



# Holy Family Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 8, 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 December 1

Envelopes and loose . . . . . \$3,697.10  
 Other . . . . . \$165.00  
**TOTAL: . . . . . \$3862.10**

*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 AND an item for the Food Bank.**

❁ 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 for Christmas flowers and supplies:

- IMO Ella & Cyril Baxendale from Valerie Baxendale
- IMO Carl MacRae from Rita MacRae
- IMO Carol Ann Guy from Rita MacRae

**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 14, 4 PM:

*Server:* Reg Dolhanty  
*Readers:* Anne Marie Gillis, Anne MacKinnon  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Michelle Keeling, Reg Dolhanty, Marguerite MacLean  
*Hospitality Ministers:* Lola Tobin (right door), Maureen Bobbitt (middle door), Dave Bobbitt (left door), Georgina Buffett (left of altar door)

### SUNDAY, December 15, 10 AM:

*Servers:* Jillian Scott and Maia MacDougall  
*Readers:* Lorena Capstick, Joan Catherine Capstick  
*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:* Audrey MacDougall, Jake Cantwell, Norma Blinkhorn  
*Hospitality Ministers:* Doris Brown (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Jake Cantwell (left door), Bobby Blinkhorn (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:** Thank you! All the tags have been distributed! Please return all items to the church by **December 15th** as we will be delivering the items to the families on that day.

**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.

**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( with a person's name on it) 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 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** Thank you and appreciation to our guest organist Paula Jane Francis for playing the organ today while David is recovering from surgery.

**TIME TO DECORATE...** Looking for assistance with decorating inside the Church on the 22nd of December, starting after mass. Everyone is welcome as many hands will make for light work.

**MYSTERY BAG FUNDRAISER:** There will be surprise bags for "the Young" and "the Young at Hearts" located in the candle room. The prices will vary as will the many surprises they hold. We received many donated items for this, and we would like to pass along our thank you to those who assisted in any way. They make great gifts for giving.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24: 5 PM (Family Mass)  
and 8 PM

Wednesday, December 25: 10 AM  
**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
(New Year's) - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Tuesday, December 31: 4 PM

Wednesday, January 1: 10 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Individual confessions will be heard on **Saturday, December 21 at Holy Family Parish.** There will be one priest hearing each hour beginning at 10:30 am. Father Oliver will conclude the hearing of confessions between 2:30 pm - 3:30pm. The list of Priests hearing confessions will be published in the bulletin on Dec 15th.

**FREE CALENDARS FOR 2020:** As part of our preparations during this Year of the Eucharist, leading to the June 2020 Eucharistic Congress, the planning committee has prepared a 2020 calendar to be distributed to parish. This calendar has photos of the Holy Land, short reflections attached to the monthly photo, dates of all the parish named saints, and other important liturgical dates. We have a limited amount. The Calendars as well as prayer cards will be at the back of the church.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

**David Joseph LYLE**

**John T. BROGAN**

**Lorraine WOODFINE**

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

# 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)

**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 !

**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.**

**UPCOMING EVENT:** JOE WAYE’S Night of Jazz Standards for the Holidays will take place on December 26, 2019, at 8:00 PM at The Sydney Curling Club. Featuring Jody Cail, John Hawkins, Bette MacDonald, Charlotte MacDonald, Mike MacDonald, Malcolm MacNeil, Maynard Morrison, Matt Nicholson. TICKETS available at Cape Breton Curiosity Shop, 296 Charlotte Street or by calling 902-564-4660.

**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 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 7-9pm. 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 for more details.

## ADVENT PRAYER

Gracious God,  
Creator of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for  
Christmas.  
We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to  
hear your voice each day,  
We, who are anxious over many things, look  
forward to your coming among us.  
We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the  
complete joy of your kingdom,  
We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your  
presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking  
the light.  
To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.  
*Henri J. M. Nouwen*