



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Mar. 17, 2024**

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Parish Office Hours

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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. Mar. 23 4 pm Palm Sun.	Ellen Murphy W1 N Gerard MacPhee (2 Int S)	Linda Beaton
Sun. Mar. 24 10am Palm Sun.	John Gillies W1 N Mary Janet (2, Int, S)	Marlene MacMillan
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Mar. 18	6:00pm Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris	
Tues. Mar. 19	6:00pm Special Intention by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen	
Wed. Mar. 20	6:00pm (R) Bobby MacDonald by Sadie Murphy	
Thur. Mar. 21	6:00pm (R) Johnena McFadgen by Keith/Lorelei MacDonald	
Fri. Mar. 22	6:00pm Stations of the Cross/ Mass (R)Catherine Campbell by Donald A. MacEachern	

From the Pastor's Desk

"Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life". (John 12: 25) Just after midnight on Feb. 3, 1943, an act of extraordinary selflessness by a group of men became a legend of martyrdom and sacrifice. The Dorchester, a U S ship for military service in World War II left New York on January 23, 1943, heading for Greenland, carrying approximately 900 people including civilian and military personnel. During the early morning hours of February 3, the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. Its passengers and crew had 25 minutes to get off the boat. As all people went for the life jackets, it quickly was discovered there weren't nearly enough. In the ship's final minutes, Methodist senior chaplain George Lansing Fox, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Dutch Reformed minister Clark V. Poling and Rev. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest, were helping passengers leave the vessel. At the end when they saw some without lifejackets the chaplains quickly gave up their own vests and went down with the ship, perishing in the freezing water. Survivors saw them, locked arm in arm, praying and singing the Navy hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong"- just before the ship dove beneath the waves. The impact of the chaplains' story was deep, with many memorials and extensive coverage in the media. The "Four Immortal Chaplains," as they are now known, were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart and the U. S Postal Service issued a stamp in their honor. This world would have lost much if there had not been people prepared to forget their personal safety, security, selfish gain, and selfish advancement. The world owes everything to people who recklessly spend their lives for others.

Through the metaphor of the "dying grain of wheat" and of the "surrendered life", in John 12: 20-33 Jesus explains that it is by his suffering and death that he brings life and liberation to the sinful world, just as a grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone, "just a seed," by germinating and then growing into a plant which produces many new grains of wheat. In the same way, it is by the self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to humankind. In other words, when we "die" to our selfishness, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ. Today we are reminded that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering, and service. Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in Heaven and the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Let us learn to live this Lenten period spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless, and self-giving service.

Lenten Reconciliation. The annual Lenten Reconciliation is to take place @ **2.00 pm on Sunday, 17th March 2024** in the church. Several priests will be available.

Stations of the Cross: On Friday, 22nd of March 2024, Stations of the Cross at **6.00 pm** followed by Holy Mass in the Church.

Donations for flowers: If you wish to make donations to defray the costs for Easter flowers, you may put the money in an envelope (marked flowers and your regular envelope number) in the weekend collections.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary: On Tuesday, 19th March we celebrate the **Solemnity of St. Joseph**, patron of the Universal Church and the principal Patron of Canada (400th Anniversary) with **Holy Hour from 4.45 to 5.45** and **Benediction** followed by **Holy Mass at 6.00 pm** in the Church. Let us come together to thank the Lord God, who has given us St. Joseph as the guardian of our families, protector of our children and the patron of our country and seek the intercession of the Saint for our daily life. A special welcome to all those who hold the name **Joseph**.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, March 25	: Mass of Chrism at St. Ninian Cathedral at 3.00pm.
Holy Thursday, March 28	: Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Adoration.
Good Friday, March 29	: Outside Stations of the Cross at 10:00 am.
	: Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil, March 30	: Easter Vigil service and Mass at 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday March 31	: Easter Day Mass at 10.00 am.

CWL: There will be a CWL meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 2:00 downstairs at the Parish hall. All members are invited to attend. The yearly CWL financial statement is now available at the back of the church, please have a look and if there are any questions, please contact Ann MD.

Upcoming Events: On Wednesday, April 3rd the CWL is hosting a concert to celebrate the Scottish heritage and the cultural contributions of our Scottish ancestors for International Tartan Day. This will be held at the Port Hood Parish Hall, line up of performers and details will be announced next week. Light lunch will also be served. **Holy hour** in honor of Our Lady of Good Council will be held on **April 26**. Thank you to all the ladies who came to the hall for the annual tidy up day; many hands make light work Greatly appreciated!

KOC: The movie “**Mother Teresa-No Greater Love**” will be shown on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the food bank. All are welcomed to attend. This event is sponsored by St. Peter’s Knights of Columbus. Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 24th, 2024, @ 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 pm.**

First Reconciliation & First Communion: The First Reconciliation of our children is scheduled for **Saturday 13th April at 9.00am** and the First Communion is on **Sunday 12th May during 10.00am Holy Mass.**

Lenten Parish Mission at Port Hawkesbury: All are invited to attend the Lenten Parish Mission led by **Rev. Fr. Bill Burke** (pastor of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, Sydney) being held in St. Joseph Parish, Port Hawkesbury (118 Granville Street) from **Sunday, March 17 to Wednesday March 20. Time: 7-8pm.** Monday–Wednesday 2-4pm Confessional/Drop in chat. On Wednesday, the final evening, Mass at 7pm, with the talk as part of the Mass.

CWL: CWL dues for 2024 is now due. The amount due is \$34.50. It may be sent to Anne MacDougall (902-227-5268), 431 Shore Road, Judique, NS B0E 1P0 or you may put it in the church collection in an envelope clearly marked with **member’s name** and “**CWL Dues**”.

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 Judique Knights of Columbus are having a Brunch at the Judique Community Center on Sunday, March 17th from 10:30 to 12:30; Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00. Come and celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day!!!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL

(9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY)

“Remember your church in your Will.”