



Holy Family Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent – December 9, 2018

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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 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 December 2

Envelopes and loose \$3,854.81

TOTAL \$3,854.81

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

► 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 a nonperishable item for the Food Bank. Dues are \$22.00 and can be paid that night. **A reminder to bring in tickets and money.**

In Appreciation

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

For the cemetery

IMO Arthur Bailey from Carolyn MacGillvary

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.



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

MARY KATHERINE (KAY) GALE

CARL MACKENZIE

FATHER ANGUS MORRIS

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

50/50 WINNER: Congratulations to our 50/50 Winner for November, Betty MacLean. Her prize was \$580.00. Thank you to everyone for your support.

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 began on Sunday December 2nd. 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24: 5 PM and 8 PM

Tuesday, December 25: 10 AM

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's) - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 31: 4 PM

Tuesday, January 1: 10 AM

URGENT NEED FOR DECORATORS: Tuesday, December 18th at 10 am at the Church. It's time to decorate the Church for Christmas Eve and Day. We will be doing this a bit earlier than usual, due to the fact that weekday masses are at the Glebe Chapel. Anyone interested in attending would certainly be a help. There will be sign up sheets in the entrances to the church or call the office. Thank you.

A TRADITIONAL TEA: The Parish Tea was a successful event and fundraiser for the Parish. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended the Christmas Tea. Thank you to those who came for a second year and the new faces too. Thank you to those who donated items for the Tea. Thank you to everyone who prepared for the event and especially the Tea- Era Ladies who fed many with their delightful sandwiches and scrumptious desserts.

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 12th**, 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.

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.



Saturday, December 15

Altar Server – Sheila MacCormick
Readers – Reg Dolhanty, Theresa Power
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – TBA
Hospitality Ministry – Rosalie Dolhanty (right door), Sheila Finney (middle door), Betty Smith (left door), Cynthia MacGean (left of altar door)

Sunday, December 16

Altar Server – Faith Formation
Readers – Michelle Handley, Victoria Pero
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – TBA
Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Jacqueline Cantwell (left door), Cathy Viva (left of altar door).

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL – “The World Day

of the Poor”: Our recent appeal to you on behalf of the World Day of the Poor was met with a great response from you, the parishioners of Holy Family Parish. We are most grateful for your generous and considerate donations. We sincerely thank you and guarantee that the monies will be used for the poor in our area. The income tax returns will be sent out in the new year. The total donations received for the poor was \$2745.00. We are so pleased and grateful with your response. We thank you once again. *Sincerely, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.*

A little Christmas Cheer

What do they call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses
What do you call Santa Claus after he's fallen into a fireplace? Krisp Kringle
Which of Santa's reindeers needs to mind his manners the most? "Rude"olph
Where do Santa's reindeers like to stop for lunch? Deery Queen
What nationality is Santa Claus? North Polish



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

THE MINERS' FIRST NOEL IV CONCERT AT ST.

ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Tickets are now available for this fabulous concert on Friday, December 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. This year we have a great lineup for you with Bob and Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn with their daughter Kate and husband Matt McIsaac. Also, we have Stewart MacNeil, Lucy MacNeil & daughters Kenna and Amelia and Tony Quinn with his daughter Shannon. That's not all – we also have Grant Eisan, MacKenzie and Cameron Clarke. So this is one concert you won't want to miss this Christmas. Tickets are \$28 and are available at Shoppers Drug Mart at the Post office desk, or at Sexton's Pharmasave at the Pharmacy counter or RESERVE YOURS by calling 902-736-2508. That's Friday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. Tickets make a GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

ADVENT RETREAT WITH FR. PATRICK O'NEILL: Our Lady of Fatima CWL is hosting an Advent retreat on Saturday, December 15th, from 9 am until noon at OLF Parish. The theme will be "*Emmanuel God with us*". We will start with Holy Mass, Rosary, Talk, group discussions and conclude with an interactive prayer service. ALL local CWL members in the area are invited. Retreat is open for anyone (men and women) – not just CWL. Come join us as we pray and prepare during Advent.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: The newly formed Spiritual Life Centre will sponsor a presentation by Jeff Ward of Membertou entitled '*Sharing Mi'kmaq Spiritual Teachings in a Good Way*' on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:00- 8:30 pm at the Elders Room, Heritage Building, Membertou. This is the first public event for the SLC which endeavors to raise awareness about spiritual life, support ways to enrich one's spirituality and to network with others who search and yearn for spiritual vitality. Contact : Fr Anthony O'Connor at aconnor@bellaliant.com.

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 9th**, 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 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.