



# Holy Family Parish

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 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 17

Envelopes and loose .....	\$3129.55
Fund-raisers & other .....	\$1408.55
TOTAL .....	\$4538.10
Budgeted expenses .....	\$4800.00
<b>Shortfall .....</b>	<b>-\$261.90</b>

*Thank you for your generous support.*

### In Appreciation

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

#### To the Parish:

IMO Loretta Johnston from Boyne Clarke LLP

#### For Christmas flowers:

IMO Christopher MacLean from Hector and Brenda MacLean

IMO George & Bessie Sutherland from Hector and Brenda MacLean

IMO Frank Sutherland from Hector and Brenda MacLean

IMO James Stewart from Betty Stewart

IMO Darlene Hall from Betty Stewart

IMO Lorraine Burton from Betty Stewart

#### For the Cemetery:

IIMO John Currie from Agnes Currie

### CWL NEWS

**To Fr. Oliver, Fr. J.J., and Deacon Greg and all our parishioners:**

Praying that Christmas brings you the light of faith, the joy of remembering, and the blessings of sharing with those you love.

**From President Lola and all CWL members**

**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, 27<sup>th</sup>.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

*Donald Young*

*Isabel MacVicar*

*Edmund (Ebbie) Capstick*

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

### **GREETINGS FROM THE LITURGY COMMITTEE!**

It was a very busy year in 2017 as our Parish was host to many **Ecumenical Services**. The support we received was a blessing and we are encouraged to grow in our faith by continuing to live as Jesus instructed. The Year began with hosting a service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** with attendance from other neighbouring parishes in Sydney Mines. Early Spring saw us hosting the **World Day of Prayer**. Our program for the service was written by the women of the Philippines; again our neighbouring parishes participated fully as well as The Philippine Society of Cape Breton. All money collected during the service was donated. We had the largest crowd to date and many stayed for the mix of cuisines during a reception afterwards. Our Lenten Journey was enhanced by **Lenten Lunches** hosted by each of the participating churches, including Holy Family. Holy week was amazing, including our vigil on Saturday night which was a sight to behold. Those who woke early attended our **Ecumenical Sunrise Service** on Easter morning and were welcomed back to the hall, where nothing short of a feast was cooked and served by the Knights of Columbus. As Spring continued we were pleased to see the youth of our Parish busy and making their **sacraments including Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion**. Not long after that, we enjoyed seeing our youth graduate from **High school** where Holy Family was once again host to a beautiful **Ecumenical Service** and reception. The huge crowd certainly received their fill, spiritually and physically. Parishioners filled the tables with delicious snacks and treats so that Grads and their families could celebrate and dine together. After the quiet of the summer months the committee once again prepared for a **beautiful service remembering all those who have passed away in our Parish over the last year**. In the fall we invited hundreds to attend as we lit a candle for each person who passed away; it truly was an honor to do so. We were blessed to do even more for the community after this service by having a lunch and social. This was so generously provided by Holy Family's Catholic Women's League and Jobs Funeral Home. We look forward to serving the Parish in 2018.

*Sincerely, the Liturgy Committee*

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### *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 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 Mac Gean, 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

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary. Jesus was born as a child – innocent and blessed. He lived a human life in this world with all the joys and sorrows, questions and wonderments of an human person. The Church celebrates His birth and looks forward to His return. He is close to us and seeks to assure us of His Boundless love and concern for each of us. As the Second Vatican Council Says in " *Gaudium et Spes- The Church in the Modern World* ", The Joys and Hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ ( the people of God). Jesus is with us always in our daily lives. May the peace of the Child Jesus be with you and yours this Christmas as you celebrate the birth of the Son of God and may this peace which passes all understanding remain with you and yours now and forever.

Merry Christmas!

***Peace and Prayers – Father Jim***

### ON BEHALF OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Parishioners of Holy Family a very spirit-filled Christmas. May the true reason for the season be ever present in your family this Christmas. At Holy Family we are truly blessed to have a Parish Community that strives to live in the light of the message of Joy and Salvation and to bring it to the world around us. We are always amazed by the commitment of so many here who give so freely and joyfully of their time and talent. We wish everyone the blessings and joys of Christmas now and for the whole of the year.

***Terry Jerrett, Chairperson of Pastoral Council***

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Liturgy Committee** – Monday, January 15, at 6:30  
PM in the Glebe Meeting Room

**Pastoral Council** – Monday, January 22, at 7 PM  
in the Glebe Meeting Room

All Parishioners are welcome to attend our Pastoral  
Council meetings – you do not need to be on the  
Council to attend and your input is always valued.

*May the miracle of*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Fill you heart with*  
*Love*

## **A SNAPSHOT OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

### **Our Parish is alive and active – it is wonderful!**

We are a caring, compassionate community blessed with dozens of volunteers who assist in many and various capacities. If you would like to participate in any of our ministries, you would be most welcome!

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** is responsible for the overall pastoral development of the parish, discerns the needs of the parish community. It also supports and makes recommendations to our various committees and groups in the parish.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE** coordinates the ministries needed to plan and enhance our Lord's Day masses and other special liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

**FAITH FORMATION** classes build a foundation for living the Catholic Christian life. Helping children to grow and develop a relationship with God.

**GIFT BEARERS:** Each week parishioners are invited to bring the gifts to the altar.

**SERVERS:** Both adult and youth servers assist the priest and deacon during liturgical celebrations.

**MUSIC MINISTRY :** We are most fortunate to have a vibrant music ministry. New members are always welcome.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** These readers proclaim the Word of God.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** This is a group of men and women who distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during the celebration of Eucharist.

**MINISTERS OF WELCOME:** These ministers warmly welcome all persons entering the Church for worship.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** develops strategies and calls forth resources to meet the financial needs of the Parish.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** Whether long-term or short-term, we have parishioners who are unable to come to our Celebration of Eucharist. So we provide them with the Body of Christ in their homes.

**ALTAR GUILD/ENVIRONMENT:** These ministers prepare the sanctuary before liturgical celebrations, preparing liturgical books, sacred vessels, and church environment.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM:** This team of volunteers visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes.

**ST. JOSEPH/ST. MARY CEMETERY SOCIETY:** Our Cemetery Society is responsible for the maintenance of our two cemeteries.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM:** Our parish has several teams of compassionate and caring individuals who prepare those who have loved ones with the difficult task of planning a funeral. They meet with the family to assist in making arrangements and arrive early at the funeral liturgy to offer assistance.

**AND SO MANY MORE...** Hall Committee, Bingo Committee, Fall Fair Committee, CWL, 1st Fridays, Fund raising Committee, Chase the Ball Committee, and more.

### **A MESSAGE FOR YOU**

The New Year is coming....this is your year to make a difference. There are so many ways to become involved or stay involved in our Parish Community. Did you know our activities range from goodwill to gardening or from finance to friendly greeters? The list goes on. NOT much time? Not to worry! No amount of time is too small. There are people who volunteer to drive others, to call others, to socialize with others, to serve with and more. If it has crossed your mind that you are not needed, YOU ARE. There is always a need for the gifts/talents you have to offer. Please take this as your personal invitation to feel welcomed and fulfilled. Your Parish Needs You!