



# Holy Family Parish

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22, 2017

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

VICE-CHAIR: Stephen MacDougall (736 8419)

SECRETARY: Winnie Burt (736 2490)

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)

SECRETARY – Gisselle 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

[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]

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

Well, that answers the 5 questions of who, what, when, where and why. Now, for the twist... who WON?

A busy Parish has lots of ideas and we received some great suggestions in the ballot buckets and at our meeting. We are glad we hosted an "Idea Lottery". Our lucky winners were Bobby Joe and Anne Marie Gillis. They enjoyed a home-made dinner for two delivered to their door ...spaghetti, meatballs, rolls, candy, lemon meringue pie, some tasty beverages and a smiley delivery person knocking on their door.

We received many good ideas; one of these good ideas was to leave the "Idea Buckets" out so that people can continue to put in more suggestions.

Thank you for participating: here are a few of the suggestions: dances at the hall (50s & 60s), host a dinner for the community at the hall (this suggestion was suggested many times with different meals), cookbook, bulletin Ads, pie sale, games night at the hall, community breakfast, cake walk, bake sale, large ticket draw, paint/craft night, bingo, special collection cans, afternoon tea, take out meals, pie sale, dinner theater, concerts, monthly food events (that will bring together children, adults, community).

### **Help us be one**

Dear Lord, please shed your grace  
Upon our nation and this day;  
May we ever walk in unity  
And keep the Christian way.  
May we live in harmony.  
Each race, each creed we know;  
Crown our lives with tolerance,  
Lead the path that we should go.  
From one shore to another  
Each bell of freedom rings;  
Fill the rafters of our churches  
With the joy that freedom brings!  
Keep us ever mindful, Lord,  
Of blessings that You give;  
Help us work together on  
This earth on which we live.

## **DIACONATE PROGRAM:**

Vatican 11 restored the Permanent Diaconate. Until recently, the Diaconate was seen only as another step on the journey to Priesthood. Diaconate is the ordained ministry of Altar, Word and Charity. This vocation is a call to single or married men aged 35-65. In our own diocese we have 9 deacons. They serve in parishes. They also serve in ministries including: the poor, sick, prisoners, youth, visitation, palliative care, shut-ins, renewal movements, chaplaincies, social justice projects, etc. We have 9 candidates presently in the Diocesan formation program discerning a call to ordained ministry. If these ministries are attractive to you, if you sense a call to the ordained 3 fold ministry of deacons or, if you want more information, please call Fr. Bedford Doucette, Director of Deacons at The Diocesan Pastoral Center, Suite 103, 200 Churchill Dr., PO Box. 100, Membertou, NS, B1P 6G9 . Phone 902-539-6188 ext. 235, or toll free 1-800-656-5311, ext. 235. Email: bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca. Depending on the interest, we may develop a new class. So, if interested please call ASAP: 902-539-6188 ext. 235



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### **In Appreciation**

We thank those who have generously made the following donations:

#### **Donations to the Church:**

IMO Jody Frances O'Connor from Pat and Lorena Capstick  
IMO Patrick O'Connor from Pat and Lorena Capstick

#### **Cemetery Donations:**

IMO Jerome MacDonald from Barbara Dunn  
IMO Jerome MacDonald from Sheila A MacCormick  
IMO Sheila Devoe from Jacque Cantwell

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

## PARISH SUPPORT

*Weekend of January 15*

Envelopes and loose .....	\$3,359.00
Other offerings and donations .....	\$385.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$3,744.00</b>
Expenses for the week .....	\$4800.00
<b>Deficit .....</b>	<b>-\$1,056.00</b>
<b>Envelopes returned .....</b>	<b>201</b>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**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

- ★ **Dues** are now due. Any unpaid dues should be paid to Mary Hall (736-9252) by January 29.
- ★ **The visit to Harbourview** scheduled for February 1 has been postponed. More information to follow.
- ★ **The Pilot Breakfast Project** scheduled for February 5 has been postponed. More information to follow at our regular meeting.

**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.

## 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:

**Rev. Robert McNeil**  
**Sr Yvonne Vigneault CSM**  
**Michael Cordy**  
**Walter Finlayson**  
**Georgina Marsh**  
**Ronald Main**

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.

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

## WEEK OF CHRISTIAN

**UNITY:** This year's theme is *Reconciliation - The Love Of God Compels Us*. Our Parish will host this year's Ecumenical Service

for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00 PM. We invite all Parishioners to attend this service and join us for sweets and refreshments at the hall immediately following. There will be a collection taken during this service and the money will be donated to Sydney Mines Middle School and Jubilee Elementary for breakfast programs.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**AL-ANON.** If your life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking, AL-ANON may be able to help. Contact phone number is 564-5188 or contact [freewebs.com/alanonmaritimes](http://freewebs.com/alanonmaritimes).

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING ACTORS:** If you are interested in helping by either playing a role (no speaking parts) or assisting with the production of *The Prophet* play at St. Joseph Church (Bras d'Or), they are starting to cast roles and practice. The play takes place on Good Friday. Call the office ASAP if you have any questions (736-9633).

### 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

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Spaghetti dinner with dessert (\$10.00) – January 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 5:00 pm – Eat in or take out – Florence Fire Hall. Call 902 304-304-0472 for tickets.



**STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC:** July seems a long way away, but we're hard at work preparing for the Steubenville Atlantic conference on July 7-9, 2017. Steubenville Atlantic is the annual high school youth conference at Dalhousie University. This year's conference theme is "**Elevate.**" Steubenville is a conference for high school students aged 14- 18. If you are interested in attending or sending someone to join us, or for more info, please email [nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca) or call at 1-902-539-6188 Ext. 241. Steubenville is an unforgettable experience, we hope that you'll join us!

