



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Nov. 12, 2023**

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Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Wednesday to Friday from
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Jack Redden
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Baptisms

By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

Marriages

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
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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	Altar Servers
Sat. Nov. 18 4:00pm	Jack Redden	Marlene MacMillan	Laina Shanks
Sun. Nov. 19 10:00 am	Mary Janet MacDonald	Darlene Watts	Samuel Watts
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Nov. 13	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Nov. 14	6:00pm (R) Angus MacDonald by Keith & Lorelei MacDonald		
Wed. Nov. 15	6:00pm (R) Catherine Theresa MacNeil by Jack & Lorraine MacDonell		
Thur. Nov. 16	6:00pm (R) Mary MacLean by Eldon & Darlene Sutherland		
Fri. Nov. 17	6:00pm (R) Joe MacDonald by Sandy & Deannie		

Message from the Pastor:

“Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day, nor the hour.” (Mathew. 25: 13) On April 4, 1988, the evening news reported the sad story of Ivan Lester McGuire, a photographer who was also a skydiver. He had jumped from a plane along with several other skydivers and filmed the group as they individually dove out of the plane and opened their parachutes. As the video was being shown of each member of the crew jumping out and then pulling their rip cord so that their parachute opened to the wind, the final skydiver (the photographer) opened his parachute and then the picture went out of control. It was reported that the cameraman had fallen to his death, having jumped out of the plane without a parachute. It was not until he reached for the ripcord that he would have realized that he was in free fall, taking pictures without a parachute. Tragically he was unprepared for the jump. It did not matter how many times he had done it before or what skill he had. By forgetting the parachute, he made a deadly mistake. Nothing could save him, as he depended on a parachute which he had never taken the trouble to buckle on. Although it is the sad story of a young photographer-skydiver who forgot the most important thing while diving, it is like the story of the five foolish bridesmaids in the parable who forgot to bring something very important and necessary to fulfill their responsibilities to the bridal couple. These five bridesmaids neglected to bring reserve oil, and so had to run to the dealers to buy some. Thus, they missed the arrival of the groom's party, and so, lost their chance to take part in the celebration. They lost not only the opportunity of witnessing the marriage ceremony, but also of participating in the week-long celebration that followed. These five foolish girls represent those who fail to prepare for the end of their lives. What matters is not the occasional or the last-minute burst of spiritual fervor but habitual attention to one's responsibilities before God. At the final judgment, there will be no depending upon the resources of others, no begging or borrowing of grace. Some are used to depending upon others' prayers, others' gifts, others' compassion, and others' Faith. But there are certain things we must win or acquire for ourselves for we cannot borrow them from others. Close relationship with God is the most important thing. So, we should attend to our duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late; that is, we need to be wise enough to remain ever prepared to welcome our Lord.

NOTICE: All are invited to attend a luncheon at the Parish Hall, in celebration of the five youth of St. Peter's Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, following Sunday Mass on November 12th, 2023. The luncheon is jointly organized and sponsored by the CWL and KOC.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish will be on **Sunday, November 12, 2023, at the 10.00AM Holy Mass** officiated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick.

New Entrance to the Cemetery: A new entrance to the cemetery with a Crucifix and a walkway has been built at the south side of the Church thanks to Mr. John van Zutphen. It will be blessed by Bishop H.E. Wayne Kirkpatrick on Sunday November 12, 2023, after the 10.00 AM Holy Mass.

Parish Council: There will be a parish council meeting on **Tuesday, November 14** at 7:00pm in the glebe.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held **Sunday, November 19th, 2023 at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

Annual Food Bank Drive: The annual KOC Port Hood Council food bank drive will take place on **Saturday, December 2, 2023**. Knights and helpers are asked to gather in the Church parking lot by **8:30 am**. Knights will be knocking at doors to collect **non-perishable** food items for the food bank. Please be generous. In the event of inclement weather, the food drive will take place on December 9, 2023.

CWL: There will be an important CWL meeting for all members on Tuesday, November 14th, at 1:00 pm at the Parish Hall, downstairs.

Tickets: CWL members: All quilt tickets and money must be returned by November 16th to Jeanette MacNeil. Any problem please call me at 902-787-2898.

Marion (Ditta) MacDonald (Duncan Thomas) celebrated her **99th birthday** on Monday, November 6th at the Port Hawkesbury Manor. The parish would like to extend best wishes for good health and a great year ahead.

The ICMH Auxiliary will be holding its Christmas Tea & Sale on November 24th at Inverness Fire Hall. Sale includes: Childrens' Table, Parcel Post, 50/50, Raffle Items, Silent Auction, Fudge Table, Crafts, Bake Table, and Christmas Table. Tea tickets \$5.00. Our area is asked to supply wrapped articles for parcel post worth at least \$1.00 and marked Man, Woman or Child. A canvasser will call on you for a donation. For further information contact Alice Landry 902-787-2491.

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.

Christmas Craft Fair: The 25th Annual Christmas Craft Fair will take place at Port Hood Fire Hall on **Sunday, November 12th from 10.00am to 2.00pm**. Admission: Adults-\$2.00; under 12-free. The proceeds go to the Port Hood & District Volunteer Fire Department.

The **Judique Knights of Columbus** will have a **Brunch** at the **Judique Community Center** on **Sunday, November 12th and 26th** from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults \$23.00, Children, \$6.00.

Christmas Ceilidh at Storyteller's Gallery (Jack's Old Store) in Judique on Saturday, December 2nd. at 2pm. John Donald Cameron emceeing with guests: Lisa Cameron and Vernon, Vincent McDonald, Blaise MacLellan, Fr. Allan MacMillan, Ian Cameron, Cathy Hawley, and Melissa Emmons. Cape Breton tea to follow. Donations gratefully accepted to Judique Historical Society.

Thank You: It is one year since I came to serve you in this parish as the Administrator. Thank you for welcoming me here, for your prayers, your love and friendship and for your great support in my ministry. Request you to continue to support me with your prayers. Also invite your valuable suggestions. **(Fr. Sunny Sebastian)**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL
EVERYDAY**

**From
9.00AM TO 3.00PM**

"Remember your church in your Will."