

# Saint John the Baptist Anglican Church North Sydney, Nova Scotia

## *Parish Vision Statement*

*Feeding the Body and Soul, Feeding the Community,  
Feeding the Kingdom*

## *Mission Statement*

**LOVE WINS**



## *Regular Church Services are:*

*Sunday at 8:00 am    Worship - BCP*

*10:30 am    Sunday School*

*10:30 am    Worship - BAS*

*Wednesday at: 9:30 am    Mid-week Worship*

## *Clergy Leadership Team*

*Rev. Douglas Beck*

*Deacon-in-Charge*

*Rectory 902-794-7371    Office 902-794-3392*

## *Office Hours*

*Monday to Friday- 10am to 12:30pm*

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## **Fall 2019 Newsletter**



*We, here at St. John's, are getting back into the swing of things for the fall and we're hoping that you, your family and friends will join us for some or all of our exciting activities!!!*

## *Some important events & dates to Remember:*

**Choir Practice:** Choir Practice takes place every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. New Choir members are more than welcome to attend.

**Mothers' Union:** St. John's has a very active Mothers' Union. Mothers' Union is a family oriented organization. We meet twice a month-the first and third Monday-at 7:00 in the Board Room. However, since the first Monday of September is a holiday, we will meet on the Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> & Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Once a month we have a business meeting and the other is for some sort of program which the members may have expressed an interest in. Come on out and see what we are about. You never know-you just might enjoy it.

**Men's Breakfast:** Once a month we have a Men's Breakfast. It will resume in October and it will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. All men are welcome to attend.

**Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild is in need of members to help prepare the altar for weekly services. If you are able to help out with this important Ministry, please call Carol at the office at 902-794-3392 for more information.

**Home Communion:** For those who are unable to come to Church, we have Home Communion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month. If you or a family member would like to receive home Communion, please call Carol at the office at 902-794-3392 to have the name added to the list.

**Northside Community Guest Home Family Communion:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, we have a Family Communion at the Northside Community Guest Home at 11:00 am. We will have our September Family Communion on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. All are welcome to join us.

**Sunday School:** We offer a Sunday School Program for children up to 12 years of age. If you have a child or grandchild, niece, nephew or friend who would be interested in attending Sunday School, registration will take place on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10:30 am service. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am Service. All children are welcome to attend.

**Celebration Sunday & Back to Church Sunday:** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month we have a Celebration Sunday Luncheon following the 10:30 Service. We celebrate everyone who is having a special life event each month (i.e. Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Birth of a child, Baptism, etc.) If you or a family member are celebrating a special event, please add the name to the appropriate calendar at the back of the Church or contact the office and we will honour them during our monthly celebration. Our August & September celebration will take place on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will also be our Back to Church Sundae Sunday event. There will be hot dogs, cake, coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Marriages:** If you are planning to be married at St. John's in the near future, you must first contact the Rector to make arrangements.

**Thanksgiving Church Decorating:** On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the Church for Thanksgiving. If you have some time to spare, please join us for a time of fun and fellowship. Many hands make light work.

**Bazaar, Bake Sale & Turkey Burgers:** Each year we host a Bazaar, Turkey Burger & Bake Sale. This year it will be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Turkey Burger tickets will soon be available and are \$8.00 each. This includes a burger, coleslaw & dessert. Eat in or take out is available. Please join us on this day for some fun and fellowship. There will be lots of yummy treats for sale and some great deals on special treasures. **Thanks to all who continually support our Parish in so many ways.**

**Parish Anniversary, Hymn Sing, Pot-luck Luncheon & Celebration Sunday:** On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our Parish Anniversary with a Morning Prayer service at 10:30 am. Following this service, we will be having a Hymn sing where you can make a donation & dedicate a select hymn in memory of/ or in thanksgiving of/ a loved one. (Please see enclosed form for a selection of the hymns). Please use one form per dedication request. Additional forms are available at the back of the Church. Following this, we will have a Pot-Luck Luncheon and our Celebration Sunday event. Join us for this very special occasion and enjoy some time of faith, fun and fellowship with some old and new friends. All are more than welcome to attend.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are scheduled for the following dates: Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019; Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (The Baptism of the Lord); Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Easter Vigil) or Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) and Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (The Birth of St. John the Baptist). If you wish to have your child baptized, please contact the Parish Office at (902) 794-3392 or [stjohnsns@eastlink.ca](mailto:stjohnsns@eastlink.ca) to register.

**Home & hospital visits:** If you or a member of your family require a home or hospital visit, please contact Carol at the office at 902-794-3392 or contact one of the wardens, Cecil Day at 902-794-3335 or Bill Timbury 902-564-0583 and arrangements for a Pastoral visitation will be made.

**The Parochial Committee is currently working on getting a new rector for the parish.** We are pleased to welcome Rev. Douglas Beck, Deacon-in-Charge, who will be filling in until our new rector arrives. We ask that you pray for the committee and the parish as we go through the process of choosing a new priest.