



Holy Family Parish

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Easter Sunday – April 1, 2018

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PARISH SECRETARY

Lorena Capstick (736 8333) or

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from

10 AM - NOON

FAITH FORMATION

Rosalind Forrest (736-1887)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To register your child for baptism phone

Georgie Edwards (736-9715) ONE MONTH before.

Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents and godparents take place on the **first** and **second Tuesdays** of every month at 6:30 PM in the Glebe Meeting Room.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT.

You may attend the classes any month according to your convenience. If you belong to another Parish please bring a letter from your Pastor. If you have any serious concerns please call Fr. Oliver, at 736- 8788.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning on marriage are expected to take a Marriage Preparation Course. Anyone planning marriage please contact the office at 736-8333.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 2:30 - 3:30 PM.

BULLETIN EDITOR

Sandra Haley (736-1314 or smhaley@ns.sympatico.ca)

[Please submit info by **Thursday** noon **at the latest!**]

BEREAVEMENT TEAM

Cecil Snow (736 9350) – Iris Sampson (544 0745) – Ann Marie Gillis (736 3132) – Daryl Burton (736 3342) – Mary Hall (736 9252) – Rachael Smith (736 3908) – Judy Harron (241-2019)

Sunday Gatherings for Eucharist

Saturday – 4 PM

Sunday – 10 AM

Weekday Gatherings

Mass Monday to Friday at 9 AM

(In the glebe)

[In the event of a funeral, the 9AM Mass will be cancelled – if school is cancelled due to inclement weather, the week-day Mass (Monday to Friday) will also be cancelled.]



MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH/ST. MARY CEMETERY SOCIETY

Chair – Vic Jenkins (736-6083)

Treasurer – Brenda Blinkhorn (544-0008)

Members-at-large:

Corinne MacDougall (736-3901)

Jake Cantwell (736-9789)

Wilson Carey (736-9726)

Cecil Snow (736-9350)

Clive Hatton (241-2843)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS



Weekend of March 25

Envelopes and loose	\$2,595.55
Other	\$1,490.00
TOTAL	\$4,085.55

Thank you for your generous support.

MASS SCHEDULE: Masses after Easter will move back to the Glebe Chapel. **NOTE: NO MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 2ND.** Our regular morning mass schedule will resume at 9am weekday mornings, unless there is a funeral in the church or if school is cancelled.

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you To everyone who supported the John and Patti Fukula and Friends Concert. The spring concert was a wonderful start to Holy Week; people from all over Cape Breton attended. We can't speak enough about the support this event has received. So many people work, donate and most of all participate in what we can only hope is a spirit- filled evening that leaves people feeling renewed and blessed. Thank you to the Holy Family Parish Prayer Group, John and Patti and Friends, the Confirmation Students and the Knights of Columbus, for making this concert possible!

CWL NEWS

- ❖ The CWL extends to Fr. Jim, Fr. J.J., Deacon Greg, members and parishioners best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter.
- ❖ The next Executive meeting will take place on Monday, April 9, at 1:30 in the Hall.
- ❖ The next Regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 PM in the Hall.
- ❖ The CWL is serving a breakfast on Sunday, April 15, from 11 AM until 1 PM. More info to follow.



Saturday, April 7 :

Altar Server – Cecil Snow

Lectors – Anna Martin, Reg Dolhanty

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –
Frances Gordon, Cynthia MacGean, Wanda
Andrea

Hospitality Ministry – Lola Tobin, Georgina
Buffett, Brenda Walsh, Mary Jenkins

Sunday, April 8:

Altar Server – Jenna Forrest

Lectors – Cathy Viva, Victoria Pero

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –
Terry Jerrett, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome
Hospitality Ministry – Mary C Tobin, Billy
MacDonald, Bobby Blinkhorn, Laurie Gouthro

ATTENTION HOLY FAMILY YOUTH: Reminders of the following events: Young Women's Challenge – April 6, 7, 8 and Amazing Race Youth Rally – April 14.

SMILE FOR THE DAY - PART 1:

- ★People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.
- ★Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- ★Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited, until you try to sit in their pews.
- ★Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs hard on your front door forever.
- ★The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- ★The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- ★When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

PARISH NEWS

In Appreciation

We thank those who have generously made the following memorial donations:

For the Parish and Easter Flowers

IMO James Stewart from Betty Stewart
IMO John and Lorraine Burton from Betty Stewart
IMO Darlene Hall from Betty Stewart
IMO Christopher MacLean from Hector and Brenda MacLean
IMO George and Bessie Sutherland from Hector and Brenda MacLean
IMO Frank Sutherland from Hector and Brenda MacLean

To the Cemetery

IMO Ronald Joseph MacKeigan from Sandra Haley
IMO David and Christina Tobin from Mary C Tobin
IMO David and Vincent Tobin from Mary C Tobin
IMO Melvin and Stella MacKinnon from Mary C Tobin

EASTER HOLY WATER

Holy water blessed at the Easter Vigil is now available. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY ONE BOTTLE PER FAMILY SO THERE WILL BE ENOUGH AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THEM.**



Easter Prayer

Lord Jesus, Holy Word that was with God from the beginning; let the power of Your Cross and Resurrection be with me as I ponder your mercies. You made the thief a citizen of Paradise; deliver the world from evil to become citizens of your Kingdom as well through the triumph of your Cross. And forget not me, even in the midst of my sins. Pour your mercy on me, that I may be forgiven and start anew. Raise me up to lasting joy by the splendor of your Resurrection, Servant and Son of God Most High.

NET TEAM : Thanks to everyone who participated in sponsoring the NET team here at our Parish. We are fortunate to have a Parish that is capable of hosting such events. That only happens when enough people say yes! The confirmation students had the opportunity to attend a mini retreat! The theme of the event was **Do I Matter**. The Parish would be sooooo proud of our youth and how they participated in the event. We have amazing youth in our Parish! There were eleven team members in total. These National Evangelization team members stayed in our parishioners' homes and were certainly a gracious group. They were treated to meals at home and in the hall where they prepared to engage our youth in living a faith-filled life. The team's year long journey comes to an end this June and we wish them every success in spreading God's love.



SMILE FOR THE DAY - PART 2:

- ★ I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.
- ★ Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.
- ★ Take my advice — I'm not using it.
- ★ My wife and I were happy for twenty years; then we met.
- ★ Ever stop to think and forget to start again? When I married Ms. Right, I had no idea her first name was Always.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 11am at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. Confirmation youth and older are invited. The day includes a faith sharing and a fun afternoon of the "Amazing Race". Register through your parish office.

THE AMAZING RACE, DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH STYLE: with Allyson Langley and Elizabeth Duff, members of our diocesan Youth Advisory Committee and organizers of our diocesan youth rally. **Saturday, April 14** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. What does a reality television show have to do with youth and our faith? Read on ...

Why are events like these so important, and how can we help?

It has become more critical than ever to give youth a space to disconnect with the world and reconnect with themselves, their peers and God. It is important that we can bring pieces of those big and beautiful experiences to a local, accessible level so we can reignite the flame of faith where it all begins --in our own backyard, with peers and supports that are readily accessible to walk with them on their journey.

How can you help?

Volunteer to help at events like this, register some young people to go to an event and offer to chaperone or provide a ride to those who do not have access.

Donate funds to help offset the cost.

Encourage youth to attend this event and others like it.

Do you have any ideas for other events?

And of course in all things, we would love to have your prayers.

If you would like to help or have any questions, contact Cathy Walsh, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca

We would love to hear from you.

UPCOMING YOUTH CHALLENGE: 122nd Young Women's Challenge is April 6,7 & 8, 2018. The Challenge Movement is a Catholic Christian movement which caters to the spiritual needs of youth ages 15 - 21. Just like Cursillo, Challenge is for everyone, new to the faith or just looking for a boost. On this weekend, you will learn how to start and/or maintain your relationship with the Lord and you will definitely not go hungry. Highlights: Youth team leading. Lots of fun. Great food and music. New friends guaranteed.

FRIDAY NIGHT BOARD GAMES: At Community C.A.R.E.S, 55 King St. Sydney Mines, every Friday night from 7-9 pm. Free admission – open to all ages. **Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.** Tea/coffee/fruit smoothies/and snacks available.

DIRECTED RETREAT: April 13-15, 2018 – St. Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou. This is an opportunity to reflect in a prayerful atmosphere, facilitated by a team of Spiritual Directors / prayer companions. Brochures with more information are available on our website:

<http://www.antigonishdiocese.com/images/2018DirectedRetreatBrochureedt.doc>

or call Gary Fancey (902) 862-7580 or Winnie Odo (902) 862-2330.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER :April 6 -9. For couples from 1 to 61 +years married. Come and enrich your good relationship, rediscover the richness of your love. Enjoy PEI's new Hope River Retreat House. Check: renewmarriage@gmail.com, or call 902 314 8541, or Father Charlie. 902 8634373

Awww, Mom!

Jesus was walking along one day, when He came upon a group of people surrounding a lady of ill repute. It was obvious that the crowd was preparing to stone her, so Jesus made His now-famous statement, "Let the person who has no sin cast the first stone."

The crowd was shamed and one by one began to turn away. All of a sudden, a lovely little woman made her way through the crowd. Finally getting to the front, she tossed a pebble towards the woman.

Jesus slapped His forehead and groaned, "I really hate it when you do that, Mom."