



# Holy Family Parish

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## Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

VICE-CHAIR: Stephen MacDougall (736 8419)

SECRETARY: Winnie Burt (736 2490)

Cecil Snow (736 9350) – Sheila MacCormick (736 6583) –

Rosalind Forrest (736 3797) – 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

(Office Secretary) (736 8333) – Fr. Oliver

(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](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)

[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 10*

Envelopes and loose .....	\$3702.70
Fund-raisers & other .....	\$3614.25
TOTAL .....	\$7316.95
Budgeted expenses .....	\$4800.00
<b>Surplus .....</b>	<b>+\$2516.95</b>

*Thank you for your generous support.*

## In Appreciation

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

### For the Cemetery:

IMO Adelaide MacDonald from Sylvia And Earl Cantwell

### For Christmas flowers:

IMO Melinda and Alex Ross from Shirley Fifoot  
 IMO Milton Jardine and Benjamin Brooks from Theresa Jardine

IMO Rosina Di Persio from Rita DiPersio

IMO Tassie and Rosina Arsenault from Rita DiPersio

IMO Bonnie Legatto from Rita DiPersio

IMO Annie Olson from Rita DiPersio

IMO Edward and Veronica Jerrett from George and Elizabeth Jerrett

## CWL NEWS

☛ **REMINDER:** December is coming to an end - don't forget to turn in your Christmas stockings! All proceeds go to the parish.

☛ **THANK YOU:** A sincere thank you is extended to the CWL ladies and those parishioners who donated to Talbot House. Your generosity was overwhelming and heart-warming and much appreciated.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** 2018 envelopes are now available at the back of the church.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** During Christmas week, weekday Masses will be in the Chapel on December 27, 28, 29 at 9:00 am unless there is a funeral. The office will be closed on 25th, 26th, 27th.

**PARISH CALENDARS FOR SALE: CALENDARS:** A Holy Family Parish Calendar might just make a great gift – here's why:

A. All Money raised from the sale of our calendars will go to Faith Formation in our Parish.

B. And as they say on CBC " You could win moderately Fabulous prizes!" There are 6 Prizes in total; each calendar purchase will give you 6 chances to win. Your odds will depend on the total number sold. (Only 200 were printed)

The prizes are:

1. \$200.00 gift certificate for oil - Sydco Fuels
2. Hand Made Artistic Iron Cross( G. Haggett) and Valentine treats!
3. Easter Basket of goodies!
4. Homemade meal with all the trimmings delivered to your home!
5. Floral Decor to bright your day!
6. A Picnic Surprise to start off the summer!

**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. 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.

### Pictures available...

There are 4x6 pictures of Holy Family Parish ( inside the church) decorated for Christmas available with the prayer Angel purchase.



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

**Loretta Johnston**

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

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Masses**

Saturday, December 23: 4 PM

Sunday, December 24: 10 AM

### **Christmas Masses**

Sunday, December 24: 5 PM and 8 PM

Monday, December 25: 10 AM

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Saturday, December 30: 4 PM

Sunday, December 31: 10 AM

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

Sunday, December 31: 4 PM

Monday, January 1: 10 AM



### **Saturday, December 23:**

*Altar Servers:* Reg Dolhanty

*Lectors:* Annie Carey, Emily Keeling

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Frances Gordon, Cynthia MacGean, Wanda Andrea

*Hospitality:* Brenda Walsh, Rosalie Dolhanty, Georgina Buffett, Lola Tobin

### **Sunday, December 24:**

Sunday Liturgy: 10: 00 AM

*Altar Server:* Bobby Joe Gillis

*Lectors:* Ann MacKinnon, Michelle Handley

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Terry Jerrett, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome

*Hospitality:* Doris Brown, Billy Blinkhorn, Edie Foster

Christmas Eve Liturgy: 5:00 PM

*Altar Servers:* Jenna Forrest, Faith Formation

*Lectors:* Emily Keeling, Joan Catherine Capstick

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Ron MacDougall, Anita Nicholson, Jake Cantwell, Terry Jerrett, Steve McKeigan, Audrey MacDougall, Kayla Blinkhorn

*Hospitality:* Right door - Doris Brown, Middle door - Billy Blinkhorn, Left door - Edie Foster, Left of Altar - Debbie Carey

Christmas Eve Liturgy: 8:00 PM

*Altar Servers:* Cecil Snow, Sheila MacCormick

*Lectors:* Sandra Haley, Sharon McGean

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Michelle Keeling, Margarite MacLean, Dennis Crosby

*Hospitality:* Right door - Rose Jenkins, Middle door - Billy MacDonald, Left door - Louise MacKinnon, Left of Altar - Rosalie Dolhanty

### **Monday, December 25:**

Christmas Liturgy: 10 AM

*Altar Server:* Steve MacKeigan

*Lectors:* Theresa Power, Winnie Burt

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Wanda Andrea, Cecil Snow, Jimmy Jessome

*Hospitality:*

### **Saturday, December 30:**

*Altar Servers:* Cecil Snow

*Lectors:* Sharon McGean, Michele Keeling

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Michelle Keeling, Reg Dolhanty, Margarite MacLean

*Hospitality:* Right door - Brenda Walsh, Middle door - Cynthia MacGean, Left door - Rosalie Dolhanty, Left of Altar - Georgina Buffett

### **Sunday, December 31:**

Sunday Liturgy: 10: 00 AM

*Altar Servers:* Jenna Forrest, Faith Formation

*Lectors:* First- Darlene Gale, Second- Bob Blinkhorn

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Audrey MacDougall, Jake Cantwell, Ron MacDougall

*Hospitality:* Right door - Doris Brown, Middle door - Edie Foster, Left door - Billy Blinkhorn, Left of Altar - Jacque Cantwell

New Year's Eve Liturgy: 4: 00 PM

*Altar Servers:* Reg Dolhanty, Bobby Joe Gillis

*Lectors:* Cathy Viva, Frances Gordon

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Blowers MacLean, Harry Blinkhorn, Kayla Blinkhorn

*Hospitality:* Right door - Maureen Bobbitt, Middle door - Dave Bobbitt, Left door - Rosalie Dolhanty, Left of Altar - Betty Smith

### **Monday, January 1st:**

*Altar Servers:* Sheila MacCormick

*Lectors:* Daryl Burton, Sheila Bradley

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Jimmy Jessome, Ron MacDougall, Geraldine Walker

*Hospitality:* Right door - Billy MacDonald, Middle door - Mary C. Tobin, Left door - Rose Jenkins, Left of Altar - Louise MacKinnon

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS. PLEASE LET LORENA KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE!**

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

**CHRISTMAS CHEER:** Envelopes are available at the entrances of the church if you need one – they are also in your box of envelopes!

**THANK YOU:** to John and Patti Fukula and Guests! The gifts you share are wonderful. These concerts are truly spiritual evenings. Really, what a fantastic night! The Confirmation class and Prayer group and special helpers worked to transform the hall to make sure the event went smoothly. The Parish is grateful for all of their efforts. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the evening. Thank you to the KOC for the delicious cakes. Thank you to those who helped set up and clean up too. The total raised and donated to the Parish was \$3426.25.

**DO YOU LOVE TO DECORATE?** Do you want to make our church look beautiful this Christmas? You are invited to join in on the decorating fun – a few people have offered to help and we would love as many more who want to. Many hands will make this light work. Come on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at the Church. This is a bit earlier than usual due to the fact that Christmas falls on Monday and the last Sunday in Advent is Christmas Eve.

**NEW TO US.** Holy Family parishioners who are interested in enrolling in pre-authorized automatic debit will have an opportunity to do so in the new year. This is not mandatory but an option. Each Parishioner will receive the regular box of envelopes for 2018. For those choosing pre-authorized debit, you can check off the box on the front of each envelope and place it in the collection. The Special Envelopes are not included in this and you can make a donation to these by placing cash or cheque and placing it in the collection. Again this service is only for those who are interested. We will have our regular collection at mass and will be happy to continue as we have been doing but those who are interested, please contact the office 736-8333.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:** Just a note to remind people that Mass for Shut-Ins is now back on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 am.

**EXERCISE CLASSES:** The Heart and Stroke Foundation Exercise Class takes place every Monday at 1:30 at the Sydney Mines Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Ave.

**NORTHSIDE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Clothing Depot ( located in Sydney Mines Food Bank building:) is badly in need of good used warm winter clothing; all sizes, male, female, children, adults, boots, hats, mitts, sweaters etc. In North Sydney these can be dropped off to Estelle at St. Joseph's parish office. Also, Sydney Mines Food Bank is open the first three Fridays of every month and will accept donations from 10 am - 2 pm.

**THE MINER'S FIRST NOEL CONCERT:** Tickets are going quickly for this fantastic concert that will be held on Friday, **December 29<sup>th</sup>**, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines at 7:00 P.M. Why not give a Christmas Gift of music this year, with a couple of tickets to this fantastic concert featuring Lucy MacNeil along with her two daughters Kenna and Amelia and so many more talented performers. You also see Kevin Evans, Jennifer Whalen, Bob Quinn, Stewart MacNeil, and Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke. This is a concert for the whole family, young or old, with music that will keep you tapping your feet and singing along with the performers. Tickets are \$25 each and can be picked up at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney, or you can reserve your tickets by calling 902-736-2508. Don't wait or you will miss this great concert. This is a one night performance only.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** Have some extra energy and believe that children should be physically active? Consider volunteering with a local agency in Sydney Mines; they offer weekly sessions for children aged 8 to 10 years of age. If this is something that you think would be of interest to you or someone you know, please pass it along. You can contact Eileen 371-0101.

**PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAMS:** Offered by Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia. Program fee is \$100 per couple. Pre-registration is required. Contact Family Service of Glace Bay, ph (902) 849-4772 or (902) 539-6868 to pre-register. Upcoming session dates are February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, and June 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

**RELIC OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:** The relic of St. Francis Xavier (the right forearm and hand) is coming to St. Francis Xavier University on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, beginning with a service at 1 pm at the Chapel, followed by an afternoon of veneration and concluding with Mass at the Chapel at 6:30. This is an opportunity to rediscover Francis Xavier as one of the most exciting and adventurous figures of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The visit of this relic will be a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to seek the intercession of St. Francis Xavier.