



Holy Family Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23, 2018

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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

Rosalind Forrest (736 1887) – Bonnie DiPersio (736 6143) –

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Iris Sampson (544 0745 – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726) –

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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

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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

Christmas Schedule -

Monday, Dec. 24 - 5 PM and 8 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 25: - 10 AM



There will be **no Mass** in Glebe on Wed., Dec. 26, Thurs.,
Dec. 27 or Fri., Dec. 28

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 16

Envelopes and loose \$3,325.05

TOTAL \$3,325.05

Thank you for your generous support.

In Appreciation

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

For Christmas flowers for the church

IMO John & Lorraine Burton from Betty Stewart

IMO Darlene Hall from Betty Stewart

IMO James Stewart from Betty Stewart

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

WITH GRATITUDE: Thank you for the amazing gifts of kindness and love wrapped and placed under the "I care about you tree". Our Parish purchased gifts for seven families (more than 20 + children); L'Arche will also receive blessings with the items donated and delivered. Thank you all for this special project.

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

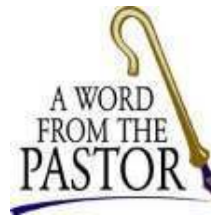
NOTICE

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

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no Mass** in Glebe on Wednesday, December 26, Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28.

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH FOR FLOWERS: Thank you to anyone who has made donations to the church for flowers (IMO or others). We do try to make our church look beautiful especially during the holidays. One way we do this is by placing arrangements around the church. It has come to be that while it would be wonderful to fill the church with fresh flowers, for practical reasons we switched to mostly artificial. The benefit to this can be, no one is coming to the church to water or care for the plants (especially with weekday masses held at the Glebe). There is a savings in using the arrangements for multiple years. There is no need to pay to have our compost removed. Money raised for flowers is spent in the following ways. We do order fresh flowers, arrangements, wreaths, etc. for Confirmation, Pentecost Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Mother's day, Remembrance day, special occasions at the hall etc. Artificial arrangements need to be replaced or spruced up from time to time and money is spent as needed. We always welcome volunteers to assist in keeping our Parish beautiful and any donations or help is greatly appreciated.



Dear Parishioners,
The celebration of Christmas is a time of great joy in the Church. We recall the great gift of Jesus Christ given to us as a human and divine reality. May you have a happy and holy Christmas filled with the realization of the mercy and compassion of God who sent His Son to us to lead us to eternal salvation.
Sincerely, Father Jim

CWL NEWS

- ✚ Congratulations to Alana Waye, winner of the CWL Christmas basket. Sincere thank you to all who bought tickets.
- ✚ To Fr. Jim, Fr. J.J., Deacon Greg, and all parishioners: May your Christmas be happy, peaceful and bright, and filled with the joy of that first Holy Night. Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year from Holy Family CWL.

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.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Envelopes for 2019 are now available. 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.

INSTALLATION OF LAY PRESIDERS DECEMBER 30TH:

Bishop Brian Dunn has appointed six Lay Presiders for the Northside/Victoria Deanery. The priests of the Deanery have all agreed to do a public installation of their local lay appointee at the same time on Sunday, Dec. 30th, during Mass. Bishop Dunn appointed persons who graduated from the Lay Formation or Lay Presiders Programs in previous years. The following people have been trained and appointed to a three-year term: Monica Shebib & David Lewis of St Joseph Parish, North Sydney; Joanne Vassallo of St Joseph, Dingwall; Norma Blinkhorn & Sandra Haley of Holy Family, Sydney Mines; and Sharon Voutier of St Joseph, Bras d'Or. The appointees understand this is not an honour, rather a call to service. They will initially be offering services in the hospitals and Senior's Homes. On behalf of the Northside Victoria Deanery, we thank them for their willingness to serve and recognize them for their official appointment by our Bishop. Please consider joining us on Sunday, Dec 30th, at your local parish mass for the installation of your new lay presider.

Peace, Fr. Douglas MacDonald, Dean - Northside/Victoria Deanery, Pastor St Joseph, North Sydney



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. Mass for Shut-Ins is being uploaded to our Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel; 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

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 - 9 0 2 - 4 3 5 - 1 5 6 8 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.

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.



THE MINERS' FIRST NOEL CONCERT APPROACHING

FAST: On Friday, December 28th, Bob Quinn and Friends will take the stage again for the Miners' First Noel with a stellar cast which will include Lucy MacNeil with her two daughters Amelia and Kenna and husband Rob Durando along with her brother Stewart, Tony Quinn and daughter Shannon, Bob Quinn and his wife Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn and their daughter Kate Quinn and husband Matt MacIsaac. But that's not all – this year we are also introducing Grant Eisan and finally two beautiful story tellers MacKenzie and Cameron Clarke. So this is the Christmas Concert of 2018 that you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$28 and can be picked up at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or if you don't live in the area just RESERVE YOURS by calling 902-736-2508. So save the date, Friday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the ultimate Christmas Show. This could be a great Christmas gift or a gift to yourself with a night out after the Christmas rush.



Christmas Eve Prayer

Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.
Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.
Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.
And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.