



# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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April 21st, 2024  
4th Sunday of Easter

<b>APRIL 21ST, 2024 †</b>		
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				 <b>Mass Intentions</b> FOR THE WEEK
Date	Location	Time	Details	
Mon. April 22nd	St. Joseph Hall		Private Mass	For Theresa Forrest
Tues. April 23rd	St. Joseph Hall		Private Mass	For Sharon March
Wed. April 24th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)			For Sally Fernandes
Thurs. April 25th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)		St. Mark	For Fred Pepin
Fri. April 26th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)			For Gemma Lizotte
Sat. April 27th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For Wallace Strickland
Sun. April 28th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners
Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, April 27th		10 am Mass Sunday, April 28th	
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team		Deacon Roy Smith, Team	
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir		Alan Gale	
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Matt Batherson, Rebecca Gracie		Taralee MacInnis, Viola Smith, Pam Hall	
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish		Men and Women of the Parish	
READERS	Ellen McNamara		Iris Young, Kay Batherson	
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners		Parishioners	
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Janis Rose, Sheila MacCormick		Joan Skinner, George Quirk	
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team		Volunteer Team	
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug		Hunter Hill	

## PARISH NEWS

### ROSARY FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

During the month of May, 30 minutes prior to all weekend masses, the rosary will be recited. Please join us as we say the rosary to our Blessed Mother.

### Annual Diocesan Diaconate Recognition Day

Is a day to lift our deacons in prayer, to affirm them and to encourage them to continue the threefold ministry they contribute to the church.

Please join us on **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>** as we give special thanks to Rev. Mr. Roy Smith and his wife Viola for their commitment to St Joseph Parish.

### St. Joseph Awards

Applicants must be a child or grandchild of a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in North Sydney. A letter is due to the parish by May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024. Your name, address and plans for the fall are required.

### Notice for Volunteers

Our parish will be coordinating a bag lunch program for members of the community, starting on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our involvement will be focused on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from April until December of this calendar year. Volunteers will have primarily two tasks: helping to prepare the lunches and helping to serve them. These lunches will consist of soup, sandwich, a sweet and a bottle of water. If you are able to volunteer to assist with this program, your time commitment would be approximately two to three hours on each of the noted Wednesdays.

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** is our first venture, with pick-up time between 11am to 12 noon, at St. Joseph Parish Hall (basement) on Archibald Ave. This month's lunch will contain the following: Tomato soup, Ham & cheese sandwich, a sweet a bottle of water. Fruit will also be available to add to the lunch if desired.

Co-ordinator, Debbie Murphy, Phone: 902 794-7947

**Parish Work Bee**

Anyone who wants to help us clean up around the church, glebehouse and store, please join us with your equipment at 9 am on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>. Lunch provided. All are welcome. Peace, Fr. Doug

**Donations For Fall Fair**

It is that time of year when spring cleaning begins for many of us. If you have any items you are looking to give a new home to, we will gladly take them for our Fall Fair. You can drop them off anytime at the office during regular office hours. We appreciate any items you can donate.

**Hall Envelopes** - Donations to the hall are 100% levy free.

The finance committee created *hall envelopes* that are available in the pews. For tax receipts write: *St. Joseph Hall* on your cheque.

**COLLECTIONS~THANK YOU! APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes		2160.00
Loose Cash		285.00
Fuel		
Candles		20.00
Good Friday		25.00
Expectant Mothers		
Holy Cross		
Pre-Authorized Debit		750.00
<b>Totals</b>		3240.00
Hall Fund		510.00
Church Improvement		30.00

**Community**

**Family Service of Nova Scotia, Fatherhood Matters**

We will be hosting a Trivia night for Dads and kids on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm at Seaton Community Centre, 25 Wilkie Drive North Sydney. Free evening of laughs and trivia. Share your knowledge about sports video games, food and more. Calling all male caregivers including Uncles, Step-dads, grandpas and friends. Children aged 6 and older. Limited space available. Registration is required. Register with Caden by May 1<sup>st</sup> via text or call 902-565-165. Supper is provided. Follow our Facebook page for more events... Strengthening Fathers/ Fatherhood Matters.

**Book Sale:** St. John the Baptist Anglican Church will be having a book sale will take place on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. It will be held in the basement of the Church at 24 King Street, North Sydney. Please drop by for some great deals, tea/coffee and a time of fellowship. Many thanks to all who continually support our events.

**FLEE MARKET**

St. Theresa's CWL Flee Market, Saturday May 4 ,9:00-11:00 am. To be held at St. Theresa's Hall, St. Peters Road, Sydney.

**Diocesan**

Sunday, April 28, our Diocese celebrates Deacon Recognition Sunday. This event encourages pastors and parishioners to acknowledge and appreciate the three fold ministry of deacons: Altar, Word and Service. Deacons will be on Mass for Shut-ins that Sunday. We hope that parishes with deacons will be able to extend their respect and gratitude to their deacons. Please pray for our deacons and for vocations to the Permanent Diaconate. If anyone is interested in knowing more about Diaconate, contact your pastor or a deacon or the Director of Deacons at the Pastoral Center, 902-539-6188, ext. 235

**Augustinian Healing Ministries**

There will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. (instead of the usual time of 7:00 P.M.), in Our Lady of Grace Monastery Chapel, celebrated by Father Albert Mac Pherson, O.S.A. There will anointing with blessed oil and prayers for healing of body, mind and spirit.

**Cursillo Reunion**

Saturday May 4, 1 pm Sister Catherine Steele Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 112 North Foord Street, Stellarton

Feel free to bring a treat to share. Refreshments provided.

Musical instruments welcomed. Hope to see you for some fun, music and fellowship. Contact: Barb (cell) 902-759-1317

Linda (home) 902-752-6928

**Quote of the Week**

*"Nothing created has ever been able to fill the heart of man. God alone can fill it infinitely." St. Thomas Aquinas*

**Community Assistance**

**Kids Help Phone** – 1-800-668-6868

**Canada Suicide Prevention:** 1-833-456-4566 or Text. 4564

**Canadian Sport Abuse Help Line:** Call/text: 1-888-837-7678  
[info@abuse-free-sport.ca](mailto:info@abuse-free-sport.ca)      [www.abuse-free-sport.ca](http://www.abuse-free-sport.ca)

**Compassionate Community Care** 1- 855-675-8749

Euthanasia Prevention Advice, Support, Confidential and Free

**End Human Trafficking** <https://blocktraffik.org/>

**Vaccine Injury Support Program** 1-833-489-0839  
[info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca](mailto:info@vaccineinjurysupport.ca)

**Parenting Resources:** <https://axis.org/resources/>

**Expectant Mothers Fund - Phone- 902- 794 -3951**

**Adult Protection 1-800-225-7225** "Any real, potential or suspected physical, sexual, financial, or emotional abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults 16 years or older."

**Reporting Sexual Abuse or Cover up by a Bishop: Call 911**  
 or 1-866-892-3737 or <https://bishopreportingsystem.ca/>

