



*St. John the Baptist Parish  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*

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*Who invite you to celebrate ...*

*Sunday Eucharist:*

Saturday:

**4:00pm** St. John the Baptist

Sunday:

**9:30am** St. John the Baptist

**11:30am** Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Reconciliation*

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm

Sunday 8:45-9:15am

*Baptism* - as requested

*Marriage* - one year notice (to be certain all requirements are met)

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2017**

## This week's Calendar

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	4pm	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at St. John the Baptist
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	9:30am	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at St. John the Baptist
	11:30am	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at Our Lady of Perpetual Help
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9am	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at St. John the Baptist
	7pm	<b><u>CWL Meeting</u></b> in the Pastoral Centre Meeting Room
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	9am	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at St. John the Baptist
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	NO MASS	<i>(Council of Priests, Port Hawkesbury)</i>
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	NO MASS	<i>(In Antigonish)</i>
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	10:30	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at Glen Haven
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	4pm	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at St. John the Baptist
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	9:30am	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at St. John the Baptist
	11:30am	<b><u>Mass</u></b> at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### **Deanery Weekday Masses**

*Holy Name: **Mon, Wed., Fri-9am, Stella Maris: Tues, Thurs-6:30pm**  
Our Lady of Lourdes: n/a*

**A call for deacon candidates** “We are so happy that our diocese has 9 deacons who are living out their call to minister as servant of the Word, Altar and Charity. We have 8 candidates in their third year of formation and discernment asking” Is God calling me to diaconate?” That is the challenge we make to men aged 35-65: “Is God calling you to be a deacon in our diocese?” Some signs are: a desire and ability to commit oneself to this call; the physical, mental and emotional health needed to minister as a deacon; a good relationship with Christ and His Church; if married, the support of your spouse and family; and if single, the grace of living celibately. If you have any inkling or wondering if the Lord might be calling you, why not talk about it with your pastor or a deacon?

You could also call the Director of Deacons, Fr. Bedford Doucette at 902-578-4375, the Pastoral Center, Sydney. If there is sufficient interest, there is a possibility of another class in the New Year. So contact us sooner rather than later so plans can be made. We ask you to pray for our deacons and candidates and for more men to respond to the call to become deacons.” *Fr. Bedford Doucette*

**St John the Baptist has a website!** To access it, enter [stjohnthebaptistsns.com](http://stjohnthebaptistsns.com). On it you will find Mass schedules, a history of St. John the Baptist and links to other things like ministries, parish life

#### **Weekly Collection**

#### **November 26**

Envelope Collection	\$4,678.00
Loose Collection	\$134.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,812.00</b>
Renovations	\$105.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,870.00
Surplus this week	\$942.00
Envelopes Distributed	285
Envelopes Returned	177
% Returned	62%
Average/Envelope	\$26.43

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and contact numbers. Stay tuned as the site continues to grow.

**Christmas Flowers** Anyone wanting to make a donation towards Christmas flowers may place their donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket or leave it at the Pastoral Centre Office.

**Giving Trees** are located at the entrances of St. John the Baptist during Advent and will hold envelopes to be used for donations to St. Vincent de Paul for those in need of assistance. Donations provide assistance in areas such as rent, lights, baby food, medication, etc. All donations are gratefully received. Receipts will be issued.

**CWL Meeting** this Monday, December 4, in the Pastoral Centre Meeting Room with executive to meet at 6pm. Also, there is an Advent visit to Highcrest Home on Forbes St. for carols and stories with the residents this Sunday, December 3, from 2-3:30pm.

**Recycled Christmas bags needed** If anyone has medium/large Christmas gift bags to donate for shepherds lunch room, please drop them off at the Pastoral Office on Monday or Tuesday. Thanks!

**Chalice invites you to share the blessings and joy of Christmas** with children and families in the developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue ([located at the back of the Church](#)) offers the opportunity to purchase a gift on behalf of a friend or loved one. Your friend or loved one will receive a beautiful card stating what gift or gifts you purchased in their name. You will also receive an official tax receipt.

The gift shop at the Shrine in Mabou will open up for two days only for a Christmas Shopping Sale. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10 from 1-4pm. For inquiries please call 902-945-2221.

### **Parish Ministry Schedule**

#### **DECEMBER 9/10**

#### **Readers**

#### **Saturday**

#### **Sunday**

George Kenney  
Ann MacLean

Kevin MacDonald  
Elaine Sponagle

#### **Altar Servers**

Georgio Haddad  
Christa Haddad  
Julia MacInnis+

Rebecca DeCoste  
Jessica Campbell  
Maggie Brown+

#### **Ministers of Holy Communion**

#### **Clinton Keay**

#### **Aileen Brown**

Marion MacKenzie  
Maryanna MacMillan

Robert Simpson  
David Sponagle

#### **Gift Bearers**

Norma DeCoste  
& Fran Connors

Dave & Christina Cummings  
& Family

#### **Ministers of Hospitality**

Jim Gillis  
Ivan Willis  
Maryanna MacMillan (ramp)

Robert Simpson  
Aileen Brown (ramp)

**Christmas Gala Concert**, St. Margaret of Scotland Church Arisaig. Sunday, December 17, 3pm. Performances by Carillon Singers and many more. Admission: \$15. Tickets available in Antigonish at

Hawthorne Convenience and 5¢ to \$1 Store. In Pictou County at LBR Convenience, Lower Barney's River and Chediac Furniture, New Glasgow or call Mary Smith, 902-863-1836.

**Christmas Kettle Campaign** The Salvation Army is in great need of volunteers to man the kettles from December 1-23. If anyone is interested, please contact Lee-Anne at 902 695-3298.



### **Mass Schedule Christmas Week**

**Sunday, December 24:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:30am – St. John the Baptist

11:30am – Our Lady of Perpetual help

**Christmas Eve Masses**

6pm – St. John the Baptist (*senior choir*)

8pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

9:30pm – St. John the Baptist (*Saturday night choir*)

**Monday, December 25**

**Christmas Day Mass**

9:30am – St. John the Baptist

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**Sunday, December 31**

9:30am – St. John the Baptist

11:30am – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

**New Year's Eve Mass**

4pm – St. John the Baptist

**Monday, January 1, 2018 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

9:30am – St. John the Baptist

11:30am – Our Lady of Perpetual Help