer @519-654-6533.**

Mass for CWL: Saturday, **April 26, the 4pm Mass** will be in honor of CWL members, past and present.

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 add to the weekly church collection. If additional arrangement for collection is required, please call **Debbie MacDonald at 902-6232578.**

Chisholm Bursary Committee are now accepting application for bursaries for the 2025-2026 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.

Applications to the Bishop Power Foundation: Diocesan, parish, and other non-profit groups are invited to apply for funding where their programs will either a) empower the poor, b) develop the laity for their Christian role within the church, or c) aid the missionary activity of the church. Individual students may apply for financial support for Catholic Studies programs at the university level. **May 7, 2025, is the deadline to submit applications.**

Message from the Pastor's Desk

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen (Luke. 24: 5). The late Catholic Archbishop of Hartford, John Whealon, (died on August 2, 1991), after undergoing cancer surgery wrote these words in one of his last Easter messages: "I am now a member of an association of people who have been wounded by cancer. That association has as its symbol the phoenix, a bird of Egyptian mythology. The Greek poet Hesiod, who lived eight centuries before Jesus was born, wrote about this legendary bird in his poetry. When the bird felt its death was near (every 500 to 1,461 years), it would fly off to Phoenicia, build a nest of aromatic wood and set itself on fire. When the bird was consumed by the flames, a new phoenix sprang forth from the ashes. Thus, the phoenix symbolizes immortality, resurrection, and life after death. It sums up the Easter message perfectly. Jesus gave up His life, and from the grave He was raised to Life again on the third day. New life rises from the ashes of death. Today, we are celebrating Christ's victory over the grave, the gift of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus. That is why the phoenix was one of the earliest symbols of the Risen Christ. The phoenix also symbolizes our daily rising to new life. Every day, like the phoenix, we rise from the ashes of sin and guilt and are refreshed and renewed by our living Lord and Savior with His forgiveness and the assurance that He still loves us and will continue to give us the strength we need." The Message of Easter is the hope of a New Life brought by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter or the Feast of Resurrection is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the basis and the center of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul wrote: **"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain"** (I Cor 15:14). **"Jesus is Lord, He is risen"** (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the preaching of the Apostles. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ marks the birthday of our eternal hope. It is the guarantee of our own resurrection and gives us the hope of a new life. Jesus said: **"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live..."** (Jn 11:25-26). It is an assurance that Christ will raise us up on the last day. Also, we have a new life as we have already died and risen with Christ in Baptism. By virtue of the Holy Spirit that we have received, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003). The Resurrection of the Lord gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us the strength to fight against temptations, and the freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. As we enter the Easter Season let us begin a new life, the life as the Resurrection People. We are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to come out of that tomb and live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord Who loves us in all the events of our lives, and amid the boredom, suffering, pain, and tensions of our day-to-day life. By actively participating in the Holy Eucharist and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, let us touch and experience the Risen Lord in our daily life. May the Risen Lord bless you and your families. **"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad"** (Ps. 118:24)

Wish you all a Happy Easter!!!

2025 Colombia Mission November 9-20: Emilianoproject.org. **Approximate Costs:** \$1200 for Flights from Halifax and return. \$1000 Donation to Orphanage. \$300 3-days Excursions; Contact: **902-945-2952** or Fr.Gillies@yahoo.ca

The Judique Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Brunch on Sunday, April 27th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00. Children \$6.00.

The March Winners of the Judique Community Center Weekly Draw: March 3rd: Lorraine MacDonald, #613, Judique; 10th: Florence Beaton, #650, Beaton Road; 17th: Chris/Stacy MacEachern; 24th: Sandra Buker, #684, Judique; 31st: Sandy/Susan MacDonald, #647, Long Point.

HAPPY EASTER

"Remember your church in your Will."