



**Masks are mandatory in the Church**

**Bulletin**

**Sacred Heart Parish  
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**October 31st, 2020**

**All Saints Day – November 1st**

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. Today she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

"The Commemoration of All Saints" was first celebrated in the East. The feast is found in the West on different dates in the eighth century. The Roman Martyrology mentions that this date is a claim of fame for Gregory IV (827-844) and that he extended this observance to the whole of Christendom; it seems certain, however, that Gregory III (731-741) preceded him in this. At Rome, on the other hand, on May 13, there was the annual commemoration of the consecration of the basilica of St. Maria ad Martyres (or St. Mary and All Martyrs). This was the former Pantheon, the temple of Agrippa, dedicated to all the gods of paganism, to which Boniface IV had translated many relics from the catacombs. Gregory VII transferred the anniversary of this dedication to November 1.

Today the Church celebrates all the saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the Saints. We all have this "universal call to holiness." What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We "must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

This year, in the current circumstances due to the "Covid-19" pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with an adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.

**Collection: October 24th, 2020**

Envelopes	\$620.00
Loose	\$5.00
Donation/Cemetery Fund	\$100.00
Shrine Fund I/M of Annie MacInnis	\$25.00
	\$750.00

**Things to Do:**

- Visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead during the Octave of All Saints' Day (November 1 through November 8) will gain a plenary indulgence that can be applied only to the souls in Purgatory. On other days, this work gains a partial indulgence. See below for indulgence requirements.
- Spend a little time after Mass thanking God for all the unnamed saints, some of whom could be our own relatives.
- Have a special meal and if you have young children have them dress up like saints and play games.
- Pray the Litany of the Saints -- you could make it really special by chanting it and you could read an explanation of this litany, which is considered the model of all other litanies.

**Plenary Indulgences for the Souls in Purgatory for the Month of November**

The Apostolic Penitentiary has received many petitions from holy Pastors who have asked that this year, due to the "Covid-19" epidemic, pious works be commuted in order to obtain the Plenary Indulgences applicable to souls in Purgatory, in accordance with the Manual of Indulgences (conc. 29, § 1). For this reason, the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the special mandate of His Holiness Pope Francis, willingly establishes and decides that this year, in order to avoid gatherings where they are forbidden:

## Notices:

**1: Thank You.** A very big Thank you to all who helped make the soup take out another success. To all who baked, and chopped and to all who ordered take-out supper, your continued support is very much appreciated.  
Income: \$900.00  
Expenses: \$222.19  
Profit: \$677.81

**2: In remembrance of our loved ones:** November is the month of remembering those who have died. It is customary in our parish to remember our loved ones who have died since November of the previous year. Consequently, there will be a candle light service of remembrance on the Saturday mass on November 7th. As the names are read, a family member will be invited to come to the candle stand to light a candle. Those to be remembered can include parishioners who have died during the year, relatives of parishioners whose burials took place in other parishes or relatives of people who were buried in Johnstown. Please call or email Louise at 902-535-3107/ [louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com](mailto:louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com).

**3: Tickets on a quilt:** The tickets are out on the quilt. You can purchase tickets from any member of the Sacred Heart Ladies Group, or e-transfer money to Louise Campbell, by sending her a message on Facebook. These tickets will be drawn on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the JCDC AGM

**4: AGM:** The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown community Development Co-operative will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Johnstown Parish Hall, Johnstown, NS.  
Betty MacNeil, Secretary, JCDC Ltd.

### **5: Christmas Toy Drop-off - Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors**

Greetings to all,

It has been a quiet year for our club. But we will end this year on a positive note, with our annual donation of new toys or new children's clothing to be distributed to needy families by the St. Peters Food Bank.

This year we need to deliver the gifts to the food bank on Monday morning, November 30th. To that end we will be at the Johnstown parish hall on Saturday, November 28th, between 4:30 PM and 5:30 PM (approximately) to receive the donated gifts.

As usual, the toys or children's clothing need to be new and unwrapped. If you are unable to deliver your gift personally that day, please consider having someone else drop it off for you.

Unfortunately, we can't have a reception this year because of Covid 19 restrictions. However the families who receive the gifts at Christmas will be just as grateful.

Best wishes to all,

Howard MacIntyre, Chair

Edith Boyles, Vice Chair

**6:** We offer prayers and congratulations to the Augustinian Contemplative Community in Monastery and Sr Maria Rosa Gomez, OSA on her solemn profession of vows taking place Sunday, Nov. 1 at Mass officiated by Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick. Due to pandemic protocols, the Mass is not open to the public, but we are invited to watch the livestream on the Diocese of Antigonish Facebook page, Nov. 1 at 10 am.