



Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Easter – April 15, 2018

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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SECRETARY: Winnie Burt (736 2490)

Cecil Snow (736 9350) – Sheila MacCormick (736 6583) –

Rosalind Forrest (736 1887) – Bonnie DiPersio (736 6143) –

Cathy Viva (736 6171) – Victor Jenkins (736 6083) –

Sharon Iannetti (794 8905) – Brenda Walsh (537 1603) –

Iris Sampson (544 0745 – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726) –

Fr. Oliver (736 8788) – Bob Blinkhorn (544 0008) –

Frank MacDonald (736 2190)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

SECRETARY – Gisselle Pero (736 -0959)

Wilson Carey (736 9726) – Dennis Crosby (736 1248)

– Lorne Penny (736 3601) – Rose Jenkins (736 0802) – Claire

Aucoin – Blowers Mac Lean (736 9688) – Lorena Capstick

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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

Parish Giving

Weekend of April 8

Envelopes and loose	\$2,441.30
Other	\$4,239.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,679.30

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

☼ The CWL is serving a **breakfast** on Sunday, **April 15**, from 11 AM until 1 PM. A full breakfast will cost \$8.00 and a meatless breakfast will cost \$5.00. CWL ladies are asked to be at the Hall on Saturday, April 14, at 10 AM and on Sunday, April 15 by 8 AM for preparation and set-up.

☼ The CWL is offering a **scholarship** to Memorial High School students. Applications can be picked up at the school and can be returned to Jake Cantwell, 10 Beech Street, Sydney Mines.

☼ The CWL is extending **an invitation** to the ladies of the parish to join them at their **Feast Day Celebration** on Wednesday, April 25. Rosary will be prayed at 5:40 PM followed by Mass at 6 PM. Following Mass, we will go to the Canton Restaurant for Chinese food. Then we will go back to the Hall for some fun and games. Don't forget to bring a BINGO prize. If you plan on attending, please Gloria (736-3421) or Lola (736-8862) by **April 16**.



UPCOMING FIRST SACRAMENTS

- ☉ April 17th: First Reconciliation for our youth.
- ☉ April 29th: First Communion
- ☉ May 2nd: Confirmation - This year we have 27 youth registered.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Liturgy Committee: April 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Glebe Chapel.

Parish Pastoral Council: April 30, 7 PM in the Glebe Meeting Room.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Sympathy, prayers and condolences are extended to the family and friends of:

Reg White (father-in-law of Danny MacNeil)

Hugh Taylor

Bernie MacKinnon

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

CHUCKLE FOR TODAY

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a grave side burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the back hoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style. As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, *"I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."*

PARISH NEWS

In Appreciation

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

To the Cemetery

IMO John Joe Currie from Agnes Currie
IMO Jerry MacGillvary from Carolyn MacGillvary

FLEA MARKET: May 5th, 2018. To book a table, call the office at 736-8333. We have 16 tables left. All proceeds go to the Parish. Canteen Available. Admission \$1.00.



SCHOLARSHIP

AVAILABLE: Holy Family Parish is offering a Scholarship to a Memorial High School Student. The application for this Scholarship is

available at the school. The Completed Scholarship applications are to be dropped off to the Parish. A selection Committee will review the applications and the winner will be announced during Graduation. We will post the winner in the bulletin after that.

THINK ABOUT IT.....

- ✚ Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- ✚ God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?
- ✚ Peace starts with a smile.
- ✚ Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.
- ✚ Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.
- ✚ God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.



Saturday, April 21 :

Altar Server – Sheila MacCormick
Lectors – Georgina Buffett, Theresa Power
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Blowers MacLean, Dennis Crosby, Francis Gordon
Hospitality Ministry – Sheila Finney, Dave Bobbitt, Maureen Bobbitt, Lola Tobin

Sunday, April 22:

Altar Server – Jenna Forrest and Faith Formation
Lectors – Terry Jerrett, Winnie Burt
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Harry Blinkhorn, Kayla MacDonald, Geraldine Walker
Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown, Jake Cantwell, Edie Foster, Kim Mulholland

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

The silence and fear of Mark is developed by Matthew, Luke, and John into a variety of resurrection appearances. Here we have Luke's version of what we heard last week from John, but absent Thomas, and the anointing with the Spirit. The themes are there, however. There is fear and terror, and here not of the Jews, but of the form of Jesus himself, for they "thought that they were seeing a ghost." There is also the goodness of touch and of fleshiness – wounds are the evidence and eating and drinking complete the vision. The real theme however, is one of knowledge and understanding. Just as Jesus did to those who walked with him at Emmaus, Jesus opens the disciples' minds to understand the import of the events they were in the midst of. Finally, as in John, there is a sending. Knowing Jesus, or rather witnessing Jesus then requires the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins – Easter mystagogy!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADVANCE NOTICE!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines, will be holding its Summer Bible Fun Days this year from July 9-13,



9:30 am to 12:00 noon each day. This program is for children ages 4 through Grade 6 and includes a Bible learning time, music, crafts, recreation and daily snack and is open to anyone in the community. Mark the dates on your calendar as you plan for the summer months. More publicity and registration will be available June 1st.

PILGRIMAGE: Come join us on a day pilgrimage to Monastery, on Saturday, May 19, to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Grace. Price of \$55.00 covers all expenses, including dinner. Holy Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. with Bishop Dunn. For more information and to book a seat, please phone Helen at (902)794-8825.

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.



HOPE RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE:

Please join Father Denis Phaneuf from Saskatchewan and Moira Noonan from San Diego who will lead you in

a healing service and an uplifting weekend of Hope on **June 1-3 at the Claymore Inn & Suites**, Church St, Antigonish. Reduced room rates available. Registration \$60 (early bird \$45 before May 9th). Brochure and registration form are on the Diocese of Antigonish and St. Ninian Parish websites or at the back of your church. For more information contact Paula at 902-318-3998 or Cathy at 902-863-8878. Bring a friend!

SEMINAR: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish is hosting a weekend presentation and seminar on **grief and bereavement on Friday, April 20th**, from 7-9 PM and Saturday, April 21, from 10-12 and 1-3PM. This presentation will be comprised of 3 sessions; you can participate in all 3 but each session stands on its own. This is open to everyone interested for any reason in dealing with grief and bereavement in a death denying society. More details next week.

FASHION IN

SUNSHINE: A fashion show in support of Bereaved Families of Cape Breton is being hosted by Chislingo's and Kreative Design so



we know there will be lots of great fashions to get you excited about dressing for the sunshine. The show will be held the Sunday before Mother's Day, May 6th, from 2-4 pm at the Joan Harris Cruise Pavilion. A light lunch will be served. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Chislingo's, CB Curiosity Shop or by phoning Debbie at 902-564-5955.

DIOCESAN SPRING RETREAT: *Accompaniment: Discovering the Christian Story:* All those involved in parish ministry are invited to attend our 2018 Spring Retreat. It will be held at the St. Joseph Retreat Centre, Mabou, beginning at 7pm on Friday, May 18, and concluding at 3 pm on Saturday, May 19. We are pleased to welcome Sheila O'Handley, our Diocesan Hermit as our retreat leader. To register or for further information, please contact Debbie at 902-539-6188 ext 226, 1-800-656-5311 ext 226 or catecheticalconsultant@dioceseofantigonish.ca

MEETING: A meeting of the Northside Council of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** will be held on Wednesday, April 18th, at 2 pm at St. Stephen's Community Hall, Pitt St., Florence.

FUND-RAISER: "Sunflower Treasure Pop-up Shop" is a fund-raiser in support of Hospice Palliative Care Society. We are accepting donations of pre-loved items on April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 from 12-6pm at 291 esplanade (across from holiday inn). The Sale days are: May 4, 5 (10-6 pm) & May 6 (10-4 pm).