

St. Peter's, Holy Guardian Angels and St. John the Baptist Parishes
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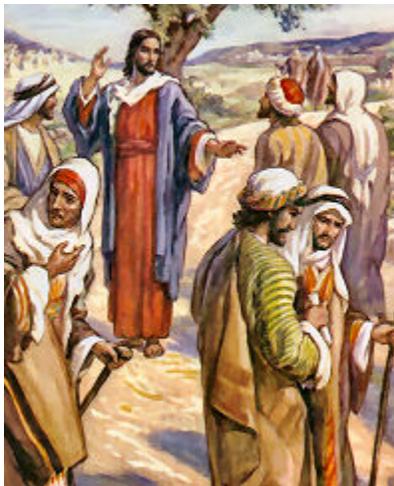
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July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them (Mk 6:7-11)."

Today is the feast of [St. Benedict](#) which is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.



Sunday

Readings

The **first reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Amos 7:12-15. When he foretold the murder of Jeroboam and the exile of Israel Amos was denounced by Amaziah, the priest in charge of the sanctuary of Bethel, and was expelled from Israel.

The **second reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10. This letter was written from Rome to remind St. Paul's converts to continue to be faithful to the teaching he had given them while in Ephesus.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 6:7-13. That Christ the Son of God could have spread his Gospel of peace and love, his message of eternal salvation, to the whole world without human help need not be proved. He could, for instance, have written the Gospel in the sky-over each country in its own language. He could have gone to every part of the earth, after his resurrection, and taught his doctrine to all peoples,

confirming his words with extraordinary miracles. Yet he chose the weaker but the more human way of evangelizing men—he sent their own fellowmen to bring them the message. This choice showed his divine love and understanding of weak human nature, much better and much more effectively than the use of any of the supernatural means which he could have employed.

God, and Christ is God, gave man the gift that we call freewill. Man is able to choose between alternatives. God wants man to choose heaven as his eternal home, but he wants him to choose it without compulsion or coercion. He will have volunteers in heaven not conscripts. The man who chooses heaven must choose the means for going there. If you choose a holiday resort for your summer vacation, you must buy travel tickets, book a hotel and save up the expenses necessary for the holiday. By appointing mortal men to bring the news of salvation, the news of heaven, and the means of getting there to all of us, Christ has given us the chance of exercising our freewill and therefore of meriting heaven. Refusal to accept would hardly be possible if Christ informed us miraculously or taught us in person. If some extraordinary individual could persist in refusing, his refusal would be utterly inexcusable.

God's mercy and love can reach into the darkest corners and produce fruit from the most unlikely and apparently most neglected of orchards.

While we thank God from our hearts today for having been put on the road to heaven, let us remember in our prayers our fellowmen, God's other children, who are trudging along through the fields and hedges. May God continue to show his mercy and divine understanding toward them!

Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Sacrament of Baptism

please call:

Rev. John Yake, I.V. Dei

902-535-2231

Instructors for baptism:

Mary Fougere, SJB 902) 535-2699

Rose Pâté, SP (902) 302-7011

Vera Doucette, HGA (902) 785-4018

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call Fr. Yake six months prior to the wedding date.

Pre-Marriage Program

May 29, 2021

Offered by Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia, Glace Bay.

Register by phone: 902-849-4772

For more information, contact:

Tasia Boucher

EAP/Pre-Marriage Program Coordinator & Admin Support

tboucher@fsens.ns.ca

Website: <http://ensfamilyservice.ca/>

Weekday Liturgy

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

**First Communion Mass
6:30 PM at SP**

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

HGA 11:00 AM

+ **Gary Sampson**

Thursday, July 15, 2021

SJB 4:00 PM

+ **Patrick Konning**

Friday, July 16, 2021, 2021

SP 11:00AM

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday, July 17, 2021

SH 4:00 PM

HGA 5:30 PM

+ **Rita Sampson**

Requested by Harry Sampson

Sunday, July 18, 2021

SJB 9:00 AM

+ **Ernest Bourque**

SP 10:30 AM

Please note: Mass intentions should be arranged with Mary at office.

Please call the office when covid-19 restrictions are lifted to reschedule Masses that were missed during closure. Last Masses were said weekend of May 1-2

July 4, 2021 receipts

Holy Guardian Angels

Envelopes	\$ 791.00
Candles	23.40
Candidates for Priesthood	125.00

Total **\$ 939.40**

St. Peter's Catholic Church

(June 27, 2021)

Envelopes & Loose	\$1,315.00
Candles	15.00
Parish Dues	115.00
Improvement Fund	50.00
Papal Charities	20.00
Cemetery Fund	135.00
Initial Offering	12.00

Total **\$1,662.00**

Saint John the Baptist

Envelopes & Loose	\$ 650.00
Cemetery	100.00
Roof Repairs	130.00

Total **\$880.00**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVENA to St ANNE:

From July 17 to July 25, we shall be having a novena to St Anne at 10:30 each morning at Holy Guardian Angels church. Everyone is welcome. Covid protocols are in effect.

Facebook Live with Fr Patrick O'Neill and John Ratchford Sundays at 7 pm

Fr. Patrick and John will host a 30-minute presentation of spirituality, talks and taking questions from viewers. Fr. Patrick is pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River, as well as producer of Mass for Shut-Ins and chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces and CBRM police. John Ratchford is a renowned photographer from North Sydney who has shared his personal experiences of faith and mental illness as part of our Youth Ministry Let's Talk events in 2020 and 2021.

To view the livestream:

<https://www.facebook.com/frpatrick.oneill>

"The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will open on Saturday May 1st The hours and days are as follows: We look forward to opening the gift shop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine on Saturday, May 1st Hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm daily. On Saturday, May 22nd the hours will be 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. The Shrine is open daily for visitation as it has been all winter There is public health protocol in place in both the Shrine and the gift shop.

If you have any inquiries, please call 902-945-2221."

Thank-you Betty Ann

From - This Month in the Diocese

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Feast Day July 26 of Saints Anne and Joachim St. Anne

Grandmother of the Mi'kmaq Story and photo by George Paul Diocesan Communications Committee In this celebration from previous years, the statue of St. Anne is taken up the hill on the island known as "Mniku" in Potlotek, Cape Breton, NS. This Mi'kmaq pilgrimage had been held for over 350 years and is held during the last weekend in July in celebration of the Feast of St. Anne. While plans for this year's pilgrimage are uncertain due to COVID public health protocols, the Feast of St. Anne and the importance of grandmothers in Mi'kmaq culture remains strong. On July 25, 2021 the Vatican will hold its first World Day for Grandparents and Elderly. I am not certain if this is coincidence or intentional but also during that time it is the Feast of St. Anne which occurs in late July. The most well-known patronage of St. Anne is that of grandmothers. She is the mother of Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ. St. Anne was a woman of great virtue and love. Considering the fact that St. Anne was never mentioned in the bible, the Mi'kmaq adopted St. Anne as their Patron Saint in 1628. This decision was made 18 years later when Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Membertou and 21 of his family members became the first Mi'kmaq to be baptized in 1610. To give light to why the Mi'kmaq would choose St. Anne as their patron saint, the Mi'kmaq for centuries held their elders with high respect for their wealth of knowledge. Also in the Mi'kmaq culture, the grandmother was and is still more revered because they are the caretakers, the matriarch of the clan and they are the givers of life. In hindsight, the Mi'kmaq culture leans towards a matriarchal society where woman for generations have been the leaders in their communities. Therefore, the grandmother in the Mi'kmaq culture garners great status. In fact, the Mi'kmaq have given St. Anne the name "Nukumijinen – Our grandmother." St. Anne is viewed as the grandmother of the Mi'kmaq. Each and every year, the Mi'kmaq people gather in two areas of Nova Scotia – Chapel Island and Merigomish – to honor their grandmother St. Anne. The annual pilgrimage celebrating the Feast of St. Anne occurs in late July and attracts Mi'kmaq people from all over the Atlantic Region. (Note: Plans for 2021 are still unconfirmed due to COVID pandemic protocols) Also, for over 60 years many Mi'kmaq communities across Atlantic Canada make their annual pilgrimage to Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Quebec. St. Anne is highly revered in the Mi'kmaq culture and the ones who still continue this tradition are of course the grandmothers of the Mi'kmaq Nation.

July 11: Sea Sunday Churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday: a day each year for people to pray and give thanks for those who earn their livings from and on the sea. An estimated 90 per cent of goods on our store shelves are there through the efforts of crews aboard ships who often spend months at sea weathering storms and working long, physical hours for relatively low pay and little vacation. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me," is this year's theme. From StellaMaris.org.uk, an international charity for the welfare of seafarers: "When seafarers are in foreign ports, they often rely on the strangers who visit them to support them – Often they don't even speak the local language, making things even harder." Services to seafarers have become more crucial, and more difficult, during the COVID pandemic. With isolation protocols, crews can be stranded on board ship unable to replenish supplies or communicate with their families back home. This past April, Strait area businesses and communities provided donations of winter hats and other essentials to crew aboard a quarantined oil tanker near Port Hawkesbury: <http://missiontoseafarershalifax.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2021/06/Mission-Newsletter-Summer-2021.pdf> This Sea Sunday, as COVID protocols encourage us to celebrate privately or in small groups, we can: Remember fishers and seafarers in

our prayers. In this Year of St. Joseph, we think of St. Joseph as ‘a working father, a father on the shadows’ and pray for all those who labour unseen to transport the world’s goods and feed us as well as their own families. Support aid to seafarers through local or international mission organizations Learn more on Our Blog: <http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/SeaSunday>

July 25: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly From Pope Francis’ message: “At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don’t think I can do much. Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, “How can a man be born when he is old?” (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills

In the Diocese

Summer Employment Opportunity:

Communications Office Assistant

35 hrs/wk, July 5 - Aug 27

Application deadline: 12 pm Tuesday, June 29

This position is funded by a Canada Summer Jobs grant.

Applications are invited from applicants aged 15-30.

Applicants do not need to be in or returning to school.

Location: Chancery Office, Antigonish **OR** Sr Catherine Steele Centre, Stellarton (Successful candidate will select location)

Duties: Updating phone and email contact lists for internal and external networks; Creating text and visual content for e-newsletters and social media; Sourcing videos for sharing on diocesan YouTube channel; Inviting parish/ministry contributions of photos and stories for website updates and sharing via email/social media; Assisting with the development of diocesan digital media plans; Sorting of digital communications files for diocesan record keeping
Familiarity with essential computer software and social media platforms would be an asset.

To Apply:

Email resume and cover letter to Jennifer Hatt, Communications Officer, Diocese of Antigonish

jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Archbishop Brian Dunn

to receive the pallium later this year

Pope Francis will celebrate Mass on June 29 in St. Peter’s Basilica for the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the patrons of Rome. During this Mass, the Pope will bless “the pallium,” the white wool vestment to be given this year to each new Metropolitan Archbishop, including Archbishop Brian Dunn of Halifax. Adorned with six black silk crosses, the pallium dates back to at least the fifth century. It is a stole made of lamb’s wool which is worn over the chasuble by the Pope and archbishops. The pallium signifies communion of the archbishops with the Holy See.

Metropolitan archbishops wear the pallium as a symbol of authority and of unity with the Holy See. It serves as a sign of the metropolitan archbishop’s jurisdiction

in his own diocese, as well as the other particular dioceses within his ecclesiastical province.

“The pallium recalls the sheep that the shepherd is called to bear on his shoulders. It is a sign that the shepherds do not live for themselves but for the sheep,” Pope Francis said.

Milestone Anniversaries for our Religious Communities

This year, many of the Sisters who are serving or have served here are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their Professions.

We offer up this prayer, with sincere gratitude:

Faithful women, to Mary, our Mother, Mother of the Church and in this year dedicated to Saint Joseph, her spouse, we entrust each of you.

May you be strengthened in your living and loving faith, in your certain and joyful hope, in your humble and active charity.

May the blessing of our loving and merciful God be upon each of you.

Thank you for your faithful and generous service.

Those celebrating milestone anniversaries this year are listed on Our Blog:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/thank-you-for-your-faithful-and-generous-service/>