



**St. Peter’s Parish  
Port Hood  
August 11, 2024**

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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**  
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***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. 17, 4:00 pm	Harvey van Zutphen	Janet van Zutphen
Sun. Aug. 18, 10:00 am	Susan MacDougall	Janice Campbell
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Aug. 12	6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene
Tues. Aug. 13	6:00pm	Deceased members of CWL
Wed. Aug. 14	6:00pm	Souls in Purgatory by Keith/ Lorelei MacDonald
Thur. Aug. 15	6:00pm (R)	Winnie MacInnis by John Gillies
Fri. Aug. 16	6:00pm (R)	Allan Andrew MacDonald by John Gillies

### From the Pastor’s Desk

**“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”** (John 6:51) On Oct. 12, 2008, during the Holy Mass celebrated at the parish church of St. Anthony of Sokolko, Poland, a consecrated host fell from the hands of one of the priests during the distribution of Communion. The priest picked up the host, and, in accordance with liturgical norms, placed it in a small container of water. The host was expected to dissolve in the water, which would later be disposed of properly. At the end of the Mass, at the request of the pastor, the parish sacristan-Sister Julia Dubowska-poured the water and the host into another container and knowing that the consecrated host would take some time to dissolve, she placed it in the safe located in the parish sacristy. A week later, when the pastor asked her about the condition of the host, the sacristan took out the container and when she opened the container, she saw, in the middle of the host-which was still largely intact-a curved, bright red stain, like a blood stain: a living particle of a body. The water was untainted by the color. She informed the pastor about this and he after examining the host informed the metropolitan archbishop of Bialystok. The archbishop ordered that the host be protected while they waited to see what would happen. Two weeks later the stained host was taken out of the water and placed on a small corporal, which was put back in the tabernacle. The host was kept this way for three years. A piece of the altered host was taken and analyzed independently by two experts-Drs. Maria Sobaniec-Lotowska and Stanislaw Sulkowski-in order to ensure the credibility of the results. When the samples were taken for analysis, the undissolved part of the consecrated host had become embedded in the cloth. However, the red blood clot was as clear as ever. This transformed part of the host was dry and fragile, inextricably interwoven with the rest of the fragment, which had kept the form of bread. The results of both independent studies were in perfect agreement. They concluded that the structure of the transformed fragment of the host is identical to the myocardial (heart) tissue of a living person who is nearing death. The structure of the heart muscle fibers is deeply intertwined with that of the bread, in a way impossible to achieve with human means. The studies proved that no foreign substance was added to the consecrated host; rather, part of the host took the form of heart muscle of a person near death. This kind of phenomenon is considered as mysterious by the natural sciences.

There are reports of several Eucharistic miracles happened and still happening in different parts of the world, a few of which have been approved by the Church as authentic. These miracles highlight the fact that Jesus Christ is really and truly present in the Holy Eucharist, and the Eucharist-the Bread from Heaven- is His own Flesh and Blood. We live in a world where people of all races and creeds hunger more for spiritual sustenance than for physical food. In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, Jesus proclaims Himself to be “the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven” to satisfy the spiritual hunger of people and declares that the Bread that gives for the life of the world is His Flesh. Even though it was impossible for many of His hearers to accept this statement by Jesus, He insisted that His words must be accepted literally, and that His Father would draw people to accept them. Hence, let us strongly confess our faith in the Holy Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and accept Him as the Heavenly Bread, medicine for the sick soul, nourishment for a wounded spirit, light and strength for a weary mind and the Source of new and eternal Life.

**KOC Meeting:** Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2024 @ 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 p.m.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Summer Camp:** The second session of the Summer Camp for children of ages 5-13, organized by the Religious Education Ministry of our Parish continues on **August 12 and 19 and 26**. To register for the camp and for more information contact: **Sheila MacIsaac: 902-631-2512 or Maria Jardine: 902-483-5234**.

**New Coordinator:** **Sheila MacIsaac** will be serving as the Coordinator for Religious Education of the Parish. Parents planning to register their children for religious education for the year 2024/2025 may contact her at **902-631-2512**.

**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.

**Jubilee Greetings:** The Mother Superior of the Order of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, **Rev. Sr. Elizabeth Marie Cormier, SOLI**, daughter of Betty and Edgar Cormier of our Parish, is celebrating her **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Silver Jubilee)** of her Profession of Religious Vows. The Parish community will be wishing congratulations and Jubilee greetings to her during the **Holy Mass on August 17/ 18**. Let us keep her in our prayers and God for the gift of religious vocation.

**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 Chestico Museum** is offering a series of informative genealogy workshops: "Starting Genealogical Journey" on Tuesday, August 20, from 7- 9 pm. Brenda (Hawley) Harrison and local Port Hood residents, John and Cathy Gillies will be providing the workshops with techniques to help you. Pre-registration required: \$20.00. Limited spaces available. To reserve your spot, visit or contact the museum: 8095 Route 19, Port Hood/Harbourview; phone 902-787-2244. Open from 9-5 Monday to Friday. Website: **http://chesticoplace.com/museum**.

**The seventh ceilidh of the Chestico Museum Summer Ceilidh Series** will be Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the museum. Performing will be by Vincent MacDonald, Mary Graham and Lynn & Cyril Chisholm. Admission is \$10. Tea will be served.

**The final Chestico Museum Twilight Tales** walking tours of the summer will be this week. The Monday, August 12th tour includes St. Peter's Parish cemeteries and starts at 8 PM. The Wednesday, August 14th tour meets at the Union Protestant Cemetery at 7 PM. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please contact the museum (902-787-2244) to reserve your spot!

**The July Winners of the JCC Weekly Draw for \$500.00** are: July 01, Danny Cotton, # 529, Judique: 08, Randy MacDonald, #630, Judique: 15th, Blaise/Irene MacLellan, # 560, Judique: 22nd, Willie MacIsaac, # 525, Judique: 29th, Danny Graham, #? Judique.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHURCH  
(9.00AM TO 3.00PM)**

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