

North Harbour Sacred Heart Church Corporation

Box 23, Site 5, North Harbour, NL A0B 2V0 Email: NHChurch@nhsbc.ca

18 November 2025

We trust everyone is well and busy preparing for a warm and happy Christmas with family and friends.

It's been several months since our last newsletter and we are pleased to share the latest news together with future plans and projects.

The first 18 months of our organisation were extremely busy ones – forming the corporation, purchasing the church, negotiating the transfer of the cemetery, having a legal survey of the property completed, and tending to the most urgent matters such as a new roof for the church, clearing trees from the cemetery and having initial landscaping completed. Whew!

We took a little breather in 2025, but are now ready to ramp back up our production on both church and cemetery initiatives

Our Church

The Church continues to be the heart of our community. Since we purchased it, the Church has hosted religious services that allowed us to gather and support each other, on both happy and sad occasions. We hold an annual cemetery Mass. Although not part of the Parish, we have a regular monthly Mass. (TERRY, HOW AND WHEN?)

In addition to a new roof, we received a specific donation of \$8000 for the purchase and installation of 2 mini-splits, which upgrading our heating and solved the mould issues that we'd noticed. We have just received a \$2000 donation for the purchase and installation of 2 front windows.

Next Steps:

Purchase and install new side windows and door.

Our Cemetery

We have already made significant progress on restoring our cemetery to a standard that honours our late loved ones.

Next Steps:

- Purchase and install topsoil and seeding for the newly cleared areas of the cemetery
- Purchase and install a columbarium, for those who wish loved ones' remains to be laid to rest in North Harbour, but do so above ground
- Purchase and install extra materials such as crushed stone and topsoil for ongoing individual grave repairs
- Purchase and install materials for crosses or other such recognition for unmarked graves
- Removal and disposal of fencing around the cemetery.

Our Website

We're excited to announce that our website will be launching soon. It is currently under construction, and the work is being led by Bill Parsons, with support from Melvin Leonard. Here is a brief overview of what you can look for.

- A cover piece, beautifully written by our local celebrity author, Ida Linehan
- A detailed history, which is an ongoing work-in-progress led by Anne Marie Dalton
- A separate section on the cemetery, which connects to the amazing work that Shaun Power has been leading for a number of years
- Information on the North Harbour Sacred Heart Church Corporation, which will include our original incorporation documents as well as financial statements, past and future newsletters
- A link to the Parish website, which will update everyone on the goings-on around St. Mary's Bay
- Information on donating to various aspects of both the church and cemetery.

The site is still under construction so please be patient with us as we continue to update the various sections. The address for the site will be nhshc.ca.

Our Finances

This coming winter, we will more formally launch fundraising campaigns and would really appreciate your help in spreading the word to family and friends, near and far. We have much work to do and details will be made available when the website launches. Our many projects are listed under Our Church and Our Cemetery.

We will be providing everyone with the opportunity for individual project sponsors (eg., donate the cost of the door or window), or simply to make general donations for major projects or ongoing operations and maintenance. You can donate in several ways:

- By cheque, payable to North Harbour Sacred Heart Church Corporation and mailed to our address on the front of this newsletter
- By *etransfer* / direct deposit to North Harbour Sacred Church at northharbourshc@gmail.com
- Through CanadaHelps at www.canadahelps.org. Our organization is listed on their website.

Our 2024 Audited Financial Statements will be posted on our website.

A thumb-nail sketch of our 2025 income and expenditures is:

Balance at 01 January 2025	\$ 17,490.00
Income to date (including donations)	5,965.00
Expenditures	10,545.00
\$ 4,830.00 (hauling and spreading of crushed stone)	
2,749.00 (Insurance)	
1,991.00 (Utilities – heat & light)	
535.00 (Legal fees – cemetery acquisition)	
440.00 (Catering after cemetery mass)	
1,336.00 (Miscellaneous)	
Current balance	\$ 11,576.00

We are so thankful for all that you do to keep the lights on and the fire burning.

Some of our Board members will attend the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 7th. Please feel free to approach any of us with your ideas or concerns.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and may your new year be blessed.

Your Board.

