



Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018

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) – Bonnie DiPersio (736 6143) –

Cathy Viva (736 6171) – Victor Jenkins (736 6083) –

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

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

Aucoin – Blowers Mac Lean (736 9688) – Lorena Capstick

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(736 8788)

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. 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 9

Envelopes and loose \$3577.00
Fundraisers and other 3597.05
TOTAL \$7174.05

Thank you for your generous support.

In Appreciation

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

For the cemetery

IMO of Scott Walker from Elizabeth, Max, Nicholas Shel

For Faith Formation

IMO Scott Walker from Harry and Norma Blinkhorn

For Christmas flowers for the church

IMO Thomas Foster and Dan, sister Shirley Theresa from Edith Foster and family

IMO Melinda and Alex Ross from Shirley Fifoot

ILMO Adrian Connolly from Lorraine Connolly and Family

ILMO Theresa Connolly from Lorraine Connolly and Family

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.

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



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

SAMUEL LAMEY

BLAIR DEVIN HARRIS

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

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.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT! Thank you to the organizers of the John Fukula and Friends concert. We send a sincere thank you to John and friends for loaning us their talents and sharing in a spirit filled evening. Thank you to those who donated gifts for the prize draws. Thank you to KOC for the desserts. Thank you to the servers and the confirmation students who volunteered and for those who helped to set up and clean up after the concert. Thank you to the people who purchased tickets and made our evening special. A total of 2,959.05 was raised for the Parish.

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 - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1 - 10:00 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.

WELL DONE! A sincere thank you is extended to Joan Catherine Capstick, Jenna Forrest, Mallory Warren, and Rita MacDonald for leading the Youth Alpha the past 10 weeks. We are truly blessed to have these beautiful young ladies lead the program. Thank you as well to Father Oliver and our confirmation team for their commitment and dedication and for preparing the food each week. We sincerely thank you for being a part of our Alpha group and for the generous gift of sharing your faith.

NOTICE: The Parish Office will be closed from December 21 to January 2.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Envelopes for 2019 will be available next weekend. Please pick up a box of envelopes at the back of the church in the candle room. If you are new to our Parish, or attend our Parish from time to time, and you wish to make financial contributions, please pick up a new box of envelopes. Contributions are tax deductible. A tax receipt for the previous year is issued at the end of January. Please destroy (Recycle) envelopes from last or previous year. A reminder that Pre-authorized debits for your weekly contributions are available; simply contact the office for more information.

RECONCILIATION

In addition to Saturdays from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, confessions will also be held on Monday, December 17 and Tuesday, December 18 from 1-2 PM.



Saturday, December 22

Altar Server – Cecil Snow
Readers – Ann MacKinnon, Michele Keeling
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Blowers MacLean, Reg Dolhanty, Marguerite MacLean
Hospitality Ministry – Lola Tobin (right door), Dave Bobbitt (middle door), Georgina Buffet (left door), Maureen Bobbitt (left of altar door)

Sunday, December 23

Altar Server – Jenna Forrest
Readers – Eileen MacDonald, Darlene Popovich
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Audrey MacDougall, Jake Cantwell, Ron MacDougall
Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown (right door), Rose Jenkins (middle door), Louise MacKinnon (left door), Mary C. Tobin (left of altar door).

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 5:00 PM

Altar Server – Jenna Forrest
Readers – Emily Keeling, Victoria Pero
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – FRONT: Jake Cantwell, Ron MacDougall, Audrey MacDougall – BACK: Anita Nicholson, Terry Jerrett, Kayla MacDonald, Steve MacKeigan

Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown, (right door), Dave Bobbitt (middle door), Bobby Blinkhorn (left door), Maureen Bobbitt (left of altar door)

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 8:00 PM

Altar Servers – Cecil Snow, Reg Dolhanty
Readers – Eileen MacDonald, Sheila Kublek
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Sheila MacCormick, Cecil Snow, Reg Dolhanty
Hospitality Ministry – Sharon MacLean (right door), Billy MacDonald (middle door), Cynthia McGean (left door), Marguerite MacLean (left of altar door)

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day): 10:00 AM

Altar Server – Steve MacKeigan
Readers – Michele Keeling, Sheila Bradley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Jim Jessome, Michele Keeling, Bobby Joe Gillis
Hospitality Ministry – TBA (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Louise MacKinnon (left door), TBA (left of altar door)

Saturday, December 29

Altar Server – Reg Dolhanty
Readers – Georgina Buffett, Frances Gordon
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Blowers MacLean, Dennis Crosby, Sheila MacCormick
Hospitality Ministry – Lola Tobin (right door), Rosalie Dolhanty (middle door), Betty Smith (left door), Sheila Finney (left of altar door)

Sunday, December 30

Altar Server – Steve MacKeigan
Readers – Darlene Gale, Cathy Viva
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Harry Blinkhorn, Norma Blinkhorn, Kayla MacDonald
Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown (right door), Bobby Blinkhorn (middle door), Billy Blinkhorn (left door), Billy MacDonald (left of altar door)

Monday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) – 4 PM

Altar Servers – Sheila MacCormick, Bobby Joe Gillis
Readers – Annie Carey, Daryl Burton
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Cecil Snow, Bobby Joe Gillis, Reg Dolhanty
Hospitality Ministry – Lola Tobin (right door), Marguerite MacLean (middle door), Cathy Viva (left of altar door)

Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day) – 10 AM

Altar Server – Jenna Forrest
Readers – Bob Blinkhorn, Winnie Burt
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Jim Jessome, Terry Jerrett, Anita Nicholson
Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Jake Cantwell (left door), Rosalie Dolhanty (left of altar door)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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!

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.

WEEKEND OF GRACE FOR WOMEN: Early Bird Registration Deadline: Dec. 31. The 13th annual Weekend of Grace for Women conference will be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, May 3- 5, 2019. Keynote speakers are Catholic international evangelists Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, New Orleans. This will be their only Canadian speaking engagement in 2019. For more information call 1-902-435-1568 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com.

YOUNG ADULT'S PRAYER GROUP: Mondays, 6-8 pm, St. Theresa Parish, Sydney. Welcoming all young and young at heart to evenings of charismatic praise and worship. Help us to build our community and discover where the Spirit is leading us.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: May 13-23, 2019 (tentative dates) with Father Patrick O'Neill (Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River) and Father Paul Murphy (Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier, Sydney). Pilgrimage is open to all ages. Cost and full details to be finalized soon. If you feel the call to join, contact either Fr Patrick or Fr Paul. Once details are finalized there will be a contact person for registration and payments.

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.**

MIDNIGHT MASS for CHRISTMAS: St. Joseph Parish, Bras d'Or, Monday, December 24th. Continuing the long standing tradition reminiscent of the bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom at midnight. Please join us for Christmas Eve Mass at midnight.