



**St. Peter's Parish  
Port Hood  
Oct. 15, 2023**

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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  
to 5:45pm & Saturday from  
2.30pm to 3.30pm

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noon on Wednesdays.

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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. 21 4:00pm	Melanie MacDonald	Jon Kommes
Sun. Oct. 22 10:00 am	Louise MacInnis	Donna MacDonald
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 16 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 17 6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory by Margaret	
Wed. Oct. 18 6:00pm	(R) Christie & Alexander Rankin by Don MacKinnon	
Thur. Oct. 19 6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory by Keith & Lorelei MacDonald	
Fri. Oct. 20 6:00pm	(R) Helen Batherson by the family	

### Message from the Pastor

**“For many are called, but few are chosen.” (Mathew 22;14)** St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo, when but a boy of five years, was measuring with a cord one room after another. His mother, rather confused, asked him what he was trying to do. “Dear mother,” was the reply, “I want to see how many beds can be placed in this house: when I am grown up, I should like to fill the whole house with sick people.” A tear of emotion glistened in his mother’s eyes. In 1832 he founded at Turin the “Little House of Divine Providence,” which, today, is world famous. His legacy of charity stands today at the heart of Turin city as a sign of what it means to love and serve others in an evangelical way. Like St. Cottolengo, there are some who respond to God’s call with passion and reach out to others to realize God’s vision for the human race. But there are many who, like the invited guests in the **Parable of the Wedding Feast** (Mathew 22:1-14), are complacent in their response to the Lord’s invitation. As per the established customs, the invitations to wedding banquets were sent and accepted well in advance. Once the banquet was ready, the host would send the guests a message to remind them of the banquet. Attendance at the royal prince’s wedding by prominent citizens was a necessary expression of the honor they owed the king and an expression of their loyalty to the legitimate successor to his throne. Even at ordinary weddings, it was insulting to the host if someone refused to participate in the wedding feast after agreeing to do so at the first invitation. Hence, refusal of a king’s invitation by the invited prominent guests, without any valid reason suggested rebellion and insurrection against the king. We are people who are called or invited to the endless joy of the Heavenly Banquet. If, in our preoccupation with passing, time-tied pleasures and duties and our attachments to material world, we refuse this invitation, our greatest pain in this life and in the life after our death will be the realization of the precious things we have forfeited. The invitation to the ordinary people from the streets tells us that God’s invitation to each one of us is purely an act of grace and not something that we deserve by our good works. The parable also warns us that God will judge those who refuse His invitation, giving them the misery, they have chosen for themselves. Let us respond to the invitation of God our Heavenly Father by attending the Banquet he is providing us daily through the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and the Sacred Scripture.

**KOC:** The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who supported our successful meal: the ladies who made the awesome pies and gravy, those who donated the turnip and potatoes, those who purchased meals and the workers who went the extra mile and THE GOOD LORD for guiding us through it all.

**KOC:** Regular monthly meeting will be held on **Sunday October 22, at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Rosary at 7.00pm.**

**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.

**Thank You:** Thanks to all who participated in the solemn celebration of Rosary, to the Liturgy committee who coordinated it and to those who led the Rosary each day. **Love the Rosary and continue to recite the rosary every day without fail.** May Jesus Christ bless all through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**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.

### **Cemetery News**

**Burial information available online:** The parish website ([www.saintpetersparish.com](http://www.saintpetersparish.com)) 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.

**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)

**Futon:** 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.

**The 63 Card Games** will start at the Port Hood Fire Hall on Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. There is a \$5.00 cover charge as well as a 50/50 draw.

**The Judique Knights of Columbus** are having a **Brunch** at the **Judique Community Center** on **October 15th and 29th** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00, children, \$6.00.

**Country Music Concert:** Sunday, October 15th at 2pm, in the Mabou Parish Hall. Door Prizes 50/50, Refreshments at the break, Admission \$15, Proceeds to the Shrine, Lots of great music.

**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](mailto:maryfbuchanan1@gmail.com). The cost is \$200. Please make cheque payable to St. Peter's Parish Building Fund.

**Free Instruction:** 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.

**The Judique Weekly Lottery** winners for September are- 4<sup>th</sup>: Bill/Sylvia Johnson, # 540, Long Point; 11<sup>th</sup>: Ken Bacon, #511, Judique; 18<sup>th</sup>: Neil MacLeod, #589, Judique; 25<sup>th</sup>: Curtis Gallant, #555, Judique.

**"Remember your church in your Will."**