

Holy Family Parish

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First Sunday of Advent



First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2017

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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

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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

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PARISH SECRETARY

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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.

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 November 26

Envelopes and loose	\$3000.60
Donations & fund-raisers	\$1372.00
TOTAL	\$4372.60
Budgeted expenses	\$4800.00
Deficit	-\$427.40

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

✿ **CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Anyone who wishes to donate nonperishable items for the Food Bank may bring them to our Christmas Party on December 7.

✿ **DUES:** Don't forget to remit your annual dues! They may be given to Mary Patricia Hall.



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

James Hiscott, son-in-law of Shirley MacLean

Tony Latwaitis

Brenda Finlayson

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

MISSALS: Missals for the next year are available at the back of the church; the **cost is \$5.00 each**. You can take a missal and then place the missal payment envelope in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

50/50 DRAW: Just wanted to send out a huge thank you! Our November support for 50/50 through the Parish was fantastic! Thanks to EVERYONE for helping with this.

COLDER WEATHER... We know it has been a warm fall but the colder weather is just around the corner. We ask that we are mindful of keeping the warm air in the church and the cold air out. Some ways for us to achieve this is **keep the doors closed**. Latching the doors so they stay open will have to wait until next summer. Thank you.

PARISH CALENDARS FOR SALE: Purchase this gift for yourself or someone you know. **Cost is \$10.00.** Each Calendar purchase includes:

✿ A 2018 **Faith Passages Wall Calendar**; each month depicts a North American Scenic View with a Scripture

✿ Each one **personalized** with Holy Family Parish's Contact information (Another form of outreach to our Community)

✿ A "**Save the Date**" **insert** that will help to keep track of Holy Family Parish's Busy schedule.

✿ **Information** on ways you can become involved in many church activities.

✿ 6 Fantastic **Prize draws** – starting January 1, 2018 to June 1, 2018. Each calendar purchase will give you a chance to win. January draw will be for a \$200.00 Sydco Oil Certificate; the remaining five prizes will be listed at time of purchase. Each purchase is eligible for all six draws and only 200 calendars will be sold. Winners will be posted in our weekly church bulletins.

✿ Each Calendar comes in its own **sealed bag**; however, gift wrapping is available upon request.

✿ It will include **a tag** that lets the recipient know that " _____ " was thinking of you and through this purchase the youngest members of our faith community will be encouraged to grow in Faith.

✿ All money raised from the sale of these calendars will go towards the **Continuing Faith Formation** of our Youth.



CHRISTMAS ANGELS: Who do you think needs an Angel? For our Christmas Angel Project you will receive two angels: One will hang inside our church. The second one (with a card) is for you to give to someone. The cost is \$10.00 for the pair.

They will be available in the candle room at the back of the church. An Angel could be given in memory of a loved one or someone you know that may benefit from prayers or could simply use a reminder...simply anyone who you care about. The angel and card you take with you has a poem inside about our Christmas Angels. Lastly, it is just waiting for a special message signed from you. Holy Family Parish will place the other angel in our Church (with the name you have given, placed on the tag). These angels will be surrounded by faith, hope and love as our Christian community comes together to pray. Money raised from our project will support our Parish. The angels will be available in the church or at the office.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

ALTAR SERVERS: We are in need of youth or adult servers to help with mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Steve MacKeigan.

HOLY FAMILY CONCERT

"A Glimpse of Christmas"



featuring : John and Patti Fukala and special guests.

Sunday, Dec 10th, 2017

Tea and Cake Served with Prize Draws

Holy Family Parish Hall at 7:00 pm

\$10.00 per person with all proceeds going to Holy Family Parish

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH STYLE TEA: Sunday, November 19th, was a fun-filled afternoon as ladies from the Northside gathered for our Traditional English Style Tea. As hosts we certainly enjoyed seeing the smiling faces and we had so much fun too! Thank you to all who attended and special thanks to all who assisted in this successful event. Total raised for the Parish from the Tea was \$1,245.00.

The Tea- Era Ladies

ATTENTION LAY MINISTERS: For the next few weeks, the Ministry Schedule will be in the bulletin.

Schedule for Saturday, December 9th:

Altar server: Cecil Snow

Lectors: Daryl Burton (1st) & Theresa Power (2nd)

Extraordinary Ministers: Reg Dolhanty, Marguerite MacLean, Michelle Keeling

Hospitality: (Right to Left) Rosalie Dolhanty, Cynthia MacGean, Mary Jenkins, Brenda Walsh

Schedule for Sunday, December 10th:

Altar server: Steve MacKeigan

Lectors: Faith Formation

Extraordinary Ministers: Ron MacDougall, Jake Cantwell, Audrey MacDougall

Hospitality: (Right to Left) Billy MacDonald, Bobby Blinkhorn, Laurie Gouthro

ADVENT

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

On Saturday, December 16th, there will be priests available for individual confessions from 11 am until 3 pm at Holy Family Parish, Sydney Mines.

There will be a different priest each hour for confessions.

11 am – 12 pm : Fr. Patrick O’Neill

12 pm – 1 pm: Fr. Angus MacDougall

1 pm – 2 pm: Fr. Jake Andrea

2 pm – 3 pm: Fr. Jim Oliver

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 23: 4 PM

Sunday, December 24: 10 AM

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24: 5 PM and 8 PM

Monday, December 25: 10 AM

COMMUNITY NEWS

PRESENTATION: The internationally-known biblical scholar, Dr Eileen Schuller. will speak on *“The Dead Sea Scrolls after Seventy Years: What Have We Learned?”* Her lectures will take place in the Schwartz School of Business at St FX on Monday, October 2 at 7:30 pm in Room 205, and on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30 pm in Room 156. These are the 2017-18 Christian Culture Lectures at St. Francis Xavier University.

CHRISTMAS VARIETY CONCERT: Southside Boularderie Fire Hall, Sunday, December 3rd, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. A light lunch will be served. Admission is \$5.00.

LIGHTS UP! 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 8th at 7 pm. The evening will include entertainment by Jason Kempt, maybe a visitor from the North Pole, hot chocolate and cookies and our wonderful fireworks display. This a celebration of our fundraising event or the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. All are welcome.

HEALING MASS AT ST. JOSEPH NORTH SYDNEY: Come and join us for our monthly healing Mass on **Monday, December 4th**, at 7:00 pm. After Mass there will be prayer teams praying with people individually.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Just a note to remind people that Mass for Shut-Ins is now back on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 am.

NORTHSIDE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Clothing Depot (located in Sydney Mines Food Bank building:) is badly in need of good used warm winter clothing; all sizes, male, female, children, adults, boots, hats, mitts, sweaters etc. In North Sydney these can be dropped off to Estelle at St. Joseph's parish office. Also, Sydney Mines Food Bank is open the first three Fridays of every month and will accept donations from 10 am - 2 pm.

EXERCISE CLASSES: The Heart and Stroke Foundation Exercise Class takes place every Monday at 1:30 at the Sydney Mines Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Ave.

CAROL SING: The Annual Festival of Carols will be held on Sunday, **December 3** at St. Joseph's Church at 7pm.

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR: A Christmas Concert will be held in Our Lady of Fatima church on Sunday, **Dec. 10**, at 2 pm. The concert will feature the Regional Hospital Choir, Sacred Heart Choir, Oranaiche Cheap Breatuinn (Gaelic Choir), Knight of Columbus Choir, with soloists Jule Martell, Mary Isabel MacDonald and Neil MacPhee, all under the direction of Shauna Doolan. Special performances by The Bisson Sisters, Donnie Campbell and Allan O'Donnell and Roy Dawson. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased from any of the choir members, Our Lady of Fatima parish office or by calling Linda – 902-562-2957.

ADVENT RESOURCES AND CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS: The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, **December 3**, 2017. 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 devotional books for adults, young people and families, Christmas Gift ideas and cards, Christmas books for children. We are located inside the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Membertou, NS.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!! Please join us at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall on Sunday, **December 3**, from 2-4 p.m., for an afternoon of self-directed prayer and reflection on connecting, focussing, praying, seeing, wishing, waiting, and pondering. There will refreshments, accompanied by music. After all... Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Questions? Contact Bert & Claudia at theaucoins@ns.sympatico.ca

ATTENTION CURSILLISTAS AND CHALLENGES: Christmas Carols at the Mayflower Mall is booked for **December 15**, 2017 from 7-9 pm, so please save this date. Burt and Claudia Aucoin are heading this up, and we would like to get as many Cursillistas and Challengers there as we possibly can. It is a lot of fun and you help to spread Christmas spirit and joy. Any questions – please email Bert & Claudia at theaucoins@ns.sympatico.ca. The more voices - the stronger the message!

MABOU SHRINE: The gift shop at the Shrine in Mabou will open up for two days only for a Christmas Shopping Sale. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF on Saturday, **December 9th** and Sunday, **December 10th** from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. For inquiries please call 902-945-2221.

SPECIAL MASS: Please join the knights and dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem for Mass on the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Dunn at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 1452 Kings Road, Sydney River, NS, at 6.30 pm on Friday, **December 8**. A reception will follow the mass. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Dr William Sweet, 902 867 2341; wsweet@stfx.ca

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: *Rejoice and Be Glad* with Coro Cantabile - a Christmas concert being held on **December 9th** at 7:30 pm at St. Anne's Church. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available at the Office or from any member of the group.

THE MINER'S FIRST NOEL CONCERT: Tickets are going quickly for this fantastic concert that will be held on Friday, **December 29th**, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines at 7:00 P.M. Why not give a Christmas Gift of music this year, with a couple of tickets to this fantastic concert featuring Lucy MacNeil along with her two daughters Kenna and Amelia and so many more talented performers. You also see Kevin Evans, Jennifer Whalen, Bob Quinn, Stewart MacNeil, and Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke. This is a concert for the whole family, young or old, with music that will keep you tapping your feet and singing along with the performers. Tickets are \$25 each and can be picked up at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney, or you can reserve your tickets by calling 902-736-2508. Don't wait or you will miss this great concert. This is a one night performance only.