



Holy Family Parish

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 15, 2017

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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.

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)

[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]

NEW HERMIT FOR THE DIOCESE

How often have you gone in search of something that you thought might be in a closet, possibly in the attic, or maybe in the garage, wood or tool shed? The Church as the People of God is also recipient and guardian of ancient and powerful treasures experienced throughout its evolution during the past two thousand years. These include the Gospel portraits of Jesus, the Sacraments, where the human and the divine encounter one another, and the Councils of the Church. Consecrated life, in its various expressions of living the Christian life, is also an important treasure. Consecrated life including the monastic life of women and men, religious communities of men and women, anchorites, and hermits or solitaries have all contributed to the variety of ways of living a life dedicated to Jesus Christ. On February 5, at 11 am, our Diocese will welcome Sheila O'Handley as a hermit in our diocese at Holy Cross Church in Glace Bay.

WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? AND... WIN! — HMMM...

Here is an idea to start off the year – well – hopefully, more than one idea.

Who – We are inviting everyone in our Parish

What – To get together and share ideas and/or talents

When – Sunday, January 15th at 6:00pm

Where – In the Church (note change of location)

Why – Drop by and help generate new initiatives to financially support Holy Family Parish, plus enjoy some dessert and tea. The idea behind this gathering is to come up with suggestions for fund-raising that we could possibly incorporate in our Parish. Maybe it is an idea that you felt worked well in the past or something new or something you saw in another area. Whatever has you thinking...I wonder if that would work in our parish?

If you can't make it to the meeting but still have an idea to share OR you would like to participate call 736-0802 or 736-8333.

Now, for the twist... **AND WIN!!!**

There are so many people with ideas in our parish that we thought we could host an "Idea Lottery". NO COST TO ENTER – simply pick up a ballot this weekend at mass, take it home, write down your idea for supporting our parish and your name and drop it in the ballot box next week at mass. We will draw a winner at the meeting on January 15th. The winner will receive a homemade dinner for two delivered!

WHO WAS JOHN THE BAPTIST?

John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God. John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you."

Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." John instructed his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God" and these people were among the first Christians. Following his baptism of Christ, John's popularity grew so much that he alarmed King Herod. Herod ordered him arrested and imprisoned. John spoke with Herod on several occasions and condemned his marriage to his half-brother's wife.

This condemnation would be his downfall as King Herod promised to grant a wish to his daughter. In revenge for John the Baptist's condemnation of her mother's scandalous marriage to Herod, she asked for John's head. King Herod reluctantly obliged. John the Baptist died sometime between 33 and 36 AD.

John the Baptist's feast day is June 24, and the anniversary of his death is August 29 and is sometimes celebrated with a second feast. John the Baptist is the patron saint of Jordan, Puerto Rico, French Canada and many other places.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 8

Envelopes and loose	\$2,067.15
New Year's dance	\$2,082.82
Parish fund-raisers	\$445.90
Other offerings and donations	\$846.00
Hall Rentals	\$90.00
TOTAL	\$5,531.87
Expenses for the week	\$4800.00
Surplus	+ \$731.87
Envelopes returned	129

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Liturgy Committee: Monday, **January 16**, at 6:30 PM
in Glebe meeting room

Pastoral Council: Monday, **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.

CWL NEWS

★The regular January meeting will take place on Sunday, **January 15**, at 2 PM in the Glebe.

★Dues are now due. A reminder that our remittance to dues will be mailed on **January 31**. If your dues are unpaid, contact Mary Hall (736-9252) prior to that date.

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.

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

NEXT PARISH HALL FLEA MARKET – February 25th, 2017. To book a table or make a donation to the Parish Table, please call Rose - 736-0802.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Jerome MacDonald

Harley Boudreau

Patricia McKenzie

Carol Johnston

Phillip Jobs

Patrick O'Connor

May their souls 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.

ATTENTION LAY MINISTERS: Ministry schedules are available in the vestry; please pick up yours if you haven't already done so.

ATTENTION SUNDAY CHOIR: There will be no choir practice this week.

IN APPRECIATION: We thank Stanley LeBlanc for his donation to the parish.

50/50 DRAW: Congratulations to Mary Linda MacIntyre, winner of 50/50 for December; the amount was \$405.00.

THIS DAY

I'll never see this day again
the seconds or the hours
Now's the time to take the time
to stop and smell the flowers.
Today's the day to give that smile
and happiness away
that you were saving for a friend
some rainy, gloomy day;
This day is golden, priceless
God made this day for you
The deed you do for someone else
may just come back to you.
So tough a heart, hold a hand
call that lonely friend
Don't postpone the love you have
This day won't come again.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: January 23 to 27th, 2017. Come out and enjoy a morning of prayers and discussion for Christian Unity followed by a cup of tea. Our North Sydney Churches are meeting at 10a.m. at the following Churches:

Monday – St. Giles Presbyterian

Tuesday – St. Matthew Wesley United

Wednesday – St. John's Anglican

Thursday – St. Joseph's Catholic

Friday – Seventh Day Adventist

There will be an Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer For Christian Unity held at St. John's Anglican Church at 3p.m. on Sunday, January 29th. All are welcome to join us!

TO ALL CURSILLISTAS: Our next Ultreya will be held on Thursday, January 26, at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Sydney River. Come on along and renew some old friendships and bring your sponsor or another Cursillista. Hope to see you there. Spring weekends, women's weekend will be held June 8 to 11, 2017 at Camp Bretondean – still room for some candidates. Mens' weekend is scheduled for May 19-22, 2017 (subject to change by one week) and will depend on the number of candidates/applicants. Please forward any applications to the PreCursillo people; the sooner the applications are in the better, as this will enable the final planning to begin.

SYRIAN REFUGEE CONCERT: On Sunday, **January 15**, at 2:00 pm there will be a fundraising concert at Westmount United Church for our Syrian Family that hopefully will arrive soon. Entertainment includes: Take Not Drummers, Enter Left Productions, Margaret MacPherson, Jenny Tingley & Richard MacAulay, Kelsey Burke & The Inspirational Singers. Admission is \$10.00. Come & join us for a fun afternoon.



Dear brother priests, deacons and laity:

Happy New Year to you my brother priests, deacons and lay faithful. In the fall I sent out a letter asking for parishes and groups to book a weekend for Mass for Shut-Ins. Thank you for those who came to offer the Holy Mass with your parish or group.

As we celebrate our 54th year on CTV providing Mass for those unable to attend their own parishes, it is my hope that your parish or group will call Darlene at the Pastoral Center (539-6188 ext 222) and book a weekend Mass. Masses can be done LIVE on Sundays at 11:30am. If it is better for you, we can pre-tape the Tuesday before at 6:30pm.

As of now, I probably will be presiding over all Masses for January since we have no bookings for this month. We have a few bookings for February but need more parishes/groups to help out beyond February as well. Darlene has been awesome to find groups to be our congregation and also to find choirs. Thanks to those groups and choirs who are stepping up to help us. My brother priests please it would be wonderful if you can help us sustain Mass for Shut-Ins by bringing your parish or group.

Father Patrick J. O'Neill,

Producer of Mass for Shut-Ins

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

