

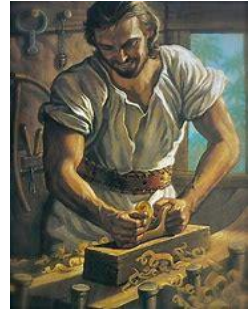


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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## April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

APRIL 12TH, 2026 †

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 Rev. Mr. Roy Smith, Deacon  
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### Leadership Ministry Team

Pam Hall- Secretary /Faith Formation, Cavell Young –  
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 Finance

OFFICE HOURS:  
 TUES., WED. THURS.-9AM- 1 PM

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### ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK



Date	Location	Time	Details	FOR THE WEEK
Mon. April 13th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Michael Young
Tues April 14th	St. Joseph Church	11am		Funeral Mass
Wed. April 15th	Personal Mass			
Thurs. April 16th	Personal Mass			
Fri. April 17th	Personal Mass			
Sat. April 18th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		
Sun. April 19th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, April 18th	10 am Mass Sunday, April 19th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Ellen McNamara, Georgie Bonnar	Susan & Gary Burton, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Jennifer Roland, Jude Rankin	John Ratchford, Alexandra Young
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Joe Tobin	Gary & Susan Burton
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE (SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

### PARISH NEWS

#### Parish Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Holy Cross Cemetery Committee on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church hall.

#### Finance Meeting

There will be a Finance Meeting on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Parish Hall.

#### Access to Holy Cross Cemetery

The chains at the cemetery have been removed. Please use caution while on the premises as there are many limbs and branches down. Cleanup will begin in early May.

#### Life in the Spirit Seminar

*Renew or Begin Your Relationship with Jesus Christ*

Experience the peace and power of the Holy Spirit

. Deepen *your* prayer life

. Strengthen *your* Faith

Beginning Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, Saint Joseph Hall

#### Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

The chaplet of divine mercy will be said 1/2 hour before each mass this weekend and an additional Holy hour, with confessions will be celebrated at 3 PM on Sunday, **April 12**. All are welcome.

## Marriage Preparation Course

A marriage preparation course is being offered at St. Joseph's Parish, 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney on Sunday, April 19th from 10 am to 4 pm. It is a requirement for any couples seeking to be married in the Catholic Church and all couples in the diocese are welcome to this free course.

Marriage prep starts with mass at 10 am with a special homily on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, followed by a social in the hall. Then sessions on: hopes, dreams, communication spirituality, conflict, family, intimacy, NFP and finances. Includes a free lunch & certificate and ends at 4 pm. Couples must register by Wednesday April 15th at 902-794-3951 or by email: or [stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca)

A free survey on marriage compatibility at:

<http://marriageprep.dynamiccatholic.com/>

and other free resources are to be reviewed prior to arrival:

[beholdvancouver.org](http://beholdvancouver.org)

### COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! APRIL 3RD GOOD FRIDAY

Envelopes		1065.00
Loose Cash		235.00
Candles		30.00
Total		1330.00
Hall		240.00
Church Improvement		

### COLLECTIONS~ THANK YOU! APRIL 4TH&5TH

Envelopes		2360.00
Loose Cash		800.00
Fuel		40.00
Initial Offering		40.00
Candles		85.00
Good Friday		200.00
Expectant Mothers		125.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		4400.00
Hall		1437.00
Church Improvement		275.00

### Ways to Donate:

P.O. Box 338 34 Archibald Ave. North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M4

**E-transfer:** Email a donation to the parish email address:

[stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:stjoseph2006@ns.aliantzinc.ca) **Credit card, or debit card:** Please come into the parish office to complete your donation.

**Parish Envelopes:** Please see the office or ask us at mass for your own personal box of donation envelopes.

**Hall Fund Envelopes:** 100% of Donations to the St. Joseph Hall Fund stay in North Sydney and are spent locally. They are available throughout the Church.

**Pre-Authorized Debit:** Please bring a void cheque and call the office to get started.

**Cash Donations:** All cash donations given directly at the office get a tax receipt. Loose cash donated at mass is locked in security bags by two screened volunteers and the total amount is posted each week in the bulletin.

### Diocese

First Saturday Devotion and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass will be held at Stella Maris Church, Louisbourg, on the first Saturday of each month, May 2nd through to October 3rd, in devotion to the Immaculate Heart. Mass is at 9:00 am, Rosary begins half an hour before Mass at 8:30 am. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother asked that faithful Catholics observe five First Saturday Masses. The Blessed Mother explained, "I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who, on the first Saturday of five

secutive months, go to **Confession and** receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour (15 minutes) while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me." Father IK is available to hear confession prior to Mass, or at any of the weekday Masses prior, or upon request. All are welcome.

### Community

#### Cape Breton Chorale Spring Concert

Emma Francis, Conductor

Paula Jane Francis, Organ/Piano

Join the Cape Breton Chorale for an afternoon of music featuring Gabriel Faure's Requiem and Canadian Folk Songs.

When: Sunday, May 3, 2026, 3:00pm

Where: St. Andrews Presbyterian, corner of Main St and Queen St, Sydney Mines Tickets: \$30 general admission

Order by calling 902-270-2591 or buy online at [capebretonchorale.com](http://capebretonchorale.com)

#### The Men of the Deeps Concert

There will be a Men of the Deeps Concert on Sunday, May 31st at 2:00pm Holy Cross Church 234 Seaview St. Glace Bay. Tickets are \$25. Each. For tickets call Jacqueline 902-565-3672 or the parish office 902-849-6749

#### FLEA MARKET

On Saturday, May 2nd Holy Cross Hall, 234 Seaview Street, Glace Bay.

### CWL / KOC

There will be a CWL meeting on Monday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. We will have two guest speakers this month, Fr. Doug MacDonald and Barbara Smith. The topic will be The Healing Manger Farm. A lunch to follow. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

#### Father 5109 Wm Kiley Council

**PO Box 314 North Sydney Nova Scotia B2A3M4**

**Past Grand Knights' Bursary/Scholarship Guidelines**

1. Be a member or a direct descendant of a member, or former member of the Fr. William Kiley Council 5109. Please specify relationship.
2. Application to include two references/recommendations, one of which will be from a member of your parish, ie Deacon, Priest, Parish Council member, etc.
3. Application must be accompanied by a transcript of marks, which will include first semester marks as well as April mid-term marks.
4. Application letter should include school involvement as well as parish/ community involvement, plus: name, address, Parent's name & telephone number.
5. Application must be complete as outlined above, ie marks, letter, references, etc.
6. If more than one applicant has been deemed equally meritorious, the amounts given will be divided as Council determines, but the total shall be less than \$500.
7. The recipients will receive their award following proof of enrolment for second semester/February at a credited secondary institute of learning. The student has to provide same prior to April 15.
8. Deadline for applications, available at the school, is April 30. Applications after that date will not be considered.

Applications are to be forwarded to either: **GK Lloyd Brewer or PGK Tom Gaskell ( Address Above)**

### Quote of the Week

*"No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it." St. Maximilian*

**Peace Be with You and Have a Great Week**