



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Aug. 6, 2023**

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Baptisms

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Parish Office

Marriages

Please call Parish Office at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm
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2.30pm to 3.30pm

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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 |
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| Sat. Aug. 12 4:00pm | Melanie MacDonald | Donna MacDonald |
| Sun. Aug. 13 10:00 am | Mary Janet MacDonald | Ann MacDougall |
| Weekday Masses | | |
| Mon. Aug. 7 | 6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris | |
| Tues. Aug. 8 | 11:00am Funeral for Rev. Sr. Catherine Morris | |
| Wed. Aug. 9 | 6:00pm (R) Mary Florence Beaton by family | |
| Thur. Aug. 10 | 6:00pm (R) Joe MacDonald by Rebecca MacDonald | |
| Fri. Aug. 11 | 6:00pm (R) Freeman Buchanan by Mary Buchanan | |

Message from the Pastor

“This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Mathew 17:5). There is a mysterious story in the 2nd Book of Kings. Israel was at war with Aram, and Elisha, the prophet used his prophetic powers to reveal the strategic plans of the Aramean army to the Israelites. At first the King of Aram thought that one of his officers was acting as a spy, but when he learned the truth, he dispatched troops to go and capture Elisha who was residing in Dothan. The Aramean troops moved in under cover of darkness and surrounded the city. In the morning, when Elisha’s servant found that that they were surrounded, he asked Elisha, “Oh, my lord, what shall we do?” The prophet answered “Don’t be afraid. Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed to God, “O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha (2 Kings 6:8-23). This vision was all that Elisha’s disciple needed to reassure him. Transfiguration of Jesus is such an assurance given to His disciple to convince them of His Divine Sonship.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus is celebrated in the Church on 6th of August. The feast was present in various forms in the early church, and it was made a universal feast by Pope Callixtus III in the year 1456. All three Synoptic Gospels (Mathew, Mark & Luke) narrate the event of the Transfiguration and it is placed shortly after Peter’s confession of Faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus’ first prediction of his passion, crucifixion, death, and the Resurrection. In Transfiguration Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The first purpose of Jesus’ Transfiguration was to consult His Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for Jesus’ suffering, death, and Resurrection. The second purpose was to make Jesus’ chosen disciples aware of His Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions about a political Messiah. The third purpose was to strengthen their Faith and hope and to encourage them to persevere in the way of life to which they had been called. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the Transfiguration event is the manifestation or revelation of Who Jesus really is. Jesus’ Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God’s Will by placing their trusting Faith in Him. Jesus’ Transfiguration offers us a message of hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, during feelings of despair, when going through sufferings and tribulations, the expectation of our transformation in Heaven helps us to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: “This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.” Let us look forward to it.

Condolences and Prayers: The funeral of Rev. Sr. Catherine Morris will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 11:00 am. The Parish Community expresses heart-felt condolences to her brother Fr. Eugene Morris and to all her other family.

Ordination of a Deacon, August 15, 2023

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, we are delighted to announce the Ordination of **David Rankin** to transitional Diaconate on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Church, Mabou at 2:00pm.

House Blessing: Those who would like to have their houses blessed and consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus may write down their names and other details on the **sign-up sheet** on the table at the back of the church.

Plaques: In the past we offered families the opportunity to place the names of loved ones on a plaque in the back of the church. We plan to continue this practice. We will print and mount plaques on a bi-yearly basis. If you would like to have the name of someone engraved on such a plaque, you may pass that name on to Mary Buchanan at maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com. The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund

The sixth ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh Series will be on Thursday, August 10th at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be by Joe MacMaster and Francis MacDonald. Admission is \$5. Tea will be served.

Twilight Tales Walking Tours are every Monday and Wednesday from July 17th through August 16th. Chestico Museum guides in historic costume will bring the past alive as they highlight the people, events, and sights of Port Hood's past. Hear tales of the sea, phantom ships, amazing rescues, and ghostly encounters. For those who have taken the tour in the past, there will be a selection of new stories. Our Monday tours will depart from in front of St. Stephen's Jubilee United Church at 8 PM. This tour will include St. Peter's Parish cemeteries. Our Wednesday tours will meet at the Union Protestant Cemetery at 7 PM. Please wear comfortable shoes as there will be some walking on uneven ground. The cost for the Twilight Tales walking tour is \$10 for adults and \$5 for Children under 12.

Bidh Sinn a' Seannachas – Gaelic & Cultural Workshops (all ages welcome) continue at the Chestico Museum. Monday workshops cost \$10 and will be on August 7th from 9:00 until 10:30 AM. Learn Gaelic phrases, explore Gaelic song, music & dance, engage with our local lore, discover Nova Scotia's Gaelic geography and there will be stories. Tuesday evenings the cost is \$5 for stories, conversation, and tea. Our special guests on August 8th will be Lewis MacDonell & Donald Roddie MacDonald who will be speaking on horses – stories of the Inverness track, Irish Road racing, racing on the ice and a good "team" on the farm.

Port Hawkesbury Ceilidhs: Tuesdays @ from 7.30 to 9.00pm at Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, 606 Reeves Street. Admission: \$15.00. For under 16 free. Season Pass \$150. **Aug. 8: Joe MacMaster, Betty Beaton, Donnie Campbell & Jinks, and Strait Area Highland Dancers**

Welcome!

St. Peter's Parish extends a warm and cordial welcome to all visitors to Port Hood!!!

"Remember your church in your Will."