



Holy Family Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2016

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

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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.

You may attend the classes any month according to your convenience. If you belong to another Parish please bring a letter from your Pastor. **There will not be any Baptisms during Lent.**

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 Chapel)



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)

[In the event of a funeral OR when school is cancelled, the 9AM Mass will be cancelled]

Holy Family Concert

John & Patti Fukala and Special Guests

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Holy Family Parish Hall

Tea & Cake Served- Auction

Sponsored by Holy Family Prayer Group

\$10.00 per person - all proceeds go to Holy Family Parish

The Concert has been sold out the last 2 years. There is limited seating and tickets may not be available at the door. Get your tickets early.

Contacts for tickets: Harry (736-2972), Anita (736-0847), Terry (736-2041), Lola (736-8862).

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Sponsored by Holy Family Parish

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Holy Family Parish Hall

9:00 pm -2:00 am – Doors open at 8:00pm

\$30.00/couple – Limit of 100 tickets available

Music by Capstick's D.J.

NORTHSIDE ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

December 4 at 7pm at Holy Family Parish. We are honoured to be the host Church for this wonderful evening of song; this is the first time our

Parish will be hosting this event. As a parish we need the support of our congregation to provide a lunch for the visiting choirs; sandwiches and sweets are needed. If you can help with these goodies please notify Sharon Iannetti at 902 794-8905 or Sheila MacCormick at 902 736-6583. Thanking you in advance.



Advent Practices

Gifts: Instead of being caught up in a whirl of spending, consider giving presents that you yourself make, knit, sew, cook, draw, write or construct. Give a movie or book that will lead a person to reflect a little more. Make a donation to a worthy cause in someone's name. Write, call or visit someone who is sick or shut in.

Advent wreath: A wreath of evergreens with four candles is prepared. One candle is lighted on the first Sunday and one more on each of the following Sundays.

Advent calendar: We may make a calendar to mark the days as we move gradually to the celebration of our saviour's coming.

Stop and take a breath: Instead of fretting over endless lists, we can slow down the season. Savour it and embrace the ritual of preparations.

Jesse tree: A branch or large plant is decorated with symbols of Christ's ancestors. As each is prepared and hung, the story of this person is told.

Cards: When buying and sending Christmas cards, we make sure they reflect the meaning of the feast. It is the birth of Christ (not of Santa, reindeer, puppies, or snowmen) that we are celebrating.

Decorations: Our home decorations may include a cross of lights in the window or near the tree.

Preparing the crib: During the last few days before Christmas, we may prepare the crib in a place of honour in our home. It remains empty; the figures are not placed in it until Christmas comes.

ADVENT TABLE PRAYER

A family member lights the **second** candle on the Advent Wreath. Alternate prayer leader and candle lighter throughout the week.

Prayer Leader: Come, Lord Jesus! Bring peace and healing in our family and our world. May we hear again your own prayer "that we may be one." May we prepare the way for you by being generous and forgiving.

Family members share how they have experienced generosity and forgiveness today.

Prayer Leader: As we prepare for the coming of your Son, O God, we give you thanks for the love of your son, Jesus, which we have experienced in our home today. We give you thanks for this food and drink, signs of your gracious love. May this meal strengthen us to share your gifts with the hungry and all who look for your justice and mercy. AMEN.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of November 28

Envelopes and loose	\$2739.20
Missals	\$137.00
Hall Rental	\$130.00
TOTAL	\$3066.20
Envelopes returned	152
Budget expenses for week	\$4800.00
Deficit	\$1733.80

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Leora "Tootie" Keeling

Wayne MacLean

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

CWL NEWS

◆ **Invitation:** The CWL is sending out an invitation to the ladies of the Parish to attend our annual Christmas party on Wednesday, **December 7**, in the Parish Hall. The dinner of roast pork will be served at 6 PM and will cost \$16.00. If you plan on attending the supper, please call Lola (736-8862) or Gloria (736-3421) by December 1. **Please note that the suppers must be paid for as well by December**

1. Looking forward to seeing you there! **Reminder: bring in a BINGO prize if you are attending.**

◆ **REMINDER:** Annual dues are now due.

◆ **TICKETS** on a "Goodie Basket" to be drawn for on December 23 are available from any CWL member. Cost is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. **Notice to ladies: if you sold tickets on the Goodie Basket, you can return the tickets and money to Lola at the Christmas party.**

WITH GRATITUDE: Thank you for your continued support: the Parish hosted a flea market in our hall last weekend. The committee could not have done this without your help. Special thank you this month to the ladies who donated the hotdogs and buns.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee - December 5 at 7 PM in the Glebe Meeting Room

IN MEMORIAM. Donations may be made to Holy Family Parish in memory of a deceased loved one. You may do this by simply placing an envelope with the donation and information needed in the collection basket on the weekend or drop by the office. We will publish this in an "In Memory Of" section of the bulletin throughout the holidays.

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 and 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 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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for our "I CARE ABOUT YOU TREE":

For Christmas our 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. Here's how it works:

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 13th

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

NEW MISSALS: now available at the back of the church. Cost is \$6.00. Please put money in the small envelopes provided and place in the collection basket.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Sundays at 11:30 AM on ATV.

LIGHTS UP FOR HEALTH: The Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation will be having its 17th Annual "Light Up for Health" on Friday, **December 9**, at 7pm at the Northside General Hospital. This is a special event for the community to gather and show their support of our two local hospitals. Join us for fireworks, entertainment, cookies & hot chocolate plus a visitor from the North pole. Thank you and hope to see everyone at our "Light Up".

HELP NEEDED: Northside Council Clothing Depot is in need of winter clothing for adults and children – jackets, boots, etc. Clients are also looking for Christmas decorations if you have any extra. Located in same building as Sydney Mines Food Bank, 1 Cottage St. Open the first 3 Fridays of every month {except Dec. 1st this year}. Need more info – call 902 736 6543. Thanks for your help and contributions all year. They are greatly appreciated by the people who access this Depot.

DIOCESE OF ANTIGONISH YOUTH MASS: Sunday, **December 4**, at St. Theresa Parish, Whitney Ave., Sydney. Gathering will take place from 6- 7 pm, followed by Celebration of the Eucharist at 7:00 PM. Pizza & more gathering will take place following Mass. All high school and university students welcome! Celebrant: Father Bill Burke - Pastor. This is a "teaching Mass". Come learn why we do what we do and ask questions! Spread the word – Invite a friend or two! See you there! Have your say. One of your peers will share how participating in his Church Community has enriched his life.

HEALING MASS at Saint Joseph, North Sydney. On Monday, **December 5th**, starting at 7pm, Father Patrick O'Neill will be celebrating a Healing Mass. After Holy Mass there will be prayer teams set up for individual prayer. Alan Gale (formerly from the group **Four for the Lord**) will be providing music that is praise and worship and very prayerful. Come out and join us!

STEBENVILLE ATLANTIC 2017 – ELEVATE: July 7-9th, Halifax, Nova Scotia. For ages 14-18. Register online at www.steubenville.ca. Group Name: Diocese of Antigonish. For more information, contact: Nolan Conrad (902) 539 6188 Ext. 241 or Nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

CAROLS AND COOKIES NIGHT: at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main Street) will be held on Friday, December 16th, from 7:00-8:30 pm. A program featuring community carol singing with musical entertainment by Chalkdust, Don & Jean Crouse and John Lovell, followed by a time of fellowship over Christmas cookies and a hot beverage! While having a cookie and a hot beverage you can purchase goodies from our Pantry Table and take home a sweet or two. A seasonal event for people of all ages...all welcome! Admission by freewill offering will be in support of Community Cares.

NET CANADA: Net Canada will be in our Diocese offering retreats for youth from March 3rd to 12th, 2017. If you're interested in booking a retreat, contact Nolan Conrad at the Youth Office at (902) 539-6188 Ext. 241 or Email at Nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

RADOSCI JOY! *Christmas with Coro Cantabile and the Choir of St. Mary's Polish Church.* This promises to be a memorable concert in the beautiful St. Mary's Polish Church, a great visual and acoustic setting. The fund-raising concert will take place on Sunday, December 11, at 3 p.m. We are very happy to welcome Coro Cantabile. The concert will feature sacred hymns and carols in English and Polish. Tickets are \$20, except \$10 for ages 12 and under. Tickets can be reserved by calling 902-849-2245/902-564-4847. Everyone is welcome. Please note that tickets should be purchased in advance as space is limited. Refreshments will follow.

FUND-RAISER: There has been a considerable amount of work done in St. James Church Hall, including work to eliminate water flooding, as well as upgrading the electrical panel to bring it to code. In an effort to off-set some of these costs, the Ways & Means Committee is holding a Fund-Raiser by hosting the Lake-View Community Choir to present a Christmas Concert on Friday, December 9, at 7 PM. Please let friends, family and neighbours know about this special event. The choir will present many new Christmas selections in four-part harmony and also give you the chance to join in on some of your favourite carols. You are cordially invited to join us in the hall after the concert for hot cider and cookies. There will be a free-will offering at the door and we are hoping for a great turnout.