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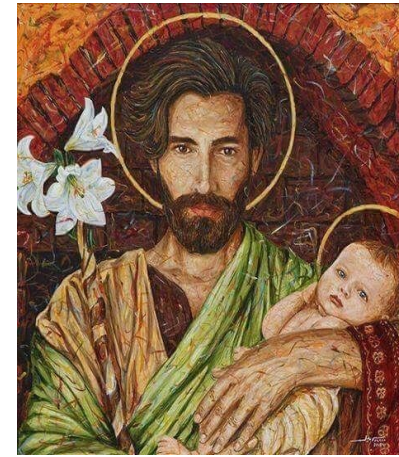
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Parish Information

Mass Times
Weekday
Tues/Wed/Fri. 8:30AM / Thurs. 12noon
(Rosary Recited before these masses)
Weekend
Sat. 5:00PM / Sun. 10:00AM

Office Hours
Tues. & Thurs. 9:00AM to 4:00PM

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Reception of Sacraments
Marriage / arrange min. 6 months prior
Baptism / call parish office
Reconciliation / Sat. 4PM-4:30PM
Home Communion upon request.

First Sunday of Advent

It is Advent and the Church begins a new Liturgical year this weekend. In our lives, we have the calendar year, the school year and we also have a "Church year" which begins the First Sunday of Advent and ends with the Saturday after the Solemnity of Christ King of the Universe. The Liturgical year follows the main events in the life of the Lord Jesus and therefore it is also a pattern for the living out of the Christian life. We begin every year with the season of Advent, a time in which we learn how to long for God, for the celebration of his first coming in the flesh (Christmas) and for his second coming in glory in the end of times. When was the last time you longed for something or someone? When was the last time we hoped big? Advent is a time to stretch out our hearts and teach them to dream again for a better world and a better life for everyone. It is a time to renounce the lie that God will not or cannot satisfy our deepest desires, and announce the truth that God is for us and that he is coming to fulfill the longings of our hearts. This Advent, may we learn to hope big once again, trusting that the Lord will give us what in his kindness he has allowed us to hope for. With my love. Blessed Advent Fr. Randy

"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122.1

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on this the **First Sunday of Advent**. To our visitors, you may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch. If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for partici-



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WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

*Frist Sunday of Advent
Dec. 1—Dec. 7 2024*

Mass Intentions for this Week

Tuesday, Dec. 3 8:30 am

+Nora Sweeney by Jean Heffernan

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 8:30 am

+Jack Holland by Mike & Rosemary Towns family

Thursday Dec. 5, Priests Advent Lunch with Bishop

No mass

Friday, Dec. 6, 8:30 am

+Jack Holland by Carl & Mary McKeiver

2nd Sunday of Advent


Saturday Vigil Dec, 7 5pm

+Margaret Yasyszczuk by Karen Hynes

+ Nora Sweeney by Pauline & Gerald Heffernan

Sunday, Dec. 8 10 a.m.

+Nora Sweeney by Carl & Mary McKeiver



Parish Office: Maryann is off on sick leave please be patience with me (Fr. Randy) .

Patrica Stanley (sectary from St. Anne) will be in few times a month to help with some of the parish administrations.

Please feel free to leave a phone message, so I can return your call.

Pope Francis Decembers Intentions
For pilgrims of hope:
We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian Hope.

Liturgical Ministry Sat. 5:00pm mass Sun. 10:00am mass

	<u>Lector</u>	
Nov. 30, Dec. 1	Larry Carlow	Sharon Moloney
Dec. 7, 8	John Gennaro	Lorraine Moher
	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	
Nov. 30, Dec. 1	Ray Johnston	Ryan Sinead
Dec. 7,8	Wendy Thedford	Maureen Sullivan
	<u>Ushers</u>	
Nov. 30, Dec. 1	Barry Condon	Mike Moloney
Dec. 7, 8	Gerald Heffernan	John Sullivan
	<u>Cleaners</u>	
Week of Dec. 2	Darlene Sullivan & Pat Leahy	
Week of Dec. 9	Jean Heffernan & Rosemary Towns	
	<u>Counters</u>	
Dec. 3	Marian Coughlin, Mike Towns, Jim Holland	
Dec. 10	Pawl & Ingrid Zbieranowski	

Parish Meetings & Community Events

Dec. 1 K of C Community Breakfast 9-12 parish hall.

Dec. 3 CWL monthly meeting 1pm Parish Hall

Dec. 3 Parish Christmas Pot Luck Dinner –parish hall

Dec. 15 Blessing of Baby Jesus for you home nativity

Dec. 18 Advent Taizé Musical Reflection 6:30pm

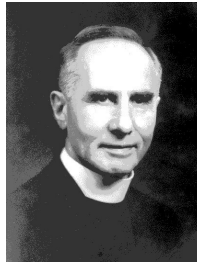
Dec. 15 All Christmas Flowers donations envelopes return please.

Christmas Liturgies

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 5p.m. 7p.m.


Dec. 25 Christmas Day 10 am.

Dec. 31 New Years 5p.m. **Jan. 1** New Years Day 10am.





Fr. John McCarthy became our 8th Pastor on November 4, 1937. McCarthy initiated a program of landscape beautification. The church yards were enlarged, ground level, evergreen were planted. As well in 1939 the church received attention too: basement floored concrete, new entrance to front to the front of the church, stone & iron fencing,, new pews, Stations of the Cross and church interior was decorated. (The first church in Douro was build in 1844-45, at the same time St. Patrick Church was being build in Montreal). Msgr. McCarthy died in 1976 and is buried in his home town Hasting.

The **BLESSED MOTHER** Candle burns this week +David Brady by Mike & Rosemary Towns family



The **ST. JOSEPH** Candle burns this week for: +Wayne Carlow by Wilma Moloney

Reminder that advent is a time of waiting-like Mary and Joseph! Let's try to keep it spiritually as possible, I know its hard with our secular world, however we do carry the Light of Christ in us.

Keep Christ in Christmas


Thanks, to our K of C and CWL in sponsoring the Large "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign on hwy 28.

Parish Stewardship Collection - past week –Your generously gave **\$2017.00** which includes from Pre-Authorized giving.

Your love of this parish community is in keeping with your forefathers and foremothers hard work and service that built this parish. Today, you help to keep it alive and thriving through your time, talent, and donations.

PRAYING FOR and WITH OUR LOVED ONES

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently died **Wayne Carlow** and those who remain in the silence of our hearts.



Let us keep in our prayers those in Nursing Homes, Retirement Residences or are shut-ins/hospitalized. .


In a special way, let us pray for the health and well being of **Joe Ross, Jonathan Noyce, Maryann Clancy, & Marie Moher.**

Persons on the above prayer list will be listed for 3 months. If further prayers are needed, or to add/keep/remove someone from the list, please contact the office/ Fr. Randy Thank you!

Big Thank you: The K of C will be sending over \$8000.00 to Movember Canada from the 7th Ladies Night auctions and donations made that evening. Thanks to all our donors and ladies for your generosity. Your contributions now totals over \$54,000 directed towards men's health.

Reminder, that all donations for this year 2024 (exception of Sunday collections) must be submitted in the office no later than December 29, 2024, to be applied on this year tax receipt. **Thank in advance for your kindness Fr. Randy**

If you wish to make a donation to the Christmas decoration/flower in memory of a deceased loved one. Envelops are located at back of the church and place inside the name of whom you wish to remember through out our Christmas Celebrations or use a plain white envelope with your name & envelope #. Kindly have this done by Dec. 15.



Thank you for your kindness and adding to the beauty of your faith community Christmas Celebration. Fr. Randy

- Ideals to help celebrate Advent**
- Making your own advent Wreath -you can be creative. 4 candles -3 purple 1 pink or 4 white candles with colour ribbons on the base of them or the wreath. Each Sunday light a candle and say a prayer.
 - Cut out 24 green and red construction paper strips. On each strip, write the name of a family member, friend or ministry. Staple the strips as links into one long garland. Hang the garland in your home as a decoration. Every day in December, have a family member remove one of the paper strips. As a family, pray for the person or ministry whose name is on that strip of paper.
 - Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas on December 6! Encourage your child to do a secret good deed in honor of St. Nicholas - or do one together as a family. Doing it in a "sneaky" way is a lot of fun for kids!

Thursday's pray for Vocations

We remember all our retired Priests who served our Diocese and our Parishes