

St. Peter's Parish Port Hood Oct. 8, 2023

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Parish Office (902) 787-3317 Parish Office Hours Wednesday to Friday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

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<u>Baptisms</u>

By appointment, please call.

Parish Office

<u>Marriages</u>
Please call Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday to Friday from 5:15pm
to 5:45pm & Saturday from
2.30pm to 3.30pm

To book Parish Hall call: Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213 Ellen Murphy 902-631-0613

Bulletin
parishbulletin@hotmail.com
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. Oct. 14		Leon Livingstone	Linda Beaton
4:00pm			
Sun. Oct. 15		Coline MacEachern	Janet van Zutphen
10:00 am			
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Oct. 9	10:00am Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Oct. 10	6:00pm (R) Darlene Ernst by Joanne Burke		
Wed. Oct. 11	t. 11 6:00pm (R) Annie MacLellan by Hughie John/Eileen Beaton		
Thur. Oct. 12	6:00pm Sacred Heart Carmelites Comm. by Joe/Carmen Van Zutphen		

Oct. 13 6:00pm (R) Francis J. MacDonell by Rebecca MacDonald

N.B Thanksgiving Day Mass on October 9, at 10am, Rosary @ 9.40 am.

Message from the Pastor

"Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? (Mathew. 21:42) There was a legend, well-known in New Testament times, that in the building of God's Temple by Solomon, most of the stones were of the same size and shape. However, one stone was different from the others. The builders took one look at it and said, "This will not do," and sent it rolling down into the valley of Kedron below. The years passed and the great Temple was nearing completion, and the builders sent a message to the stonecutters to send the chief cornerstone that the structure might be complete. The cutters replied that they had sent the stone years before. Then someone remembered the stone that was so different from all the rest that it somehow did not seem to belong. They realized that they had thrown away the cornerstone. They hurried into the valley to retrieve it. Finally, from under vines and debris, they recovered it and with great effort rolled it up the hill and put it in place so that the great Temple would be complete: the stone that had been rejected had become the chief cornerstone. Jesus, who had been rejected by the "builders" (the religious leadership of Jesus' time) became the saviour of the whole world and reigns at the right hand of the Father.

As a fruitful vineyard or farm pleases the farmer, so does a fruitful soul gives joy to God. God hates fruitlessness and rejection. We are God's chosen people called to be fruitful vineyards and accept the salvation God has brought through his Son. The prophet Isiah describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. But God's Chosen People failed to bear fruit, in spite of the blessings bestowed on them by a loving and forgiving God. Further, they were poor tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Hence, God laments: "I expected My vineyard to yield good grapes. Why did it yield sour ones instead?" Jesus also speaks of the unfaithful and ungrateful tenants who failed to produce fruits as the landlord expected. The landlord is God Himself and the tenants are his own people. They failed to produce fruits of love, righteousness, justice, and mercy. Jesus reminds us Christians that, since we are the "new" Israel, enriched with additional blessings and provisions in the Church, we are expected to show our gratitude to God by bearing fruits of the kingdom, fruits of the Holy Spirit, in our lives, giving Him all the Glory. We have been gifted everything needed to be fruitful. We are expected to make use of these gifts to produce fruits for God...fruits of holiness, love, mercy...

<u>Parish Council</u>: There will be a parish council meeting next Wednesday, Oct 11 at 7:00pm in the glebe.

<u>Solem Celebration of Rosary:</u> The 10-day solemn celebration of Rosary with the Exposition of the Blessed sacrament continues. **Monday, October 9**th (**Thanksgiving Day) the Rosary will begin at 9.40am** followed by Holy Mass. Tuesday the Holy Mass will be at 6.00pm followed by rosary. On Wednesday after the Holy Mass at 6.00pm there will be an outside Rosary procession (weather permitting).

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a hot roast beef dinner on Tuesday Oct. 10 from 4 to 6:30.

Work Schedule: **Monday, Oct. 9**: 1 pm Cooking Roasts

4 pm Peeling vegetables and setting up hall.

Tuesday, Oct 10: 9 am Slicing Roasts

1 pm Start cooking veggies.

2 pm Final meal preparation, full staff requested and required

6 pm Cleanup

Cemetery News

<u>Burial information available online:</u> The parish website (<u>www.saintpetersporthood.com</u>) contains information on everyone buried in our parish cemeteries who has a tombstone. Amanda (MacDonald) MacIsaac worked on this project as a summer student one year. Go to the website. Click on the "Parish Cemetery" icon. A new page will come up. Choose either the link for the **old cemetery or the new cemetery**. Everyone who has a tombstone in either cemetery has had a photograph taken of it and his/her name entered in this computer program. Enter the Christian and surname of the person and that information will bring up a picture of the tombstone and its location in the cemetery. It is a quick way to find information on a deceased family member.

<u>Donations:</u> Four of our young parishioners have made a generous donation toward maintenance and upkeep of our parish cemeteries. Madeleine, Sam, Malia, and Gabriella Watts collected rocks this summer at Mill Brook below their Nana Watts' house and painted them with various designs. They held a rock sale (by donation) and happily presented all funds raised (more than \$1,000) to our parish cemetery fund. We thank them for their generosity.

Maintenance of Tombstones: With the passage of time some gravestones in our parish cemeteries-particularly in the old cemetery to the north-west of our church-become discoloured or have moss and lichen begin growing on them. Some begin to slant forward or backward and need to be straightened up. These gravestones have been purchased and placed by families of the deceased and their maintenance and up-keep remains with the family and descendants. The cooler fall months are a goodtime to work on and care for family tombstones and we encourage you to check out and clean those belonging to your family members or ancestors. Please avoid using wire brushes as they can do damage to the stone. In the new cemetery most head stones have been installed by Heritage Memorials Ltd. If they fall over or begin to slant contact their agent, Stanley Beaton (902-945-2790), and he will arrange to have them straightened-up when the company personnel are next in the graveyard. Thank you. (Cemetery Committee - Hughie John Beaton, Bernie Gillies, John Gillies, Martha Gillis, Colleen Macdonald MacLeod & Fr. Sunny)

<u>Futon:</u> The parish is looking for a Futon to be used in the glebe. If anybody has one, not being used could be donated to the parish.

<u>The Chestico Museum</u> will host *An Strugpag - Come for Tea - Stories about Tea in the Cape Breton Tradition* on Tuesday, October 10th at 2:00 PM. During this afternoon of storytelling, we will share a cup of tea and discover the important role this drink has played in our local culture. Admission is \$10.

<u>John Allan Cameron Song Session</u> featuring: Peter MacInnis, Neil MacQuarrie, Amanda MacDougall Thanksgiving Monday, October 9th from 2-4 PM Glencoe Station Hall; Admission: \$15

<u>Looking for a Volunteer:</u> I am looking for a volunteer to collect for charities at wakes at the Resting Place for a couple of months. I have to go out West. This is an important fund raiser for the Resting Place and for other charities as well. Contact Eloise 992-787-3295.

<u>Free Instruction</u>: Adult upgrading classes, essential skills training, and GED exam prep. are being offered throughout Inverness County from Sept.2023 to June/2024. Basic computer skills instruction can be provided in your community depending on the interest. If you would like more information, please call Jesslyn Timmons at 258-2752, daily at the Literacy Office 258-3110, or toll free at 1-877-258-5550. Instruction provided by Inverness County Literacy. Sponsored by the Dept. of Labour, Skills, and Immigration, along with the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

"Remember your church in your Will."