



# Holy Family Parish

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## Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time – January 28, 2018

### 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 1887) – Bonnie 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

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### 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.

**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](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)

[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 January 21

Envelopes and loose ..... \$2525.65  
Fund-raising & other ..... \$141.00  
**TOTAL ..... \$2666.65**

*Thank you for your generous support.*



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

**Mary Linda Reilly**

**Anella Breski (cousin of Lorena Capstick)**

**Colette Morrison (sister-in-law of Phoebe**

**Menard and Mary Lee Morrison)**

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

### Winter Weather Cancellations

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

**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!**

### In Appreciation

*We thank those who have generously made the following memorial donations:*

IMO Hamilton MacNeil  
IMO Hamilton "Hammie" MacNeil from  
Sheila A MacCormick

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

February 14 — Ash Wednesday  
Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday  
Holy Week — March 26 to March 31  
Mass of Chrism — Monday, March 26  
Good Friday — March 30  
Easter Sunday — April 1

**ATTENTION ALL LAY MINISTERS:** The ministry schedules will be 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.



### Saturday, Feb 3:

**Altar Server:** Reg Dolhanty

**Lectors:** Sheila Kublek, Daryl Burton

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

**Hospitality:** Cynthia MacGean, Rosalie Dolhanty, Rachel Smith, Betty Smith

### Sunday, Feb 4:

**Altar Servers:** Jenna Forrest and Faith Formation

**Lectors:** Confirmation candidates

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

**Hospitality:** Doris Brown, Jacqueline Cantwell, Edie Foster, Billy Blinkhorn

## CWL NEWS

❁ On Wednesday, January 31, at 1:30 PM, the CWL ladies will be visiting the Miner's Memorial Manor to visit our member Tilley Theabault. Anyone needing a drive is asked to call Lola.

❁ Anyone who has not yet submitted their dues, please remit to Mary Hall as dues will soon be overdue.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ROAST BEEF DINNER:** St. John's Anglican Church Mothers' Union will host their Annual Valentine Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, February 9th, 2018. It will be held at St. John's Anglican Church Hall, 28 King Street, North Sydney. There will be Music and Door Prizes. The meal will Served at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Wine bar available for \$5.00 per glass. Tickets are available at the Church Office during office hours (call) 902-794-3392 or by calling Debbie Moore at 902-544-1018. Thanks so much for your continual support.

**IGNITE...YOUR FAITH JOURNEY!** Diocesan Youth Gathering - Saturday, April 14, 2018. Our Lady of Fatima is hosting a day of friendship and faith. Open to youth preparing for Confirmation and older. 11 am - 4 pm, with Mass at 4:15 pm. Register through your Parish Office or contact Allyson Langley at 902-562-3934 or Cathy Walsh at 902-870-9117.

**BOOKS NEEDED:** The Coalition for Social Justice is in need of new and gently used books to help support their Literacy Program. The program is going very well and we are doing a feedback sheet between January 14 and February 28 to determine those who have previously received books and those who might like to receive books. Please help us stock our shelves with books (new or gently used) to help support our literacy outreach. The books could be for both children or youth of all ages as well as books for adult learners. Now that Christmas is over, maybe people have books they can donate. Please call the office of Sr. Franklyn Ferguson at 902-562-0682 and leave a message. Or you can drop off your book donations @ at my office: Cape Breton Coalition for Social Justice, 329 George Street, Sydney, Nova Scotia, B1P 1J7. Or you can make other suitable arrangements for pick-up. Thanking you in advance for your support and donations. Franklyn Ferguson, Coordinator

### **FREE BREAKFAST**

Salvation Army will host a free breakfast at the Food Bank on the first Wednesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:00 am.



**NORTHSIDE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** **Clothing Depot ( located in Sydney Mines Food Bank building:) is badly in need of good used warm winter clothing;** all sizes, male, female, children, adults, boots, hats, mitts, sweaters etc. In North Sydney these can be dropped off to Estelle at St. Joseph's parish office. Also, Sydney Mines Food Bank is open the first three Fridays of every month and will accept donations from 10 am - 2 pm.

**NEW BEGINNINGS WEEKEND:** Apr 6-8, 2018 – *"I have been separated for three years and have been struggling to move on from the guilt and feelings of failure. This weekend has granted me the peace of finally feeling God's love for me."* New Beginnings is a weekend of reflection and healing for those who are divorced, separated, or bereaved. Our next weekend will be **April 6-8, 2018** at the St. Joseph Renewal Centre, Mabou. For information and to register, please contact Ron Curry: ph 1-902-564-0788.

**EXERCISE CLASSES:** The Heart and Stroke Foundation Exercise Class takes place every Monday at 1:30 at the Sydney Mines Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Ave.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

## CCCB and “Canada Summer Jobs” Program, 11 January 2018

In recent days, concerns regarding the annual Canada Summer Jobs Grants has been in the news headlines. The government has made a policy change in the application process for the Canada Summer Jobs Grants. This change is substantially contrary to Church teaching. It seems that this new change makes parishes no longer eligible to apply for these grants.

In response, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on the recent changes to government requirements for “Canada Summer Jobs” program.

The statement reads: “Employment and Social Development Canada posted information on its website, dated 19 December 2017, announcing a major change to its requirements regarding applications for federal funding under its Canada Summer Jobs program for youth employment. Attestation must now be included that “both the job and the organization’s core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.” According to the Department, this insistence on reproductive rights (which specifically includes “the right to access safe and legal abortions”), sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression is intended to “prevent youth (as young as 15 years of age) from being exposed to employment within organizations that may promote positions that are contrary to the values enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and associated case law.” Faith communities consider abortion, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression as major questions with ethical, moral, social and personal bearing which determine our understanding of human dignity and thus appreciation for the meaning and significance of each and every human life.

This new policy conflicts directly with the right to freedom of religion and conscience which too are enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as in associated case law. It seriously undermines the right to religious freedom since the Government of Canada is directly limiting the right of religious traditions to hold, teach and practise their principles and values in public. In addition to the obvious and regrettable infringement of freedom of conscience and religion in such matters as are raised by the new policy, there will be unfortunate consequences on the ground: summer camps will be forced to close; the services of numerous non-profit organizations will be reduced; valuable opportunities for apprenticeship will be lost.

These effects, to name but a few, will be felt in Catholic dioceses and organizations as well as in many other faith communities across Canada. Furthermore, the recently announced policy represents an attempt to restrict the voices of faith communities in Canadian democracy and to limit their participation in the public square. Moreover, it runs counter to the recommendations issued at the end of March 2017 by the Consultation Panel on the Political Activities of Charities which had been appointed by the Minister of National Revenue.

These recommendations include that charities be allowed to provide information for the purpose of informing and swaying public opinion, and to advocate to keep or change law or policy, either in Canada (any level of government) or outside of Canada.”

Let us respond to this new policy which seems to exclude Christian employers and other employers with traditional views about life, marriage, and sex from obtaining grants to employ students for the summer. Sign the petition to Employment Minister P a t t y H a d j u : <http://www.citizen.org/en-ca/pc/143199-canada-now-discriminating-against-pro-life-employers>. I am working with the MP Sean Fraser to formulate a statement that parishes can make as they apply for this program. More information will be circulated as soon as this is available.