



# Holy Family Parish

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## First Sunday of Advent – December 2, 2018

### 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) – 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

(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) – 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 chapel)

[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 November 25

Envelopes and loose .....	\$2,489.60
Other .....	\$2,105.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$4,594.60</b>

*Thank you for your generous support.*

## CWL NEWS

►► **CWL dues** (\$22.00) are now due. Money can be given to Claire Aucoin.

►► The CWL Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, **December 12**. Supper (hot chicken) will be held at 6 PM at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 8. Cost is \$18.00. Please bring a BINGO prize and an item for the Food Bank. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us at this Christmas party. Please call Gloria at 736-3421 by December 1 if you plan to attend.

►► CWL ladies are reminded to bring in their tickets and items for the basket. Some items in the basket include chocolates, candy, nuts, baked goods, cooked items, and Christmas decorations. Items and tickets for basket should be in by **December 10**, with the exception of perishable items which can be brought in on December 13. If any parishioners would like tickets, please contact any CWL member.

## In Appreciation

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

### *For the church*

IMO Scott Walker from Mary and Cathy Viva

IMO Corena Haley from Mary and Cathy Viva

### *For the cemetery*

IMO Scott Walker from Alice & Sonny Bungay

### *For Faith Formation*

IMO Corena Haley From Norma & Harry Blinkhorn

### *For Christmas flowers*

IMO Milton Jardine from Theresa Jardine

IMO Benjamin Brooks from Theresa Jardine

## Holy Family Concert

*Featuring John Fukala and Friends*

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

Holy Family Parish Hall – 7:00 pm

Tickets – 10.00 Each

Reserved seating for tables of 10

Tea & Cake Served - Prize Draws

Sponsored by Holy Family Prayer Group

For tickets, please contact Harry 736-2972, Anita 736-0847, Terry 736-2041

**CHURCH MISSALS:** New Missals are now available at the back of the church. The cost is \$5.00. Please put money in the small envelopes provided and place in the collection basket.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

**ARTHUR THOMAS BAILEY**

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

**SPECIAL MEETING:** December 3rd - 7 PM in Glebe Meeting Room. Calling all Groups and Committees: we are planning our new year so let us know if you have any dates in mind for fundraisers, concerts, special events, etc. We would like to spread out our activities as best we can.

**PLANNING AHEAD:** Helpers are needed to decorate the hall for the New Year's Dance. Only a few volunteers are needed to put out table cloths and centerpieces. Those who have done the decorating in the past are not available to do so this year and need some replacements. It will only take approximately one hour with a few people. Please let Rose or the office know if you can help. Thank you.

**ADVENT PLANNING:** Advent begins on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We would love to start Advent with a beautiful and clean church. Anyone interested in coming on Sunday to do some yearly cleaning (wiping down the pews, etc.), we would love to have you! Please let Father know if you are able to come that day.

**NEW YEAR'S DANCE:** Holy Family Parish Hall – Monday, December 31, 2018. Music by Joey and Amy Bennett. Tickets are available by contacting Rose at 902 736-0802 or by calling the office at 736-8333.

## **CHRISTMAS GIFTS for our "I CARE ABOUT YOU**

**TREE":** For Christmas the Parish is planning to give gifts to 30 less privileged children. The tree will be 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. Here's what to do:

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.

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

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**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES** – Tri- Deanery Field Trip To Hospitals and Nursing Homes: **Priests, Deacons & Lay Presiders** in the Northside Deanery. Just a little note to thank you for your ministries to the Hospitals and Nursing Homes. It is a valuable ministry in our Community and we are very grateful for your commitment and dedication. **On December 12<sup>th</sup>**, you are invited to join us to meet with the Recreation Directors at Northside Guest Home, Northside General Hospital and Harbourview Hospital. At this time we will have a walk through of the set up for Mass and Liturgy of the word. We will meet at Northside Guest Home at 2:00 PM, Northside General at 3:00 PM and Harbourview Hospital at 3:30 PM.

God Bless & Thank you – Norma Blinkhorn, Director of Pastoral Care of the Northside Deanery.

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### **Saturday, December 8**

*Altar Server* – Bobby Joe Gillis

*Readers* – Emily Keeling, Dennis Crosby

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* – Cecil Snow, Frances Gordon, Cynthia MacGean

*Hospitality Ministry* – Lola Tobin (right door), Maureen Bobbit (middle door), Dave Bobbit (left door), Betty Smith (left of altar door)

### **Sunday, December 9**

*Altar Server* – Jenna Forrst

*Readers* – Sheila Bradley, Cathy Viva

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion* – Terry Jerrett, Ron MacDougall, Anita Nicholson

*Hospitality Ministry* – Doris Brown (right door), Billy MacDonald (middle door), Bobby MacDonald (left door), Brenda Walsh (left of altar door).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FESTIVAL OF CAROLS:**

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Northside Festival of Carols Service will be held at St. Matthew Wesley United Church, North Sydney on Sunday,

**December 2**, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please come and join us for faith, fun, and fellowship! All choir members or former choir members are encouraged to join us. Practice for the service will be on Sunday, **November 25**, 2pm at the church.



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**CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR AND TEA** at the Andrea Estate in support of the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation: Saturday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>**, 2018 from 1-5 pm; tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by phoning the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation 902-794-5402. Start off the Holiday Season spending an afternoon socializing with friends while viewing a beautiful home.

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**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:** The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, **December 2**. The Emmaus Book Store invites you to stop by and view our selection of Advent and Christmas items: Advent Wreath Rings and Candles, Foam Advent Wreaths for children, Advent and Christmas devotional book for adults, young people and families, Christmas Gift ideas and cards, Christmas books for children and much more... Drop by early for the best selection. Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103, Membertou, NS, 902-539-6188 ext 224 or 1-800-656-5311 ext 224.

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**CHRISTMAS AND VARIETY CONCERT:** Southside Boularderie Fire Hall, **December 2**, from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Light Lunch will be served and bar will be open. Proceeds go to fire Department for new equipment. For tickets contact any member of the fire Department or purchase at the door.

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**DEVOTIONS WORKSHOP:** Are you interested in saying the rosary with residents at the Senior's Homes? If so, come to the short session led by Norma Blinkhorn this Monday evening. Private prayers are known as devotions and there is less regulation by the Church on the person who leads private devotions. The Tri-Devotional workshop will take place at St Joseph's, North Sydney on Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm for laity interested in leading rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers at the Hospitals and Senior's Homes. All are welcome.

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:** Every Sunday at 11:30 AM.

Coming to YouTube - Mass for Shut-Ins will be uploaded to our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel, starting Nov. 5. A new episode will be added each Monday. Our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYevnyrNU6zIWHdH8KJ71w>

Or, click the red YouTube button at the top of our home page on the website: [www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com)

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SALE:** The Giftshop at Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou will be having a Christmas Shopping Sale on Saturday, December 1st and Sunday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF for these two days only from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Thank you all for your support of the Shrine this year. The Shrine is open year round. For any questions or requests please call 902-945-2221.

**VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR THE WHOLE**

**FAMILY:** Each year it's getting harder to find that special gift for the ones we love. Well this year we have your problem solved. On Friday, **December 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines, we have a very special Christmas Concert happening. Bob Quinn will take the stage again this year with his all star cast of performers to make this your ultimate Christmas Concert. You will see some familiar faces as well as new faces. Our lineup includes Lucy MacNeil with daughters Kenna and Amelia, Stewart MacNeil, Bob and Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn, along with their daughter Kate Quinn and husband Matt MacIsaac. But wait – that's not all. We also have Tony Quinn who is quite well known on the Northside area along with his daughter Shannon, plus Grant Eilsan and Mackenzie and Cameron Clarke. Tickets are \$28 and will be available in the next week at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney, or you can call 902-736-2508 to reserve yours today. These tickets make a wonderful CHRISTMAS GIFT, so give the gift of music to that someone special this year. Reserve or purchase your tickets early – Christmas is right around the corner.

**ST. F. X. U. ALUMNI:** The annual gathering of alumni of St. Francis Xavier University will take place Dec. 3rd at St. Theresa Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. All alumni, spouses, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. A short AGM will be held; and we are looking for new members for the local chapter of the Alumni Association. Door prizes will be drawn around 8:00 PM. Hope to see y'all there!

## NEWS FOR YOUTH

**INVITING ALL YOUTHS, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:** Everyone is invited to a **"Teaching Youth Mass"** at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church in Sydney with Fr. Bill Burke presiding on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm. The Second Sunday of Advent Liturgy will take the form of a "Teaching Mass" and it is intended for those in high school and young adults; families with young children are also welcome to attend and those young at heart are all welcome. Please encourage your confirmation class and those who have already been confirmed to attend this Mass. It is a great opportunity for youth to start a new ministry as a Reader, Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Training will be provided. Refreshments will be available at the end of Mass. If you are interested in participating in the Mass or in the choir please email Anne Stubbert, Youth Minister CBRM at [annestubbert@icloud.com](mailto:annestubbert@icloud.com) and leave a message; we still have a few openings in various ministries for youth to serve. You also need to contact Anne and let her know if you have a group that is going to attend so that we have some idea of how many people to expect. Please mark it on your Calendars and hope to see you there.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** The Parish of Saint Leonard & The Friends of Nora's Home, are hosting a Christmas Concert, **"Memories of Christmas"**, featuring The Men of the Deeps & The Burke Family.



Sunday, **December 16, 2018**, There will be two shows – 2:30 PM & 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available at the following locations: St. Leonard's Pastoral Centre – 5310 Union Hwy, Needs and Pharmasave – Plummer Ave, Arlie's Gifts – Glace Bay & Sydney, Harbour View Waves – Victoria Mines, also from any committee member from Friends of Nora's Home.

**SUPPORT & SHARE MONTHLY MEETINGS** are open to anyone 18 years of age and older who is grieving as the result of the death of someone they love (you may bring a support person). The meetings are held on the Northside on the 1st Thursday of the month, at Miners' Memorial Manor from 7-9 pm. For more information phone 902 564 6795.