



Holy Family Parish

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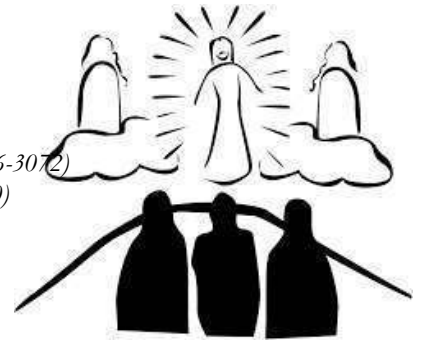
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Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2018

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CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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

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

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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.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT.

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

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 February 18

Envelopes and loose \$3,561.70
Other \$ 831.65
TOTAL \$4,393.35

Thank you for your generous support.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

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

Lillian Bishop (sister-in-law of Kenneth Jardine)

William DeLeskie (brother of Jane Jessome)
Theresa (Tessie) Clarke

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

ATTENTION - MINISTERS OF THE WORD. Some important reminders! **PLEASE call a replacement** if you are unable to attend Mass; arrive **15 minutes before** Mass; **let the Altar Server know** you are present and if you are replacing someone; and **please adjust the microphone!**

ATTENTION ALL LAY MINISTERS: The ministry schedules are available in the vestry for the month of February and part of March if you would like to pick up a copy. You can also send an email to the office email address and I can send a digital copy too.

CWL NEWS



A reminder that our Merchandise BINGO game will be held on Wednesday, **February 28**, at 7:30 PM in the Hall. Admission is \$2.00 and extra cards \$1.00. Canteen will be available. CWL ladies are reminded that set-up will take place at 1 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Those selling cards are asked to be at the hall at 6:15 PM. Don't forget items for grocery order.

FOOD BANK: Please remember that there are wooden boxes at the entrances to the church and the Food Bank would **welcome the donation** of nonperishable food items. Simply **drop an item in the box** before or after mass and a Food Bank volunteer will pick them up.

Winter Weather Cancellations
Reminding our Parishioners that when school is cancelled our morning mass is also cancelled.

50/50 DRAW: The winner for the month of January was **Isabel Taylor**; her prize was **\$680.00**. There are tickets at the entrances of the church if you would like to pick some up. You can pass in your tickets in the collection basket on the 24th/25th so we will have them for the **draw on the 28th**. We are selling tickets this month at Foodland and Credit Union; if you have some time to spare, call the office at 736-8333.

Holy Family Parish Concert



featuring John & Patti Fukala and Special Guests

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

Holy Family Parish Hall 7:00pm

Tickets 10.00

Tea and Cake served – Prize Draws

Reserved Seating for tables of 10 or more

Sponsored by Holy Family Prayer Group with proceeds going to Chalice and Faith Formation.

For tickets, please contact:

Harry 736-2972 — Terry 736-2041

Anita 736-0847 — Lola 736-8862

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Income tax receipts are available in the **candle room**. **PLEASE NOTE:** When you give to the Parish, whether it is your regular envelope, or, for example, something else like the Hymn Sing, all donations go to your name on the parish records. So you might have a tax receipt at the back of the church. Check the box.

PARISH NEWS




Mark Your Calendar
Dates to Remember

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday
Holy Week — March 26 to March 31
Mass of Christm — Monday, March 26
Good Friday — March 30
Easter Sunday — April 1

COIN FOLDERS: Lenten coin folders are available at the entrances to the church, if you would like to use one during lent.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY: There will be some Lenten Reading materials, prayer cards, etc. at the back of the church in the candle room. Please take a look and consider adding some of these items to your Lenten Journey. \$2.00 - God's Abiding Love Book- Daily Lenten Meditation and Prayers by Henri JM Nouwen; \$Free - Development and Peace materials



LENTEN CALENDAR

Mondays -- Mass at 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm
Tuesdays – Mass at 12:10 pm
Wednesdays – Mass at 12:10 pm
Thursdays – Mass at 12:10 pm
Fridays – Stations of the Cross at 11:50 am and Mass at 12:10 pm

CEMETERY SOCIETY MEETING: St. Joseph/St. Mary Cemetery Society will be having a meeting on **Monday, February 26, at 1 PM** at the Glebe.

FLEA MARKET UPDATE: Holy Family's Scheduled Flea Market for the Community has been postponed; a new date will be announced. If you have any questions you can contact Rose 902 736-0802.



Saturday, March 3:

Altar Server – Reg Dolhanty

Lectors – Theresa Power, Georgina Buffett

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Frances Gordon, Cynthia MacGean, Wanda Andrea

Hospitality Ministry – Brenda Walsh, Mary Jenkins, Georgina Buffett, Lola Tobin

Sunday, March 4:

Altar Server – Jenna Forrest and Faith Formation

Lectors – Faith Formation and Confirmation Students

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Terry Jerrett, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome

Hospitality Ministry – Billy Blinkhorn, Edie Foster, Rose Jenkins, Louise MacKinnon

ALMSGIVING

The journey to Easter continues. We pray, we fast, we give alms. Almsgiving is a key part of Lenten growth. We “give up” some comfort ourselves and turn it into money or other necessities for people who need them. Almsgiving should cost us something: a routine pleasure like morning coffee and a doughnut, an evening's entertainment, the time it takes to walk instead of hailing a cab, the extra attention to set aside the money saved, to find the best use for it, and to deliver the gift. If you haven't already started, choose something to do without. Set its price aside in an envelope, box or bank. Do this as often as you can until Holy Thursday. Then send or take it where it can do some good: to a relative or neighbor (anonymously), your parish poor box or Catholic Charities.

MIRACLE OR NOT? A new Religious Ed teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember it. Finally she went to the pastor's study and asked for help. The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently, as if in prayer. Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock. The teacher was amazed. “I'm in awe at your faith, pastor,” she said. “It's really nothing,” he answered. “The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

SYDNEY MINES FOOD BANK: Our local food bank is in need of volunteers. If you have time on your hands and would like to give back to your community, we may be the right fit for each other. We are located in the former Union Hall on Cottage St. and we are open the first three Thursdays of each month. Some volunteers who can't come in the morning only come for the afternoon and that is great as well. Any time you can give would be appreciated. If you'd like more information or would like to join our group you can drop in any Thursday that we are open or call the office at 902 544-1247. Thanks for considering spending some time with us. Board of Directors, Sydney Mines Food Bank.

BIBLE SCHOOL: St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney, will once again host a March Break Vacation Bible School. It will be held from Monday, **March 12th to Friday, March 16th**. It is open to children 4-11 and registration is now taking place. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games & songs. To register, please call 902-794-3392. **There is no fee! Registration deadline is Friday, March 2nd. Registration is limited to 40 children.**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – “All God’s Creation is Very Good”: On **March 2, 2018**, Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray and celebrate in solidarity with the women of Suriname through World Day of Prayer. Trinity Anglican Church will host this event on Friday, March 2, at 7 PM. Storm date will be Monday, March 5, at 7 PM.

TAI CHI: Tai Chi is a gentle set of exercises designed to improve all aspects of your life including balance, sleep and digestion. No special equipment is required. FLK Taoist Tai Chi is starting a Beginner Class at Bras d’Or Hall, 24 Villa Dr, Wednesday, **February 28**, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come see what it is all about. We are a non profit group and no instructors receive any monies for instructing.

MIDWINTER COMMUNITY HYMN SING: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. Music and special selections by “**Chalk Dust**”. DATE: **February 25th** at 3 PM. Come along and sing your favourite hymns. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

YOGA: Free Chair Yoga Classes for men and women resume on Monday, March 12th from 12 noon until 1pm at St. Stephen’s Community Hall, Pitt St., Florence. Instructor: Patsy MacKenzie. Sponsored by Florence Conference of St. Vincent de Paul and the Community Health Board. Come try yoga & have a fun hour.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: The Northside Community Guest Home Foundation ticket sale is now underway.

1st prize – 1 return trip for two on any regularly scheduled West Jet Flight

2nd Prize – Enhance your Kitchen with a Kitchen/Cooking Dining package (\$2200)

Ticket Costs – 1/\$10.00 3/\$20.00 5/\$30.00

Draw: April 07/18

Contact (902) 794 4733 OR Pharmasave, North Sydney OR Rona, Sydney Mines

UPDATES – NORTHSIDE COUNCIL SOCIETY OF ST.

VINCENT DE PAUL:

Northside Council Clothing Depot located at 1 Cottage St, Sydney Mines [same building as Food Bank] will be opened on Thursdays from 1—3 p.m. starting March 8th. This change is due to the Food Bank opening on Thursdays in March instead of Fridays. Hope to see all our customers on Thursdays. All clothing & small appliances are free to those who need it. We welcome anyone in our communities to come visit and check us out. Thank you to those who make this service possible by your donations. We see many smiles that your donations have made possible and in some cases you have made their lives more bearable. Again – thank you.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY CONCERT WITH EVANS AND

DOHERTY: Come join us at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines for a lively Irish Concert on Friday, March 9th, at 7 p.m. Evans and Doherty will have your toes tapping and you singing along with your favorite Irish songs. Tickets are \$25 each and can be picked up at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Pharmasave in Sydney Mines. Don’t want to go out in the cold? Just call Rita at 902-736-2508 and she will reserve yours to be picked up at the door the night of the concert. If you are getting tired of Old Man Winter, this is just the concert you need to shake the winter blahs. Save the date – Friday, March 9th at 7 p.m.

NET MINISTRIES - BILLETING REQUESTS: Net Ministers will be visiting our diocese from March 17 - 24. If you are able to offer to billet, please speak with your Parish Priest or email cathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

NET FAMILY RETREAT: Saturday, March 24, 2018, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew. A day of family faith sharing and fun with NET ministry. Register by March 9th by emailing cathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 11am at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. Confirmation youth and older are invited. The day includes a faith sharing and a fun afternoon of the "Amazing Race". Register through your parish office.