



**St. Peter's Parish
Port Hood
Feb.11, 2024**

Contact Information

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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:

Ann MacDonald 902-787-2213
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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	Altar Servers
Wed. Feb. 14 6:30 Ash Wednesday	Coline MacEachern	Catherine Trenholm	
Sat. Feb. 17 4:00pm	Ellen Murphy	Linda Beaton	
Sun. Feb. 18 10:00pm	Louise MacInnis	Janice Campbell	
Weekday Masses			
Mon. Feb. 12 6:00pm	Special Intention by Fr. Eugene Morris		
Tues. Feb. 13 6:00pm	Protection of unborn by Joe/Carmen van Zutphen		
Wed. Feb. 14 6:30pm	Ash Wednesday		
	(R) Callis & Catherine Avery by Anita Dwyer		
Thur. Feb. 15 6:00pm	(R) Rose MacLeod by Jody MacLeod		
Fri. Feb. 16 6:00pm	Stations of the Cross/ Mass		
	(R) Jennifer Cameron by John Gillies		

During Lent weekday masses will be in the main church.

No collection report due to storm.

*****Income Tax Receipts can be found at the back of the church*****

SEASON OF LENT:

The word "Lent" is derived from the old English word for spring. I like to think of the forty days of Lent as a time for spiritual spring cleaning. It is the season in the church year when, through self-denial, prayer, self-reflection, and acts of service, we open ourselves to God in an effort to brush away our spiritual cobwebs in anticipation of the empty tomb on Easter morning. It is a forty-day opportunity to remember our dependence on God and to remind ourselves of our calling to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

In the Bible we learn that Moses spent forty days on Mount Sinai learning from God and receiving the Ten Commandments.

The Israelites spent forty years in the wilderness learning to depend on God.

The prophet, Elijah, spent forty days in prayer.

And, of course, Jesus spent forty days in the desert, praying and being tempted by evil.

So when we adopt a Lenten discipline of extra prayer, spiritual reading, self-denial, and acts of service, we are in good company with many who have come before. Lent is our time to follow Jesus into the wilderness; it is when we are invited to pull ourselves away from our normal routines and focus more intentionally on our relationship with God.

Observing Lent should never be seen as an obligation. It isn't something we must do in order to honor our faith. Rather, Lent is an opportunity, and invitation to refresh our souls and draw closer to our Lord. These forty days are our chance to brush and scrub our hearts and souls so that the new life of the risen Christ will have room to come in and transform us at Easter.

As we enter this season of Lent, I am reminded of the ancient pilgrimage, the Camino de Santiago, that so many pilgrims have walked to brush and scrub their hearts and souls along the way. Pilgrims repeatedly hear Buen Camino, meaning good journey, blessings to you. That is my prayer for you and for me. Buen Camino to all of us!

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the church. Thereby the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

We are invited, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer, for the imposition of ashes; an outward and visible symbol of reminding us that we were created from dust and to dust we shall return.

KOC: Regular monthly meeting will be held Sunday, February 25th, 2024, at 7:30 pm in the Church hall with Rosary at 7:00 pm.

KOC: A planning meeting to look at KOC activities for this upcoming year is set for Sunday, February 4th at 7:30 pm at the Church Hall. Rosary at 7:00 pm. All knights are urged to attend.

KOC Hot Roast Beef Dinner: On Saturday, Feb. 17 the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a hot roast dinner from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at the parish hall. Eat in or take-out for \$25 a plate. Come support our many charities while enjoying a delicious meal.

KOC: Monday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday, Feb. 13: All workers members are called
Friday, Feb. 16 4:00pm: Peeling vegetables and hall setup
Saturday, Feb. 17 1:00pm : Begin Cooking; 2:30 pm: Meal workers to organize their area.
6:00 pm: Cleanup crew begin

Note: Fr. Sunny will return from vacation on Friday, February 16th.

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 January winners of the Judique Community Center Weekly Lottery of \$500.00 are:
January 01, Catherine MacDonald, #651, Walker's Cove Rd: 08, Donald MacIsaac, #597, Creignish:
15th, Stephen/Deanna Gillis, #537. Judique; 22nd, Stanleu/Angela Macleod. #507, Judique:
29th, Lorraine MacDonald, #613, Port Hood.

The Judique Knights of Columbus are having a **Brunch** on **Sunday, February 11th** at the **Judique Community Center** from **10:30 to 12:30**. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL
FROM 9.00AM TO 3.00PM EVERYDAY**

"Remember your church in your Will."