



Holy Family Parish

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The Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2020

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PARISH SECRETARY

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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, Tuesday and 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



Envelopes and loose. \$3377.55
Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

- ✿ **Executive meeting** will be held on Monday, February 3 at 1 PM in the Hall.
- ✿ **Regular meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 9 at 2 PM in the Glebe. A good attendance is requested as new officers will be installed. Please return Valentine tickets and money by February 9.
- ✿ **TICKETS:** Anyone wanting tickets on the Valentine basket, please contact Gloria at 736-3421 or any CWL member. Draw date will be February 13.

CHRISTMAS CHEER THANK YOU: Christmas Cheer served 259 families, a total of 650 individuals, with groceries. We coordinated the adoption of 29 families. Christmas Daddies assisted 238 children with \$40.00 gift cards for Walmart. This endeavour was made possible with the assistance from the Sydney Mines Foodbank, the Salvation Army and many volunteers who donated their valuable time. Thank you to all the Church congregations, service clubs, businesses and individuals who made monetary donations to this worthy cause.

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Youth Ministry will be hosting Mass for Shut-Ins on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020 at CTV station on 1283 George Street. All youth and parents are invited to attend this great service to our Shut-ins. Please arrive at 5:30 pm. If you would like to be a reader, altar server, or gift bearer at Mass for Shut-Ins on Tuesday, February 4th, please contact Norma Blinkhorn at 902 202 2972 or email norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

In Appreciation

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

Donations to Cemetery

IMO Heather Devoe from Mary & Cathy Viva
IMO Cathy Morrison from Mary & Cathy Viva
IMO Bertha Jessome from Mary & Cathy Viva

Donation to Religious Education

IMO Rev. JJ MacDonald from Cathy and Mary Viva

Donation to Parish

IMO Susan Boutilier MacDonald from Alan MacDougall

With Heartfelt Sympathy

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

**Bertha McCormick
Shane Hatcher**

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

ODDS AND ENDS:

- ☛ If anyone has palms at home that they wish to bring to the church to prepare the ashes for February 26th, Ash Wednesday, please drop them off at the church.
- ☛ Oh – what a winter! Please take your time entering and leaving the church. The walkway and steps are kept as clear as possible.
- ☛ Daily Mass will now be held on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays** in the Chapel in the Glebe.
- ☛ Sympathy to Holy Family Parish from Antigonish Diocesan CWL in memory of Rev. JJ MacDonald.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

Installation Ceremony for Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick



The Installation Ceremony for Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 3 pm at St. Ninian Cathedral. Evening prayer will be held at 7pm on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at St. Ninian Cathedral. A reception will follow each event. All are welcome!

Diocesan Prayer for Our New Bishop

Gracious God, Giver of all spiritual gifts, we are thankful for the gift of our new Bishop, Most Rev. Wayne Kirkpatrick. We, the Community of Believers of the Diocese of Antigonish, trust deeply in your Divine Providence and in your desire to provide for the needs of our diocesan family. May he be filled with zeal for the Gospel as he ministers as one who is gentle, wise, merciful and devoted in love for your people. May we, your Community of Disciples, receive the grace to welcome our new Bishop as our Brother in Christ. As he begins his new Ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, we pray that he be filled with gospel courage, wisdom and discernment. May we welcome him and assure him of our prayer, presence and support as we begin our new journey of faith together.

St. Ninian, Pray for Us.



EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020

June 12-14

Membertou, Sydney

In September, 2019, following the celebration to end our amazing 175th Anniversary year, Archbishop Dunn announced, for the diocese, a focus on the Eucharist culminating with a Eucharistic Congress. For the next few months leading up to the Congress, the Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has asked us to reserve this space in our bulletin to inform us of the ins and outs of what this all means for each of us.

What are some of the events and experiences happening that might interest you?

The Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has been busy and their creative minds hard at work!

- ✦ The diocesan website has a special page, ***Transformed by Eucharist***, regularly updated with information.
- ✦ The weekly e-mail Seven Ears of Grain, the diocesan Facebook page and the monthly newsletter are some of the social media tools being used to inform us.
- ✦ A calendar, depicting images of the Holy Land with reflections on the Eucharist, has been distributed to parishes that requested them.
- ✦ Much like the 2002 World Youth Day celebrations, a wooden cross, along with the amazing quilt that was created for the 175th Anniversary, are touring the diocese.
- ✦ A video link, from Bishop Robert Barron, where he explains the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, is accessible on the diocesan webpage.
- ✦ The lovely prayer card, distributed to parishes, reminds us that God is the source of all life.

COMMUNITY NEWS

STEUBENVILLE: It seems a little strange to be thinking about July already... but registration for Steubenville Atlantic 2020 opens on Wednesday, January 15! Our new venue, the McInnes Room in the Dalhousie Student Union Building, has fewer seats than the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. So, group leaders, don't wait to book your spots! Remember, all registration for Steubenville Atlantic is done in groups. If you, or someone you know, would like to attend the conference but there is no local group to go with, contact the Parish office and we can help you out! —The Steubenville Atlantic Team

ROAST BEEF DINNER: St. John the Baptist Mothers' Union will host a Valentine's Roast Beef Dinner. It will take place on Friday, **February 14th**, at 6:00 pm at 28 King Street, North Sydney. Doors open at 5:30 pm. There will be door prizes and entertainment. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets are available at the Parish office (call 902-794-3392) or by calling Debbie Moore at 902-544-1018 or 902-371-2807.

FISHCAKE & BAKED BEAN SUPPER will be held on Friday, **February 7th**, at St. Matthew Wesley United Church, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cost: \$10.00. Dessert included! A second Choice of Ham & Scalloped Potato Supper will be offered as an alternative by a pre-purchased ticket only until Wednesday, February 5th! Live Music during the supper! Eat in or Take-out available. Tickets available at the Church Office 902-794-3651 or phone Charlie MacLean 902-794-3573.

DID YOU KNOW ... The Bishop William E. Power Family Charitable Foundation disburses up to \$20,000 each year to individuals for courses and conferences that they can use to strengthen our faith communities? Could someone in your parish use this support? Visit our website for details: www.bishoppowerfoundation.ca

CAN YOU HELP? Community Volunteer Income Tax Program — Every year, hundreds of thousands of those in need rely on volunteers at free tax clinics to help them access important benefits and credits to which they may be entitled. You don't need to be a tax expert. You'll receive training and support and how often you volunteer is up to you! To volunteer or for information on participating local organizations, go to Canada.ca/taxes-volunteer **or call 1-855-516-4405.**

GREETINGS MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF DEVELOPMENT & PEACE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR :

Please join us as we reflect on the theme ***For Our Common Home*** with a focus on the Amazon region and the threats that the mining and other extractive industries pose to its' inhabitants. We hope to exchange ideas by working together to help these Indigenous people who are the guardians and protectors of the Amazon and its' vital eco-system and to help all of us protect ***Our Common Home.*** A Development and Peace—Caritas Canada **SHARE LENT WORKSHOP** will be held on Saturday, February 8th (snow date February 9th), at St. Leonard Pastoral Centre, 5310 Union Highway, New Waterford NS. Pot-luck meeting 10 :00 am ~ 2 :30 pm. Please respond to twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca or 902-862-2330. For more info contact aogbe@devp.org.

FOODBANK: The Food Bank is open to serve those in need this month. The demand can increase in the winter months. There are boxes at the entrances of the church which you can use to donate non-perishables at any time; it is picked up weekly by a Food Bank volunteer.



SATURDAY, February 8, 4 PM:

Servers: Rachael Bennett

Readers: Anna Martin, Cynthia McGean

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Reg Dolhanty, Cecil Snow, Sheila MacCormick

Hospitality Ministers: Lola Tobin (right door), Georgina Buffett (middle door), Maureen Bobbitt (left door), Dave Bobbitt(left of altar door)

SUNDAY, February 8, 10 AM:

Servers: Maia MacDougall, Jillian Scott

Readers: Darlene Popovich, Bob Blinkhorn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Doreen Lewis, Norma Blinkhorn, Harry Blinkhorn
Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Rose Jenkins (middle door), Louise MacKinnon (left door), Sheila Finney (left of altar door)