



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
March 1, 2026**

Contact Information

Fr. Sunny Sebastian, Administrator
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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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Leon Livingstone
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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: 5:15pm to
5:45pm & Saturday: 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. Mar. 7, 4:00pm	Gabriella Watts	Linda Beaton
Sun. Mar. 8, 10:00am	Isabel Calder	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Mar. 2 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	
Tues. Mar. 3 6:00pm (R)	Callis & Catherine Avery by Anita Dwyer	
Wed. Mar. 4 6:00pm(R)	Anita Cameron by Willie/Margaret MacDonald	
Thu. Mar. 5 6:00pm(R)	Mae Ann Beaton by Louise Burns	
Fri. Mar. 6 6:30pm	In reparation for the sins of Canada	

Donations for Feb. 22, 2026	
Sunday Offering	\$1480.00 (68 env)
Loose change	122.60
Initial Offering	20.00 (1 env)
Bldg. Fund	10.00 (1 donation)
TOTAL	\$1632.60

The 2025 charitable donation receipts are at the back of the church

E-Transfer: The parish has set up **Auto Deposit** with East Cost Credit Union to make donations to the parish Account and the Building Fund by E-transfer.

Stations of the Cross: On Friday March 6, at **6:30pm** there will be Stations of the Cross led by Knights of Coumbus, followed by Holy Mass in the Church.

Lenten Reconciliation. The annual Lenten Reconciliation is to take place @ **2:00 pm on Sunday March 22.** Several priests will be available.

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.

CWL: Reminder to All CWL Members, we will have our Monthly Meeting on Sunday, March 1st at the Parish Hall, immediately following the morning Mass. All members are invited! Coffee, tea and muffins will be served. **CWL dues** (\$34.50) for 2026 will be collected until March 8th. They can be placed in a regular envelope and dropped in the collection, or contact President, Debbie MacDonald for pickup @ 902-623-2578.

The World Day of Prayer is being held at St. Stephen's United Church on Friday, March 6th at 2:30 pm. All CWL members are encouraged to attend as part of our Organization's Spiritual commitment. The Community at large, is also invited to attend, as this is an opportunity to come together and pray for peace in an increasing volatile and unstable world. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support this annual event.

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)** this year, may contact the coordinator for Religious Education, **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) at **902-631-6533** or John Gillies/Hughie John Beaton Cemetery Committee members. (**902-787-3441/ 902-787-2322**)

Holy Hour: Holy Hour in honour of **St. Joseph** on **Wednesday, March 4th** from **4:45pm** to **5:45 pm** in the Chapel followed by **Holy Mass at 6.00pm** in the church; No Holy Hour for First Friday due to the Stations of the Cross. **No First Saturday Mass during the Season of Lent.**

The Solemnity of St. Joseph: March is the Month dedicated by the Church to St. Joseph. The Novena to St. Joseph begins on **Tuesday, March 10th**. The Solemnity of St. Joseph is **Thursday, March 19th**.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, March 22	: Reconciliation at 2:00 pm
Sunday March 29	: Passion (Palm Sunday)
Monday, March 30	: Mass of Chrism at St. Ninian's Cathedral
Holy Thursday, April 2	: Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration.
Good Friday, April 3	: Outside Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am.
	: Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil, April 4	: Easter Vigil service and Mass at 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday April 5	: Easter Day Mass at 10.00 am.

Lenten Parish Mission at Port Hawkesbury: All are invited to attend the **Lenten Parish Mission** led by **Rev. Fr. Doug MacDonald** being held in St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury (118 Granville Street) from **Monday, March 16 to Wednesday March 18. Time: 7-8pm. Monday Mass at 6.30pm** followed by session entitled **“Purgative Way or Kiss of Christ’s feet”**. **Tuesday: Mass at 9.00am**, and from **7pm-8pm** session entitled **“Illuminative Way or Kiss of Christ’s Hand”**. **Wednesday: Mass at 9.00am** and from **7pm-8pm** session entitled **“Unitive Way or Kiss of Christ’s Lips”**. Following the Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday, Fr. Doug will be available for confession or spiritual direction until noon. There will be social in the hall following the sessions in the evening.

Bake Sale and Vendor Market will take place on Sunday **March 15th from 11:00-4:00pm** at St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Vendor Information: \$15.00 a space-table and chairs included. Hosted by Grace Morton & volunteers. Volunteers are always welcome. Your support helps feed local families and builds a stronger community. **Free Community Meal** will take place on Sunday **March 29th from 3:00 -5:00pm** at St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Join us for a free meal and fellowship. All are welcome.

Message from the Pastor’s Desk:

“This is my Son, the Beloved; with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!” (Mathew 17:5). On the Second Sunday of Lent, the theme for our reflection is the Transfiguration of our Lord on the Mountain. We are invited to ascend the mountain with Jesus and His closest disciples in the narrative of Matthew 17:1-9. The account of the Transfiguration unfolds with a dazzling vision: Jesus’ face shines like the sun, His garments radiant as light, and His Divinity blazes forth. Here, the disciples are given a glimpse of Christ’s glory—a vision that is not an end in itself, but a promise. The voice from the cloud declares, **“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”**

The Transfiguration of Jesus was the manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God in His Glory. It was an assurance to His disciples who were saddened by Jesus’ prediction about His passion, crucifixion and death, that the Cross and Death are not an end, but a passage to glory. It was the confirmation of the confession of Peter and the anticipation of the Resurrection of Jesus in Glory. The experience of the transfiguration was a foretaste of the glory that lay beyond the suffering and salvific death of Jesus. The Lenten journey invites us into sacrifice, reflection, and spiritual growth, often shadowed by the reality of the Cross. Yet the Transfiguration stands as God’s assurance that the Cross is not defeat, but the very path to glory. Just as Jesus’ radiance shone before He descended to Jerusalem and the agony of Calvary, so too are we shown that suffering borne in faith will be crowned with resurrection light. The mountaintop experience is not an escape from hardship, but a strengthening vision for the valleys ahead and it foreshadows the triumph of resurrection, reminding us that every burden we bear, every hardship we endure in faith, prepares us to share in the fullness of God’s victory. So, the event of Transfiguration reminds all who are called to be Jesus’ disciples that the sufferings and tribulations that they face in their lives will ultimately lead to glory...to the joy of the Resurrection.

The voice from the cloud- “This is my beloved Son, listen to Him”-calls us to trust in God and for obedience to Him, especially when the road ahead for us is shadowed by trials. The path to glory winds through valleys of sacrifice and sorrow, yet the Transfiguration assures us that God’s promise never fails and suffering is not the final word. Resurrection and new life await all who walk with Christ and embrace the cross. As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, let us be ready to follow Christ through sacrifice, trusting that the Cross is not the last word, but the gateway to transformation and life, looking forward to the dazzling face of Jesus, which is God’s pledge that the journey of faith, however difficult, finds its fulfillment in the brilliance of Easter morning. This week, let us seek moments of silence to “ascend the mountain” in prayer. Listen to the Father’s assurance: in every shadow of the Cross there is the promise of glory. Pray for courage not only to witness Christ’s majesty, but to embrace the call to follow him—through sacrifice, through love, and into the hope that never fades. May the mystery of the Transfiguration fill us with strength and confidence that, in Christ, glory awaits beyond every cross.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel

“Remember your church in your Will”