



Holy Family Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 22, 2019

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CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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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) – 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



Weekend of December 15

Envelopes and loose \$4028.20
Other..... \$355.00
TOTAL:..... \$4383.20

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

A CHRISTMAS GREETING: To Father Oliver, Father JJ, Deacons Greg and Dave and our parishioners: " *May the miracle of Christmas be alive in your heart this season and forevermore. Merry Christmas*".

CWL LADIES: a reminder that dues should now be in. If you haven't yet paid up, please do so as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS and a warm welcome to our new Bishop, Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick.

SPECIAL THANKS: Thank you and appreciation to our guest organist Rosemary McGhee for playing the organ today while David is recovering from surgery.



TUESDAY, December 24, 5 PM:

Server: Jillian Scott and Maia MacDougall
Readers: Emily Keeling and Victoria Pero
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ron MacDougall, Norma Blinkhorn, Harry Blinkhorn, Jake Cantwell
Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Karen Hawkins (middle door), Jody Hawkins (left door), Rachael Smith (left of altar door)

TUESDAY, December 24, 8 PM:

Servers: Reg Dolhanty, Sheila MacCormick
Readers: Sheila Kublek, Sandra Haley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Michele Keeling, Terry Jerrett, Jim Jessome
Hospitality Ministers: Maureen Bobbitt (right door), Billy MacDonald (middle door), Dave Bobbitt (left door), Marguerite MacLean (left of altar door)

WEDNESDAY, December 25, 10 AM:

Servers: Steve MacKeigan
Readers: Winnie Burt, Sheila Bradley
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Lewis, Cecil Snow, Wilson Carey
Hospitality Ministers: ----- (right door), Betty Smith (middle door),----- (left door),----- (left of altar door)

SATURDAY, December 28, 4 PM:

Servers: Sheila MacCormick
Readers: Cynthia MacGean, Dennis Crosby
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Reg Dolhanty, Cecil Snow, Sheila MacCormick
Hospitality Ministers: ----- (right door),----- (middle door), ----- (left door),----- (left of altar door)

SUNDAY, December 29, 10 AM:

Servers: Jillian Scott and Maia MacDougall
Readers: Bob Blinkhorn, Darlene Gale
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Bobby Joe Gillis, Anita Nicholson, Jim Jessome
Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door),----- (middle door), ----- (left door),----- (left of altar door)

TUESDAY, December 31, 4 PM:

Servers: Cecil Snow
Readers: Daryl Burton and -----
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Marguerite MacLean, Jake Cantwell, Audrey MacDougall
Hospitality Ministers: ----- (right door),----- (middle door), ----- (left door),----- (left of altar door)

WEDNESDAY, January 1, 10 AM:

Servers: Bobby Joe Gillis
Readers: _____ and _____
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Lewis, Anita Nicholson, Jim Jessome
Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door),----- (middle door), ----- (left door),----- (left of altar door)

NOTE: WHERE BLANKS ARE INDICATED IN THE SCHEDULE, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. A COPY OF THIS SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR IN THE VESTRY.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

SPECIAL NOTICES:

- ✓ No Daily Mass on the 26th or 27th of December.
- ✓ The Parish Office will be closed from Dec 24 - Dec 27th and Dec 31- Jan 1.
- ✓ There will be NO bulletin next weekend. The bulletin will resume on the weekend of January 4/5.

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.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Masses

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

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25: 10
AM

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

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31: 4 PM

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1: 10
AM

FOR SALE: New missals are available at the back of the church and envelopes are provided; the cost is 5.00 each.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2020: The envelopes for next year will be at the back of the church in the candle room. Please do not use them before the new year. Each year the envelope numbers do change as our list goes in alphabetical order. Once the new Year starts please recycle your 2019 envelopes. If your name has been missed we apologize and have some extra envelope boxes available.

In Appreciation

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

For Christmas flowers and supplies

IMO Daniel MacIntyre from John & Anne Shirley
MacDougall

IMO Louie Cantwell Sr from the family

IMO Louie Cantwell Jr from the family

IMO Darlene Hall from Betty Stewart

IMO John & Lorraine Burton from Betty Stewart

IMO James Stewart from Betty Stewart

For St. Stephen Cemetery

IMO Carlotta (Tots) Cordy



OUR TREE: Our tree in the church tends to be called a few names: Christmas Cheer Tree, Giving Tree, I Care About You Tree. What ever you choose to call it, is not important. What is important is the love that can be found under it. It comes in the form of neatly wrapped packages, gift bags of every color, pretty tissue and lots of bows. The reason I say love? It is God's love in us. Love is a powerful motivator; it encourages us to help our neighbour and each small act of kindness adds up. In this case it added up to three trucks, two suvs and a car, each vehicle full, in order to deliver these parcels. Thank you everyone and Merry Christmas.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Helen Matheson

May her soul 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!

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.

SPECIAL TALK: Dr. Hilda Tremblett will speak on "*Surviving Cancer: How to do it*" at St. Joseph Parish Hall (church basement), Archibald Avenue, North Sydney, on Sunday, **January 5th** at 2:30 pm. Dr. Tremblett will discuss a number of ways to keep well and better manage our health. This event is in partnership with the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Parish. There will be a free will offering at the door with all donated funds going to the Cancer Center at our Regional Hospital. Light refreshments will be served after Dr. Tremblett's talk. All are welcome.

NEW BISHOP APPOINTED



The most Rev. Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick has been appointed the 10th Bishop of Antigonish. Bishop Kirkpatrick comes to Antigonish from Toronto, Ontario, where he has served as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto since 2012. Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1984 and served in several parish and diocesan offices. He was administrator of the Diocese of St. Catharines in 2010, and president of the Canadian Canon Law Society from 2010-2012. He is co-chair of the Roman Catholic/United Church Dialogue and is a member of the National Christian Muslim Liaison Committee. Since 2014, he has been the President of St. Augustine's Seminary as well as a Member of the Toronto School of Theology Board of Trustees. The seat of bishop in Antigonish has been vacant since July 5, 2019, when Archbishop Brian Dunn became Coadjutor Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Archbishop Dunn will continue to serve as Apostolic Administrator of Antigonish until Bishop Kirkpatrick is installed as the new bishop early in the new year.