



Holy Family Parish

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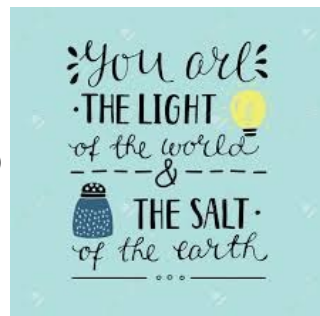
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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 9, 2020

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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Cecil Snow (736 9350) – Sheila MacCormick (736 6583) –
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Sharon Iannetti (794 8905) – Brenda Walsh (537 1603) –

Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726) –

Fr. Oliver (736 8788) – Bob Blinkhorn (544 0008) –

Frank MacDonald (736 2190) – Hugh MacDonald

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CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

SECRETARY – Giselle 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)

[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



Parish Giving
Weekend of February 2

Envelopes and loose. \$3,299.40
Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

✿ **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 Lola at 736-8862 or any CWL member.

Draw date will be February 13.

✿ **Best wishes.** We extend to Fr. Oliver, Deacon Greg, Deacon Dave and all parishioners a Happy Valentine's Day.



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.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available this weekend at the back in the candle room. If you have any questions regarding your receipts, please contact the Parish office at 902 736-8333.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council AND Finance Committee will meet on **February 13** at 6:30 PM. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting will be in March.

In Appreciation

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

Donations to Cemetery

IMO Shelly Brennan from Donald & Barbara Collier
IMO Bertha Jessome from Alexandra St. Dental Clinic

Donation to Parish

IMO John Henry Senior Fifoot from Colin Fifoot

Donation to the Music Ministry

IMO Father JJ MacDonald from Jennie & Chuck Gordon

With Heartfelt Sympathy

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

Shirley Hillier
Shelly Brennan
Jo Ann Latwaitis
Dougie Serroul
Christine 'Chris' Doyle

May their souls 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

HELPING OTHERS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is all about love! One of our priorities at Breton Ability Centre is to help our residents and clients feel more connected to our larger community and live inclusive lives. This Valentines we are asking the public to mail in Valentines for our residents. This will help them feel loved, accepted and special on this celebratory occasion. ❤️

Valentines can be in the form of cards, pictures, or post cards, which can be mailed to:

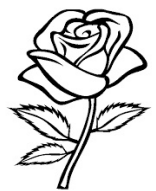
Breton Ability Centre
1300 Kings Rd
Sydney River, NS
B1S 0H3

Prayer for Love

As we celebrate this secular day of "love", let us remember Jesus' pure example and strive to be more like Him. Take a moment between chocolate and kisses this Valentine's Day to pray this simple prayer: Lord, Make us more aware of the deeper implications of love. May we listen to its demands. Make the work of our hands the expression of what our hearts have heard from Your Spirit. Teach us to love in costly actions, not easy phrases. Let us be in our love, Lord, a clearer reflection of You.

A Rose by any other name

Valentine's Day sentiments are often expressed with flowers, especially roses. In the past, people attached special meanings to different colors and types of roses. Red and white together mean unity, pink means grace and gentility, and yellow symbolizes joy. Orange or coral roses speak of your desire. Burgundy roses compliment a sweetheart's unconscious beauty. Sweetheart roses were for couples who liked nicknames or endearments such as darling, dear, or honey. A single rose signified simplicity. And white roses meant you're heavenly, while white rosebuds warned of someone too young for love.



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.

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**.

CANCELLATION – SHARE LENT CAMPAIGN: Due to the pending weather conditions for the weekend we feel that in the best interest of those who would be travelling that we should postpone the "Share Lent Campaign" scheduled for St. Leonard Pastoral Office, 5310 Union Highway on Feb 08th – storm date Feb 09th. As the winter passes we will re-schedule this event and send you a notice with the date and time. Thank you for all you have done to support this project; your work for D & P is greatly valued and appreciated.

A Kitchen Ceilidh with Chaulkdust: This is your invitation to join us on **Friday, February 28th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines for our Kitchen Ceilidh featuring Chaulkdust. This will be held in our church hall in a very relaxed atmosphere. You will hear a variety of music from Country, Rock and Roll, oldies and more. You will also hear the angelic voice of soloist Jennifer MacDonald. So shed the winter blues and come on in and join us for our Kitchen Ceilidh. Admission is simply a free will offering at the door and there will be a canteen service of tea, coffee and cookies at very low prices. If old man winter don't co-operate we will have it on Saturday, February 29th. So join us won't you.

SUPPER: The AOTS Men's Club of St. Matthew Wesley United Church will be holding a Pancake & Sausage Supper on Shrove Tuesday, **February 25th** from 4-6 p.m. at 2 Peppett St. North Sydney – Eat in or Take out! Adults \$6.00. Children \$4.00. Pay at the door!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Northside Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a meeting next Wednesday, Feb.12th, at 2pm, at Bras d'Or Parish Hall. This will be the first meeting of 2020. Hope to see you all there.



SATURDAY, February 15, 4 PM:

Servers: Reg Dolhanty

Readers: Ruth Steffens, Ann Marie Gillis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Michele Keelking, Dennis Crosby, Marguerite MacLean
Hospitality Ministers: Betty Smith (right door), Cynthia MacGean (middle door), Rosalie Dolhanty (left door), Marguerite MacLean (left of altar door)

SUNDAY, February 15, 10 AM:

Servers: Jillian Scott and Maia MacDougall,

Readers: Darlene Gale, Terry Jerrett

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Audrey MacDougall, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome
Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Jake Cantwell (left door), Michelle Kendall (left of altar door)