

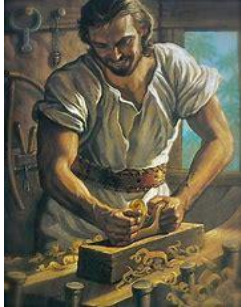


# PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

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October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Thanksgiving

	OCTOBER 12TH, 2025    †	
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ST. JOSEPH PARISH NEXT WEEK				
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Date	Location	Time	Details	Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK 
Mon. Oct.13th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Clarence Morgan
Tues. Oct.14th	St. Joseph Hall	11am		Clara MacPherson
Wed.Oct.15th	St. Joseph Church	11am	Mike MacIsaac	Funeral Mass
Thurs. Oct. 16th	Holy Family ( Sydney Mines)	9am	St. Marguerite D’Youville	
Fri. Sept. Oct.17th	Holy Family (Sydney Mines)	9am		
Sat. Oct.18th	St. Joseph Church	4pm		For healing of those addicted to Drugs
Sun. Oct.19th	St. Joseph Church	10 am		For All Parishioners

Ministries	4 pm Mass Saturday, October 18th	10 am Mass Sunday, October 19th
SACRISTAIN & LINENS	Deacon Roy Smith, Team	Deacon Roy Smith, Team
CHOIR	St. Joseph Choir	Alan Gale
GREETERS	Kim Dooley, Elaine MacNeil	Yvonne MacDonald, Pam Hall
USHERS	Men and Women of the Parish	Men and Women of the Parish
LECTORS	Carolyn Aker	Alexandra Young, Denise Jardine
PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	Parishioners	Parishioners
EXTRAORDINARY MIN. OF HOLY COMMUNION	Lloyd Brewer, Cathy MacDonald	George Quirk, Joe Tobin
Interior Church (cleaning)	Volunteer Team	Volunteer Team
EXTERIOR SERVICE(SHOVELING)	Fr. Doug	Hunter Hill
RINGING OF BELLS		Dave Williams

## PARISH NEWS

### Recitation of the Rosary

During the month of October, **one half hour before all weekend masses**, please join us as we pray the rosary to Our Blessed Mother.

### Parish Meetings

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall.

### Holy Cross Cemetery

The Holy Cross Cemetery Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

### Book of Remembrance

Starting this weekend, until the end of the month, the Book of Remembrance, for All Souls’ Day, will be available for you to sign. Please share the names of your dearly departed for remembrance during the All Souls’ masses in November.

### Lectors/Readers & Communion Refresher

For all current Lectors/Readers, Ministers of Communion there will be a refresher session given by Father Douglas on Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 3:00 pm in the parish hall.

Attendance is mandatory!!The latest Liturgical Guidelines will be shared. Anyone interested in becoming a Lector/Reader, Minister of Communion at Mass or visiting people in their homes are most welcome

to join us. Sharing a cup of tea will follow!!Your coordinator of these Ministries will be in touch.

**Bus Pilgrimage for 200th Anniversary Monastery**

On Friday October 24 the Parish is organizing a bus pilgrimage to the Monastery for their 200th anniversary and other Holy sites in the Diocese for the Jubilee Year. Parishioners interested should act fast and make their payment at the parish office to reserve your seat before the bus is full. Cost is \$60 tax included per person, which includes lunch and all transportation to and from the Church.

**Parish Pilgrimage Schedule:** 9 am - 9 pm

8:30 am bus arrives & loading

9 am - Depart Church (Rosary on way)

10:30 am - Mabou Shrine

11 am - Depart

Noon - Mass, Our Lady of Grace Monastery

12:30 pm - Lunch & bring a non-perishable food donation.

1:15 pm - Light candles, Holy Spring at Shrine

2 pm - Depart

2:30 - Arrive Antigonish, walk through Cathedral Doors & Pray, Confession, visit St. F.X.U. campus & tour the town.

4 pm - Visit Sisters of St. Martha Bethany.

5 pm - Leave Antigonish

5:45 pm - Supper Auld’s Cove Big Stop Irving

7 pm - Depart home

8:45 pm - Arrival back at Church

\*Washroom on the bus.

The parish secretary will receive payments to reserve your seat at the parish office on Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am to 2 pm. If the bus is not filled with parishioners by Friday October 10th, the pilgrimage will be opened up to other parishes. For more information call the chair of the Liturgy Committee Cathy MacDonald +1 (902) 322-8597.

Collections~ Thank You October 4th & 5th		
Envelopes		1720.00
Loose Cash		365.00
Candles		45.00
Needs of the Canadian Church		110.00
Pre- Authorized Debit		750.00
Total		3015.00
Hall		1572.00
Church Improvement		50.00

**Pre-Authorized Debit: please call the office to get started.**

**Ways to Donate**

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**To donate by credit card, google pay or PayPal click:**

**<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-josephs-parish-north-sydney/>**

**Come to the office to use our debit or credit card machine**

Diocesan

**Milestone Celebration for Fr. Doug Murphy**

Sunday October 26th, Westmount Legion 2 Till 5, there will be Food and Entertainment and best wishes only. The Celebration is for 3 milestones, 65th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood, 20 years of Ministry at Holy Rosary and his 90th Birthday later in November. All are welcome.

**A Second Look at MAID**

October 27th 7:00pm East Bay Fire Hall

Dr. Jeanne Ferguson Presentation and Discussion

Lots of questions welcome

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Community
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**Healing Manger Farm Walk a thon & Open House**

On Saturday October 11, 2025 at 7003 Kempt Head Road, there is an open house and optional walk a thon from 10 am – 2 pm to raise money for mental health treatment. The Manger offers immediate therapy in two ways:

1. From the comfort of your home with online counselling by a certified Canadian Counsellor, and/or
2. In person animal therapy at the Healing Manger for nature heals.

Attached to this bulletin is the Walk a thon poster and sign up. Please bring any donations to the event or drop by the parish office. Debit and credit machine available. Free chili, music and come see the animals.

Visit our mental health non-profit website: [healingmangerfarm.com](http://healingmangerfarm.com)

**Samaritan’s Purse**

Samaritan’s Purse Canada has been doing essential relief and development work in Jesus’ name all around the world since 1973.Our church participates in their annual Operation Christmas Child program that collects gift-filled shoeboxes, filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, from caring donors and distributes them to struggling children in the developing world countries. We encourage you to visit their website, where the option to fill a shoebox on-line is available. As in previous years, at St Joseph Church, empty shoeboxes are at the back of the church for your usage with a return date at our church of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sponsored by the Bras d’Or CWL**

Join us for an evening of information about advance care planning. Advance Care Planning involves reflecting on and discussing your wishes for your own medical care.Would your loved ones Know your wishes? The talk will be given by Susan Mac Kenzie R.N., currently intake & hospice assessment nurse. Join us Tuesday, Oct. 21st, in our parish hall at 6:30 P. M. A light lunch will follow.

**Tea and Talk**

Sydney Tuesday, October 21, 2025 1:30 -3:30 pm (please note date change) An invitation to join with other women to share TEA and TALK at Holy Redeemer Convent 24 Neville St. Whitney Pier, just behind the Pier Post Office. This invitation is open to women of all ages. This is an attempt to provide an opportunity for women to join with

others to simply share a cup of tea and to experience the joy of being together. For further information phone:902 270 4840 or 902 539 6331.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ANGLICAN CHURCH MEMORIAL HYMN SING:** We will be holding a Hymn Sing on Sunday November 2nd, (All Souls/All Saints memorial) at 6:30pm at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 24 King Street, North Sydney. This will be followed by light refreshments in MacDonald Hall. A selection sheet will be provided, please follow the instructions carefully. Please use one sheet for each name and one hymn selected. Memorials can be for two related persons (Mom & Dad, or grandparents, or two siblings, etc.) and will be considered as one memorial. Please do not use multiple names on one sheet. If you wish, you may use “our loved ones” for multiple persons, otherwise each name, or pair of names, should use a separate sheet and song selection. A donation \$5 is suggested. Donations for each hymn will be announced before the hymn, giving the name of person or couple and who donated. Sheets are available at the back of the church. **Deadline for the memorials is Sunday, October 26th.** If you have any questions contact Reid: 902-549-1018.

KOC
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KOC 3rd degree and 4th degree Knights and their families are invited to be the congregation for the taping of Mass for Shut-ins on Saturday, October 18th at Margarite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. Please arrive by 9:45 to prepare for the taping. Thank you. Kyte Power 902-561-5891

Quote of the Week
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*“When our Lord inspires us with some good deed, He also gives the strength to do it.” St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Peace Be With You and Have a Great Week
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