



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Aug. 13, 2023**

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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:

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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
Sat. Aug. 19 4:00pm	Gerard MacPhee	Donnie McLone
Sun. Aug. 20 10:00 am	Susan MacDougall	Catherine Trenholm
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Aug. 14	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Aug. 15	6:00pm For children of Joanne MacDonald & Wayne Lamb	
Wed. Aug. 16	6:00pm (R)Laurne Fraser by Jeanette MacNeil	
Thur. Aug. 17	6:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory by Keith & Lorelei MacDonald	
Fri. Aug. 18	6:00pm Deceased members of CWL by CWL	

Message from the Pastor

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid" (Mathew.14: 27)

"An elderly man, who had lived his life and left this world to go and meet his Maker asked the Lord a question. "As I'm looking down on the paths I've trod, I see two sets of footprints on the easy paths. But down the rocky roads I see only one set of footprints. "Tell me, Lord, why did you let me go down all those hard paths alone?" The Lord smiled and simply replied, "Oh, my son, you've got that all wrong! I carried you over those hard paths." These are the verses from one of the 1978 variant of the popular poem 'Footprints in the Sand'. This text is based in Christian beliefs and describes an experience in which a person is walking on a beach with God. They leave two sets of footprints in the sand. The tracks represent stages of the speaker's life. The two trails turn into one, especially at the lowest and most hopeless moments of the person's life. When the narrator questions God, believing that the Lord must have abandoned his love during those times, God gives the explanation, "During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." This poem reminds us of God's saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God Who always keeps us company, and our need for prayer in storms of life.

The disciples of Jesus including Peter go through an experience of being terrified and frightened in the midst of storm in the sea. Jesus makes them to experience His saving presence by reaching out to them. It was the assurance of Jesus that He is with them always especially in times of dangers, sufferings, worries and sorrows. They experience Jesus as the Saviour, the Son of God who has come to save those who call on Him in Faith. To all those who follow Jesus, He gives an assurance that He would save them even if they had to die for their Faith in him, and that, even in the midst of persecution, they need not fear because He is present with them. Jesus today offers the same reassurance to us in times of illness, death, persecution, or other troubles. Adversity is not a sign of God's displeasure, nor prosperity a sign of His pleasure; Illness is not a sign of inadequate Faith, nor health a sign of great Faith. Paradoxically, the storms of life can be a means of blessing. When things are going badly, our hearts are more receptive to Jesus. A broken heart is often a door through which Christ can find entry. He still comes to us in the midst of our troubles, saying, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." If we permit the chaos and evil around us to distract and influence us, then we will sink into the very chaos that we fear! On the other hand, if we keep our focus on the Source of our safety, our salvation, the One to whom we call out to save us, then the winds die down, and we are once again content in the Presence of the Lord. This is the way we increase or sustain our Faith: by never doubting that the Presence of the Lord is with us every single moment of our lives!

Back to School with Jesus: As the children are getting ready to go back to school this Fall, we are planning to have the **Holy Mass for all the students of our community**, to begin the new academic year with Jesus our Lord, who is

the Greatest Teacher. Date will be announced later. Request all the parents to bring your children for the Holy Mass.

Religion Class Registration: The 2023/2024 religious education for Grades 1-6 will start September 11, 2023. Please e-mail sarahlizwatts@hotmail.com to register your child.

KOC Monthly Meeting: Members are reminded of the meeting on Sunday, **August 20th, 2023, 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall (please note location change). Rosary at 7:00 pm.

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.

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.

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 seventh ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh series will be Thursday, August 17th at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be Kyle MacDonald, Cathy Hawley and Lisa Cameron. Admission is \$5. Tea will be served.

Our final Twilight Tales Walking Tours of the summer will be Monday, August 14th and Wednesday, 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 tour 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 tour 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 August 14th 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 guest on August 15th will be Mary Janet MacDonald who will be speaking on dancing. Thigibh còmhla rinn - Join Us!

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 15: Colin, Keith and Kyle MacDonald 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."