



**St. Peter’s Parish
Port Hood
Oct. 6, 2024**

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Baptisms

By appointment, please call.
Parish Office

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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. Oct. 12, 4:00 pm	Gerard MacPhee	Donnie McIhone
Sun. Oct. 13, 10:00 am	Lousise MacInnis	Marcella Beaton
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Oct. 7 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Oct. 8 6:00pm	(R) Judy & Anna Morris	
Wed. Oct. 9 6:00pm	(R) Deceased members of the CWL by CWL	
Thur. Oct. 10 6:00pm	For the unborn and culture of life by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	
Fri. Oct. 11 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Sunny	

From the Pastor’s Desk

As we begin this Sunday, the Religious Education program, I would like to share a few thoughts regarding the need and the importance of faith formation of our children and the role of parents in it.

Faith formation of children is a vital part of Catholic education, as it helps lay the foundation for their understanding of the Catholic faith. “The Catechism of the Catholic Church” emphasizes the role of parents and the parish community in this process. “The fecundity of conjugal love cannot be reduced solely to the procreation of children but must extend to their moral education and their spiritual formation. The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute. The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable” (Art.2221); “Parents must regard their children as children of God and respect them as human persons. Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, they educate their children to fulfill God's law” (Art. 2222); “Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues...”; “Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church. A wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life”; “Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.” (Art.2224-2226)

Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray”. (Proverb 22:6)

Therefore, as a parent, it’s important to lay a good and solid foundation for your children while they are still young, and there’s no better way to raise your children than in the faith. But what does raising a child in the faith mean? And why should you raise your children in the faith? Many of us don’t know how to instill faith in our children. If you do, it’s often a overwhelming task that requires dedication and strong belief, especially in the onslaught of an increasingly secular and faithless world. Taking our children to church, introducing them to God, teaching them daily spiritual practice, and sharing the Gospel can all seem impossible. But here is why you should lead your children to Christ. Raising children in the faith simply means instilling spiritual or religious beliefs and values in them as they grow. This includes teaching children about the tenets and practices of a faith tradition; introducing children to sacred teachings; participating in spiritual or religious activities and rituals with your children; modeling attitudes and behaviors that align with the spiritual and religious beliefs and allowing and guiding the children to explore their own beliefs. Generally, raising a child in the faith means helping our young ones develop a powerful and meaningful connection to a higher purpose or power. It also involves guiding our children to live by the values and principles of our faith tradition. The best time to start teaching your children about

the love of God and ways to follow and find Him is when they are still young. So, I wish that all the parents and the families come to recognize Faith formation of their children as very important in their lives and make use of the resources available in the parish to raise their children in Catholic faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Religious Education program for the year 2024-2025 involving students, young adults and parents begins on **October 6th and 7th (Sunday & Monday)**. Sunday Program (for students, young adults and families) is from **4.00pm to 5.30pm** and Monday Program (for students only) is from **6.00pm to 7.00pm**. For registration and more information visit: <https://form.jotform.com/smariemacisaac/st-peters-parish-family-and-student> or call **Sheila MacIsaac** at **902-631-2512**.

KOC LIFE CHAIN 2024: On **Sunday** October 6th, 2024, **from 2pm-4pm** at the Port Hood Day Park. All are welcome! Stand in witness to the precious gift of Life from conception to natural death.

KOC ROAST BEEF DINNER: KOC is sponsoring a hot Roast Beef Dinner on **Tuesday Oct. 15 from 4 to 6:30**.

Work Schedule:

Thursday	Oct 10: 9:00 am Peeling Apples
Monday	Oct 14: 4:00 pm Peeling Vegetables and hall preparation
Tuesday	Oct 15: 2:00 pm Preparing and serving the meal
Wednesday	Oct 15: 6:00 pm Cleanup

SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF ROSARY: As October is specially dedicated as the Month of Rosary, the Solemn celebration of the Rosary with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held for **10 days in October, beginning on Wednesday the 16th to Friday the 25th**. On Weekends, **20 minutes before the Holy Mass** and on Weekdays, **after the 6.00pm Holy Mass**. The solemn celebration of Rosary will be a preparation for the parish Mission Retreat.

PARISH MISSION: Please mark your calendar for the Parish Mission in our church from **2024 October 27-30 (Sunday to Wednesday)** preached by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** Pastor of St. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish, Sydney. **On Sunday October 27 talk will be from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Monday to Wednesday: 6.00pm Holy Mass; 6.30pm Talk.** On Monday and Tuesday Fr. Bill will be available for confession/ drop in chat from **2.00pm to 4.00pm**.

Living with Grief Support: Bereaved Families of Cape Breton in partnership with the Diocese of Antigonish and Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines is offering a six-week grief program to those who have lost a loved one. It takes place on **Tuesday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am starting October 8th, and continuing on October 15th, 22, 29th, November 5th & November 12th at Holy Family Parish, Sydney Mines**. Each week, a grief-related topic is covered to help participants move through the grief process. Participants can attend alone or bring a support person. To register contact **Norma Blinkhorn at (902) 202 2972 or Bereaved Families of Cape Breton (902) 564-6795**

Concert: A Fundraiser concert for Stella Maris Church, Creignish will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at Creignish Recreation Centre, 2123 Highway 19, from 7pm to 9pm. Performers include Kinnon & Betty Lou Beaton, Brian MacDonald, Abigail MacDonald, Sabra MacGillivray, Ruby MacDonald, Rita Rankin, Adam Cooke, Patrick Lamey, Delores Boudreau & more. Admission: By Donation.

The Auxiliary of the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital is holding their meeting on Thursday October 10, at 1:30pm, in Port Hood at St. Stephen's United Church Hall. Please join us and see first-hand how the Auxiliary operates and how it supports our local hospital

Celtic Colours: Chestico Museum will host two events in association with Celtic Colours. **Lifting Spirits and Feet with Celtic Music** will be on Friday, October 11th at 1 PM. Join Michelle Greenwell and Scottish fiddler Colin MacLeod as they share step dance, square set, and musical experiences with you to get the most out of your Celtic Colours experience! Cape Breton Tea Company tea will be served. The cost is \$10. **Stepping Through Time** will be on Tuesday, October 15th at 2 PM. Mary Janet MacDonald and a few guests will share memories of learning to step dance and relate stories of ceilidhs and events from the late 1950s to the present day. Tea will be served. The cost is \$10.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch on October 6th and 20th at the Judique Community Center from 10:30 to 12:30. Adults, \$12.00, Children, \$6.00

“Remember your church in your Will”