



# Holy Family Parish

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## The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – January 1, 2017

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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

Rosalind Forrest (736 3797) – Bunnie 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)

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– Lorne Penny (736 3601) – Rose Jenkins (736 0802) – Claire

Aucoin – Blowers Mac Lean (736 9688) – Lorena Capstick

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(736 8788)

### PARISH SECRETARY

Lorena Capstick (736 8333) or

[holyfamilysydneymines2013@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilysydneymines2013@gmail.com)

### 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. **There will not be any Baptisms during Lent.**

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 Chapel)



### 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)

[In the event of a funeral OR when school is cancelled, the  
9AM Mass will be cancelled]

## **In Appreciation**

We thank those who have generously made the following donations:

### ***For the Cemetery***

IMO Nathan Doyle from Madonna Romeo  
IMO Nathan Doyle from Mary Patricia Hall  
IMO Frank McKenna from Barbara McKenna  
IMO Catherine MacDougall from Catherine, David, Jim & Family  
IMO Loved Ones from Annie Mae MacKinnon  
IMO Anne Corbett from Annie Mae MacKinnon  
IMO Deceased family members from Jim Dennis  
IMO Sister Lorraine MacKinnon CND from Annie Mae MacKinnon  
IMO Curtis Edwards from Gerald and Georgie Edwards  
IMO Cecil and Mary Halliday from Darren & Connie Dennis  
IMO Sheila Foster Devoe from Charles Williams

### ***For St. Stephen Cemetery***

IMO Tootie Keeling from Sandra & Larry Clarke  
IMO Theresa & Lawrence LeBlanc from Sandra & Larry Clarke

### ***For Flowers***

IMO Christopher MacLean from Brenda & Hector MacLean and family  
IMO Bessie & George Sutherland from Brenda & Hector MacLean and family  
IMO Frank Sutherland from Brenda & Hector MacLean and family  
IMO Thomas Foster and Dan from Edith Foster and family  
IMO Leo Matheson from Arthena Matheson  
IMO Stanley & Peter Matheson from Arthena Matheson

### ***For the Church***

IMO Tootie Keeling from Rose Jenkins  
IMO Patrick and Jessie Hall from Mary Patricia Hall  
IMO Lorraine Burton from Betty Stewart  
IMO Nathan Doyle from Carolyn Hall-Dolomont  
IMO Leora Keeling (Tootie) from Carolyn Hall-Dolomont  
IMO Parents from Gertie & Joseph LeBlanc  
IMO James Stewart from Betty Stewart  
IMO Darlene Hall from Betty Stewart  
IMO Louie Cantwell from Jacqueline & family  
IMO Nathan Doyle from Sheila A MacCormick

## ***Food Bank Donations***

IMO Hugh Nicholson from Anita Nicholson  
IMO Joseph R MacKinnon from Annie Mae MacKinnon

## ***Flower Donations and donations to the Parish***

IMO Frances MacLean from Darlene Keeping  
IMO Christopher Keeping from Darlene keeping  
IMO Joe Reid and loved ones from Gloria Reid  
IMO Jerry MacGillivray from Sheila A MacCormick  
IMO Brendon MacNeil from Sheila A MacCormick

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## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS**

### **January 7 - Saturday:**

**Altar Server:** Sheila MacCormick

**Lectors:** Cynthia McGean, Reg Dolhanty

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Cecil Snow, Reg Dolhanty, Marguerite MacLean

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

### **January 8 - Sunday:**

**Altar Server:** Rachel Bennett

**Lectors:** Victoria Pero, Darlene Popovich

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Audrey MacDougall, Kayla Blinkhorn, Jake Cantwell

**Hospitality Ministers:** Doris Brown (right door), Cathy Viva (middle door), Alicia Buffett (left door), Jake Cantwell (left of altar door)

### **January 14 - Saturday:**

**Altar Server:** Blowers MacLean

**Lectors:** Sharon MacGean, Anita Martin

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Blowers MacLean, Michelle Keeling, Terry Jerrett

**Hospitality Ministers:** Brenda Walsh (right door), Mary Jenkins (middle door), Cynthia MacGean (left door), Rosalie Dohanty (left of altar door)

### **January 15 - Sunday:**

**Altar Server:** Jenna Forrest

**Lectors:** Lorena Capstick, Joan Catherine Capstick

**Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion:** Ron MacDougall, Harry Blinkhorn, Anita Nicholson

**Hospitality Ministers:** Edie Foster (right door), Billy Blinkhorn (middle door), Kim Mulholland (left door), Michelle Bennett (left of altar door)

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

*Weekend of December 25*

Envelopes and loose . . . . .	\$ 5,425.20
Christmas . . . . .	\$5,512.00
Donations and fundraisers . . . . .	\$5620.00
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$16557.20</b>

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Liturgy Committee:** January 17 at 6:30 PM in Glebe meeting room

**Pastoral Council:** January 23 at 7 pm in the Glebe meeting room

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** Envelopes for 2017 are available at the back of the church. Please make sure to put your name and address on the first envelope you pass in. This will ensure that we have up-to-date information. If you did not receive envelopes, please put your name on the sheet at the church or call the church office and we will make sure you receive them. Thank you.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CWL**

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

***Happy New Year and may God bestow on you in 2017 good health and prosperity.***

From the Holy Family CWL

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS:** If there are any families in our Parish who wish to take the Chalice home for the week to pray for vocations, please contact Norma Blinkhorn at (902) 736-2972.

**NEW MISSALS:** now available at the back of the church. Cost is \$6.00. Please put money in the small envelopes provided and place in the collection basket.

**IN APPRECIATION:** Thank you for once again supporting Christmas Cheer, a great example of giving in the community. Your giving is much appreciated.

**GOODIE BASKET:** The winner of the Goodie Basket was Leroy Hawkins.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

***Gerald Francis (Jerry) MacGillivray***

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

**FOOD BANK:** For those wishing to donate to the Food Bank, please make cheques payable directly to the food bank. They will issue an income tax for you. Thank you.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:** Sundays at 11:30 AM on ATV.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

The following courses are being offered by Family Service of Eastern NS and our local deaneries. Fee: \$100. Register by calling 902-849-4772.

**February 18 & 19, 2017** at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

**April 29 & 30, 2017** at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

**June 24 & 25, 2017** at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

## **Support & Share Grief Support Group**

For those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

### **Upcoming Sessions:**

**January 5 - 7-9 PM – Miners Memorial Manor, Sydney Mines**

Everyone is welcome and no registration is required.

## TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK AT THE START OF A NEW YEAR

Once, when the people of God had become careless in their relationship with Him, the Lord rebuked them through the prophet Haggai. “Consider your ways!” (Haggai 1:5) he declared, urging them to reflect on some of the things happening to them, and to evaluate their slipshod spirituality in light of what God had told them. Even those most faithful to God occasionally need to pause and think about the direction of their lives. It’s so easy to bump along from one busy week to another without ever stopping to ponder where we’re going and where we should be going. The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to stop, look up, and get our bearings. To that end, here are some questions to ask prayerfully in the presence of God.

1. What’s one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What’s the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What’s the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What’s the most important way you will, by God’s grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

In addition to these ten questions, here are twenty-one more to help you “Consider your ways.” Think on the entire list at one sitting, or answer one question each day for a month.

11. What’s the most important decision you need to make this year?
12. What area of your life most needs simplifying, and what’s one way you could simplify in that area?
13. What’s the most important need you feel burdened to meet this year?
14. What habit would you most like to establish this year?
15. Who is the person you most want to encourage this year?
16. What is your most important financial goal this year, and what is the most important step you can take toward achieving it?

17. What’s the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your work life this year?
18. What’s one new way you could be a blessing to your pastor (or to another who ministers to you) this year?
19. What’s one thing you could do this year to enrich the spiritual legacy you will leave to your children and grandchildren?
20. What book, in addition to the Bible, do you most want to read this year?
21. What one thing do you most regret about last year, and what will you do about it this year?
22. What single blessing from God do you want to seek most earnestly this year?
23. In what area of your life do you most need growth, and what will you do about it this year?
24. What’s the most important trip you want to take this year?
25. What skill do you most want to learn or improve this year?
26. To what need or ministry will you try to give an unprecedented amount this year?
27. What’s the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your commute this year?
28. What one biblical doctrine do you most want to understand better this year, and what will you do about it?
29. If those who know you best gave you one piece of advice, what would they say? Would they be right? What will you do about it?
30. What’s the most important new item you want to buy this year?
31. In what area of your life do you most need change, and what will you do about it this year?

The value of many of these questions is not in their profundity, but in the simple fact that they bring an issue or commitment into focus. For example, just by articulating which person you most want to encourage this year is more likely to help you remember to encourage that person than if you hadn’t considered the question. If you’ve found these questions helpful, you might want to put them someplace—in a day planner, PDA, calendar, bulletin board, etc.—where you can review them more frequently than once a year. So let’s evaluate our lives, make plans and goals, and live this new year with biblical diligence, remembering that, “the plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want” (Proverbs 21:5). But in all things let’s also remember our dependence on our King who said, “Apart from Me you can do nothing”. But in all things let’s also remember our dependence on our King who said, “Apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

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