



Holy Family Parish

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 29, 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) – 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

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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]

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



NEW HERMIT FOR THE DIOCESE (CONTINUED)

In the church the consecrated life of the hermit or solitary is known as 'the eremitical life.' This way of life, begun in the early centuries of the church, is once again beginning to flourish. The Second Vatican Council acknowledged the renewal associated with the consecrated life as well as the growth in the monastic tradition of the church. Following this teaching, Bishops are discerning the place of the eremitical life in their respective dioceses. This eremitical life is a gift from God to the Church in and for the world as a way of living the Christian life in a simple and joy-filled way. It is not a negation of life nor of the world, but is rooted in the experience of the love and the unconditional hospitality of God who welcomes all, and is a response to this experience. Thus, the life of the hermit is prophetic, witnessing to the primacy of the Sacred in all of life.

A hermit makes a public commitment within the faith community in the presence of the Bishop to live the eremitical life, which is celibate, obedient, and simple. Embracing a life of solitude, silence, prayer, and interiority, the hermit is ever mindful in prayer, of the needs of the universal Church, local diocese, world, and all peoples. Respecting the importance of silence and solitude, the hermit chooses to withdraw from society while honoring her/his place within the heart of the world where family, friends, and the local community are a positive dimension of life. The dwelling place of the hermit is simple but moderate. The hermit may engage in a limited ministry according to her/his gifts, ever mindful that the primary apostolate is that of witnessing to the primacy of God in an atmosphere of silence, solitude, and prayer. Our diocese is privileged to welcome Sheila O'Handley as a hermit in our diocese in a ceremony at Holy Cross Church, Glace Bay on February 5 at 11 am. Please pray for her as she makes this commitment.

SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

The Christian Unity Service held on Sunday, January 22, was well attended. Thank you to the visiting ministers and congregations. Thank you to those who helped organize this in any way. Special thank you to the CWL for the wonderful lunch. Collection taken was donated to Jubilee Elementary and Sydney Mines Middle School. Father Oliver delivered \$200.00 to each school.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of January 22

Envelopes and loose	\$3149.85
Other offerings and donations	\$165.00
TOTAL	\$3314.85
Expenses for the week	\$4800.00
Deficit	-\$1485.15
Envelopes returned	209

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Special Finance Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, at 7:00pm.

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.

HELP WANTED

The Parish is hoping to hire an individual who will:

- Prepare an evening meal (simple menu) with clean up.
- Be responsible for picking up groceries.
- Be available 3 days/ times per week.

Please contact Father Oliver at 736-8788 or call the office at 736-8333.

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.



LIVING WITH CHRIST DAILY MISSAL: Order Forms are now available. The issues come out monthly and are delivered to your home. If you would like more information or wish to order please call the office at 736-8333

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

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

Janet Anderson

Josepha MacIntosh

Josephine King

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.

In Appreciation

We thank those who have generously made the following donations:

Donations to the Church

IMO Sheila Devoe from Bob and Brenda Blinkhorn
IMO Ann MacKinnon Corbett from Jim and Carolyn Hall-Dolomont

LAST CHANCE to purchase Pewter Ornaments of Immaculate Conception Church, Sydney Mines, NS. These ornaments are available at a cost of \$10.00 each.

If you know someone who is away that may want one please let them know. To purchase one call 9 0 2 - 7 3 6 - 8 3 3 3 or email holyfamilysydneymines2013@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS: OR *Wow, that's going on at my Parish!*

© February 18 - Join us for soup and tea biscuits at the Parish Hall. Watch for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Amy Gordon who is on Team Canada in the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria from March 12-24, 2017. The family would appreciate prayers from the Parish for a safe trip.

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.

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.

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).

TAI CHI CLASSES: 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 having an OPEN HOUSE. Come see what it is all about. Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Dr, Wednesday, **February 15**, at 6:30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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 27th 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 or call at 1-902-539-6188 Ext. 241. Steubenville is an unforgettable experience, we hope that you'll join us!

PILGRIMAGE TO SAINT ANNE DE BEAUPREAU WITH FATHER PATRICK O'NEILL : Father Patrick is looking to see if anyone would be interested to go on this pilgrimage from Thursday, May 4th until Tuesday, May 9th, 2017. As of now details about cost are not yet finalized. Once there is a number interested that cost will be communicated to everyone. We will be renting a bus and staying overnight on the way up and way home. If this interests you please contact Estelle Penny at the parish office (902) 794-3951 or email Father Patrick at fatheroneill@eastlink.ca Once it is determined approximately how many are interested the details of cost will be worked out.

KOC MEETING: The meeting of the 4th Degree K of C will be held Sunday, 29 Jan, 2pm at Coady House, Sydney River. The 2017 annual dues can be paid at this time; no mail reminders will be sent out this year. Mass for Shut Ins will be held on Sunday, 5 Feb, also on Sunday, 7 Apr, 2017. All Sir Knights are urged to attend with social baldrick, NLT – 1030 for the live mass – KOC choir will be attendance.