

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Nov. 9, 2025**

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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
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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. Nov. 15 4:00 pm	Gerard MacPhee	Marlene MacMillan
Sun. Nov. 16 10:00 am	John Gillies	Marcella Watts
Weekday Masses		
Mon. Nov. 10 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene	
Tues. Nov. 11 9:30am	Remembrance Day	
Wed. Nov. 12 6:00pm	(R) Chad Wilson by Anita Dwyer	
Thur. Nov. 13 6:00pm	(R) Sonny MacInnis by Jack & Lorraine MacDonell	
Fri. Nov. 14 6:00pm	Protection of unborn & culture of life by Joe & Carmen van Zutphen	

Remembrance Day: The Holy Mass on Remembrance Day will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 11** in the church at **9:30am**. The slideshow to honour our local veterans will begin at **9.30am** followed by Holy Mass.

Parish Pastoral Council: There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on **Tuesday, November 18@ 7:00 pm** in the glebe.

KOC Meeting: Regular monthly council meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 16, 2025 @ 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. **Rosary at 7:00 p.m.**

National Relics Veneration: As part of the Jubilee year the major **Relics of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and three Canadian Martyrs-St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant**-will be brought to **St. Ninian Cathedral Antigonish on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 1.00pm** for veneration. All are welcome to the Holy Mass and the Veneration of the Relics.

Intriguing Implications of AI: This year's Vicar of the Founder Lecture features **Fr. Philip Larrey, PH.D.**, a Catholic priest, author, and professor of philosophy at Boston College, and former Chair of Logic and Epistemology at the Pontifical Lateran University in the Vatican. His scholarly work focuses on the philosophy of knowledge, critical thinking, and the impact of the digital era on society. His presentation takes place on **November 25 from 12.00 to 1.30pm at St. Ninian Place, Antigonish**. Admission is free. All are welcome. Please visit: www.antigonishdiocese.com/vicar-of-the-founder for more information.

Dates to Remember:

First Sunday of Advent : **November 30**
Christmas : **Thursday December 25**
Ash Wednesday : **February 18**
Palm Sunday : **March 29**
Easter : **April 5**

MAiD: A Catholic Response: November 2, 2025, was observed by the Diocese of Antigonish as **Dignity Sunday** to uphold the dignity of human life and to make people aware of the dangers of MAiD. As Nova Scotia faces a serious problem with regard to MAiD, all the parishioners in our Diocese are asked to send a letter to the Premier voicing our concerns about this law. Copies of letters to be signed and sent to the premier are available at the back of church. You can reach out to the Premier also by email to premier@novascotia.ca or pictoueastamanda@gmail.com. You can join this campaign also by visiting <https://bit.ly/NSRegulator24>.

Retreat with Fr. Mark Cherry: All are welcome to the retreat talks in **Our Lady of Grace Monastery** by Fr. Mark Cherry from **November 28 to 30 (Saturday to Monday)**. The Retreat will help us to prepare ourselves for the holy season of Advent. For more information and to register for the on-site retreat package, please contact **Lucille Fougere at (902)623-0075**.

The St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (Sydney) Car Draw: You could drive away with a brand-new car and help out our parish in the process! Tickets are \$50.00 each or 3 for \$125.00! You could win a NEW Chevrolet TRAX 2RS. The draw will take place on Dec. 31st. If we sell out before New Year's Eve, the draw will take place earlier. Only 2000 tickets. For more information contact the parish office.

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (John 2: 19). The **St. John Lateran Basilica** in Rome and its Baptistry were built by the Emperor Constantine who accepted Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire. It was dedicated as the Cathedral Church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I in AD 324. Today this Church serves as the **Episcopal seat of the Pope as the Bishop of Rome** and, hence, is called “*the Mother and Head of all Churches of Rome and the world.*” As the Basilica was originally built by Constantine it was called Basilica Constantina. Later, the Church was named the Arch-Basilica of the Most Holy Savior. However, it is now called St. Johns Lateran Basilica because it was built on property donated to the Church by the Laterani family, and because the monks from the monastery of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Divine served in it. The name St. Johns comes, first, from the Baptistery, rebuilt by Pope St. Sixtus II (AD 432-440), and dedicated by him to St. John the Baptist. Later, Pope St. Hilary (AD 461-468), dedicated it to St. John the Evangelist, in thanksgiving to that Apostle for saving his life. It was rebuilt in the late 16th century during the reign of Pope Sixtus V. The new structure's interior was renovated in the late 17th century, and its façade was completed in 1735 under Pope Clement XII, and he dedicated the church to Christ the Savior, in honor of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist". Because Christ the Saviour is its primary dedication, its titular feast day is 6 August, the Transfiguration of Christ.

Each year, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica on **November 9th**. This feast is more than a commemoration of a historic building; it is a spiritual celebration that draws us into the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ. The Gospel for this feast, John 2:13-22, offers profound insight into what it means for Christ to be our true temple, and for us to be living stones in God's house. In the Gospel, we witness Jesus entering the Jerusalem temple during Passover and driving out those selling animals and exchanging money. His forceful actions are a passionate defence of the sacredness of God's house. Jesus said, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!” (John 2:16) His words made the disciples to remember the words of Scripture: “Zeal for your house will consume me.” When challenged by the authorities to give a sign for His actions, Jesus responded by saying, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The people misunderstood it as Jesus referring to the physical temple, but “he was speaking of the temple of his body” (John 2:21). After His resurrection, the disciples recalled this and believed.

The Lateran Basilica stands as the mother church, symbolizing unity for Catholics everywhere. Its dedication reminds us that, while sacred buildings are important, they point to a deeper reality: Christ is the cornerstone of the Church, and we, through baptism, are built into a spiritual house. Jesus' cleansing of the temple is not just about defending a building; it's about restoring the heart of worship, centring it on Himself. By connecting the Gospel to the dedication feast, we are invited to examine our own lives and make our hearts places of true worship. We have to allow Christ to cleanse us, so that we may be fitting temples for the Holy Spirit. The Lateran Basilica, with its history and grandeur, is a visible sign, but its meaning is fulfilled when we, the people of God, live as Christ's Body, a living temple shining with faith, hope, and charity. As we mark the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, let us remember that every church building, and especially the Lateran, calls us to deeper unity with Christ and with one another. May the zeal of Jesus for His Father's house inspire us to reaffirm our dedication to faith, seek to remove distractions from genuine worship, and serve as an example of God's presence and love in the world.

“Lights of Love” Campaign 2025: RK MacDonald Nursing Home Foundation Antigonish invites everyone to the **“Lights of Love” Campaign 2025** to celebrate Christmas this year by helping the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home light its tree with bulbs dedicated to love. This is the 28th year that the “Lights of Love”. Christmas tree will be lit to honour individuals in whose name donations have been made. You can dedicate one or more bulbs in memory of a deceased loved one or honour someone presently in your life. In addition to a tax receipt for your donation, you can receive a card to send to anyone you have honoured. This year the donations will be used to provide **“Resident Mobility Companions”**. The **Lights of Love Service** is at **2:00 pm on Sunday, December 7, 2025**, and the Lights of Love tree will be lit during the service. For more information, please visit www.rkfoundation.ca or contact foundation@rkmacdonald.ca or 902-863-2578 ext. 223

“Remember your church in your Will”