



# Holy Family Parish

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## Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2016

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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Sharon Iannetti (794 8905) – Brenda Walsh (537 1603) –

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Fr. Oliver (736 8788 ) – Bob Blinkhorn (544 0008) –

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

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### 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. **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](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)



### 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).

## A JOYFUL SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy. Gaudete is taken from the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

**Multiple Reasons for Joy.** There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in looking back to remember the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened by the importance of his birth that he was born to save people from their sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tim 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

The colour Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. Gaudete Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity. The priest may wear a rose chasuble and the deacon may wear a rose dalmatic. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose. The prayers in the Roman Missal on the Third Sunday of Advent convey a joyful message as do the readings.

## ADVENT TABLE PRAYER



A family member lights the **third** candle on the Advent Wreath – this will be the pink candle. Alternate prayer leader and candle lighter throughout the week.

### Prayer Leader:

Come, Lord Jesus! Come and stay with our family and friends—and all who are dear to us. May your light shine brightly so we can see you everywhere. Help us to spread your light and joy by giving freely and happily to all we meet.

**Family members share how they have seen the light of the Lord Jesus today.**

### Prayer Leader:

As we prepare for the coming of your Son, O God,

We give you thanks for your light which shines brightly among our family and friends.

We give you thanks for this food and drink, which nourishes us to be your light and strengthens us to share your gifts with the hungry and all who look for your justice and mercy.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 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.

Contact Lorne Penny at 902 736-3601 for tickets or information.



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

## PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of December 4

Envelopes and loose .....	\$3,772.35
Missals .....	\$143.00
Memorial Donation to Church .....	\$110.00
Fund-raisers .....	\$1217.45
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$5,242.80</b>
Envelopes returned .....	185
Budget expenses for week .....	\$4800.00
<b>Surplus .....</b>	<b>+\$442.80</b>

## CWL NEWS

- ◆ **REMINDER:** Annual dues are now due.
- ◆ **REMINDER:** Please remember to turn in your tickets on the Goodie Basket.
- ◆ **REMINDER:** Items for the Goodie Basket must be taken to the hall at 11 AM on December 23.
- ◆ **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.

**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.

**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.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

*Paige Burchell*

*Donnie MacInnis*

*David MacIntyre (grandson of Gerald MacIntyre)*

*Ann Kennedy (sister of Bishop Dunn)*

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

**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 **as soon as possible**. The L'Arche community will welcome any bed linen (Twin size). It does not have to be new, but in good condition. Thank you. Call the office if you have any questions.

**ATTENTION ALL LAY MINISTERS:** Ministry schedules for the rest of December are available in the vestry.

**HELP WANTED:** We are hoping to have some volunteers to assist with decorating for the New Years Dance. This is a Parish Fund-raiser. We plan on meeting Saturday morning, **December 31**, at 10 am. Hope to see you there. Call the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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



**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.

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

**“THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR”:** A **Christmas Concert** will be held on December 11 at 2 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River. Featuring the Regional Hospital Choir, Sacred Heart Choir, with soloists Julie Martell and Mary Isabel MacDonald, Oranaiche Cheap Breatuinn (Gaelic Choir), Knight of Columbus Choir, all under the direction of Shauna Doolan. Special performances by The Bisson Sisters, Allan O’Donnell, Fr. Francis and Janet Cameron, and Donnie Campbell. 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.

**50/50 TICKETS:** Winner of November's draw was Alvina Sutherland. Congratulations! The prize was \$450.00. Thank you for your support. We are still looking for a few volunteers on Dec. 20th and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:Nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

**RADOSC! 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.

