



# Holy Family Parish

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## First Sunday of Advent – December 1, 2019

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

VICE-CHAIR: Stephen MacDougall (736 8419)

SECRETARY: Claire Aucoin

Cecil Snow (736 9350) – Sheila MacCormick (736 6583) –  
Rosalind Forrest (736 1887) – Bunnie DiPersio) – Cathy Viva  
(736 6171) – Victor Jenkins (736 6083) –  
Sharon Iannetti (794 8905) – Brenda Walsh (537 1603) –  
Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726) –  
Fr. Oliver (736 8788) – Bob Blinkhorn (544 0008) –  
Frank MacDonald (736 2190) – Hugh MacDonald

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

SECRETARY – Giselle 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  
(Office Secretary) (736 8333) – Fr. Oliver  
(736 8788)

### PARISH SECRETARY

Lorena Capstick (736 8333) or  
[holyfamilysydneymines2013@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilysydneymines2013@gmail.com)

### 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.

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](mailto:smhaley@ns.sympatico.ca))  
[Please submit info by **Thursday** noon **at the latest**]

### BEREAVEMENT TEAM

Cecil Snow (736 9350) – 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:

Jake Cantwell (736-9789)

Wilson Carey (736-9726)

Cecil Snow (736-9350)

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS



## Parish Giving

Weekend of November 24

Envelopes and loose ..... \$2,529.25

**TOTAL:..... \$2,529.25**

*Thank you for your generous support.*

### CWL NEWS

❁ The CWL Christmas supper will be held on Wednesday, **December 11**, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Sydney Mines. A hot turkey supper will be served at 6 PM. Cost is \$18.00. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Anyone attending is asked to please bring a BINGO prize. Cut off date is Tuesday, **December 3** by 12 noon as the count for the number of suppers needs to be known.

❁ Annual dues (\$22.00) can be paid to Claire Aucoin. Please place in an envelope and include your name.

### In Appreciation

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

*Donations to the cemetery*

IMO Francis Pero from Elizabeth Bonar

**CEMETERY NOTICE:** Please remove any plastic items (lights, flowers, etc.) from the graveyard. These items will only blow around in the winter months.



**FOR SALE:** New missals are available at the back of the church and envelopes are provided; the cost is 5.00 each.

### SATURDAY, December 7, 4 PM:

*Server:* Dennis Crosby

*Readers:* Theresa Power, Michelle Keeling

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Sheila MacCormick, Cecil Snow

*Hospitality Ministers:* Cynthia McGean (right door), Marguerite MacLean (middle door), Betty Smith (left door), Sheila Finney (left of altar door)

### SUNDAY, December 8, 10 AM:

*Servers:* Jillian Scott and Maia MacDougall

*Readers:* Eileen MacDonald, Victoria Pero

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Bobby Joe Gillis, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome

*Hospitality Ministers:* Doris Brown (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Bobby Blinkhorn (left door), Cathy Viva (left of altar door)



### THEY WON'T BE EXPECTING THAT!

**Christmas Variety Concert**

Holy Family Parish Church

**Sunday, December 8th, at 2:00 pm**

Featuring local talents and musicians and the Faith Formation Students.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and children 12 and under are admitted free. To purchase tickets, please call 902 736-8333 or 902 736-2972.



## HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

**I CARE ABOUT YOU TREE:** For Christmas the Parish is planning to give gifts to 30 less privileged children. The tree has been placed at the front of the church. Tags have been placed on the tree for families that Holy Family Parish has adopted plus L'Arche community in Orangedale.



1. Pick a symbol.
2. Take the symbol home.
3. Buy and wrap the suggested gift.
4. Attach symbol (Tag) to gift.
5. Return gift and place under the tree by December 15th

The L'Arche community will welcome any bed linen (twin size). It does not have to be new but in good condition. Thank you.

**PAUSE FOR ADVENT:** Take a PAUSE during this busy time of the year. On Sunday, **December 15th**, 2019 at Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines at 2:00 pm come join us with Father Oliver to learn more about the Eucharist and to discuss what it means in our lives.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**STAR OF LIGHT:** Concert of Sacred Christmas Music – Friday, **December 13, 2019** at Saint Ninian Cathedral, Antigonish. Featuring the Antigonish Choral Ensemble, Saint Ninian's Choir, Ann Holton, as well as others. **TICKETS BY GOOD WILL OFFERING.**

**SHRINE GIFT SHOP:** The gift shop at the Shrine in Mabou will reopen for two days for a Christmas Shopping Sale. On **December 7th and 8th** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm all merchandise in the shop will be 50 % off. Thank-you all for your support throughout the year. Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year.

**THIRD ANNUAL ADVENT RETREAT:** Start a new tradition with your family and join the Aucoin family (Claudia, Bert, and Janelle) for an afternoon of reflection and music at Our Lady of Fatima, in Sydney River, on Sunday, **December 1st**, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

**CDS FOR SALE:** The Cape Breton University Pipe Band has a Christmas CD for sale! The album features the CBU Pipe Band (recent winners of the Grade 5 North American Championships), Redmond MacDougall, and Carol Ann MacDougall. CDs are \$10 each and are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop on Charlotte St, downtown Sydney, or through band members. All proceeds of this album go towards our fundraising efforts to fund uniform purchases, and a trip to the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. Contact Trevor Kellock at [cbupb2014@gmail.com](mailto:cbupb2014@gmail.com) for more details.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The CBU Pipe Band will also be hosting their 4th annual Christmas Concert at the Boardmore Playhouse, at CBU, on **Friday, December 20th** from 7-9 pm.



Performers will include both the grade 4 and 5 CBU Pipe Bands, the MacArthur Dancers, Drea Shepherd, Angus MacLeod, and Carol Ann MacDougall. The concert will feature a mix of our Christmas music as well as traditional piping and drumming. Tickets are \$20 regular or \$10 for students. Tickets can be found at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop or through band members directly. Contact Trevor Kellock at [cbupb2014@gmail.com](mailto:cbupb2014@gmail.com) for more details.



**ARE YOU GRIEVING?**

**WE CAN HELP!**

Bereaved Families of Cape Breton will be holding their Northside monthly Support & Share session in Sydney

Mines on **Thursday, December 5th** from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Miners' Memorial Manor, 16 Lorne St, Sydney Mines. This meeting is open to anyone 18 yrs of age and older who is grieving the death of a loved one. Registration is not required and you may bring a support person. For further information, phone 902-564-6795.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**CBU WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE:** Some students are in need of winter clothing and CBU Chaplaincy will be accepting donations of used winter clothing throughout the month of November. Donations can be brought to the Campus Centre at CBU, Chaplaincy office Monday to Friday from 10-4 pm. If necessary, arrangements may be made for pick up at your parish by calling Chaplaincy at 902-563-1173. Winter clothing needed: Male and female winter coats, winter shoes, sweaters, shirts, pants, jackets, hats, gloves, scarfs and blankets. Thank you for your consideration. Peace, Fr. Doug (CBU Chaplain)

**CAROL SERVICE:** The 40th Anniversary of the Northside Festival of Carols Service will be held on Sunday,



**December 1<sup>st</sup>**, at 7 pm at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. In celebration of our special anniversary we will be featuring the Cape Breton Chordsmen. All choir and former choir members who would like to participate in our celebration are invited to join us on Sunday, November 17, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for a practice at 2 pm. Hope to see you there. Any questions? Please speak to your church organist or call Reid at 902-544-1018.

**LIGHTS FOR HEALTH:** It is time to start the season bright at the "Lights for Health" light up. This event will take place at Northside General on **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**. The evening will include entertainment by Jason Kempt and maybe a visitor from the North Pole, hot chocolate and cookies and our wonderful fireworks display. This a celebration of our fund-raising event for the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. All are welcome.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Cold weather is here and requests for winter clothing have increased. If you, other family members or friends, have winter clothing and boots no longer being used, please consider donating same to St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot located at 1 Cottage St., Sydney Mines. Donations for men, women and children are needed. We are open every Thursday except the last Thursday of each month. There are St. Vincent de Paul members in each parish. Christmas decorations also a priority if you have extra. Thanks to everyone helping us to help others in our communities. We really appreciate it !

**ST. F. X. U. ALUMNI:** The annual gathering of alumni of St. Francis Xavier University will take place December 3rd at St. Theresa Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Mass to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis Xavier will be followed by a short AGM. Of course, there will be something to eat and then door prizes will be drawn around 8:00 PM. Hope to see y'all there!

## The Meaning of Advent Candles

As a Christian tradition, the wreath holds the four Advent candles. The candles represent Jesus coming as the light in darkness. One candle is lit each Sunday until all four candles are lit, and sometimes a fifth candle



is lit on Christmas. As Christmas draws nearer, each candle brings a little more light into the darkness. Each of the candles represents an aspect of preparation during the season of Advent:

### The Candle of Hope

#### Color: Purple

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we look forward to Jesus' coming with hope.

### The Candle of Peace

#### Color: Purple

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.

### The Candle of Joy

#### Color: Pink

This third candle is pink, symbolizing anticipation and rejoicing. During the third week of Advent, we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

### The Candle of Love

#### Color: Purple

During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son.