



And blessed is the fruit
of your womb

Holy Family Parish

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Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 24, 2018

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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. 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)

[In the event of a funeral, the 9AM Mass will 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



Parish Giving
Weekend of June 10

Envelopes and loose \$2951.80
TOTAL \$2951.80

Thank you for your generous support.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SUMMER MINISTRY
SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE.
PLEASE PICK UP A COPY.**

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

**Garfield Alexander LEBLANC
Robert BRADLEY
Yvonne GARDNER**

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

CWL NEWS

- ☺ **Tickets** on an all-occasion basket will soon be passed out to our members.
- ☺ **Congratulations** on a successful school year to all our students.
- ☺ **Wishing** all our students and parishioners a safe hot summer.

50/50 TICKETS FOR JUNE: June is the last month for our 50/50 draw before the summer. Thank you for your support. Please return all used and unused tickets to the collection basket. We have venues booked for this month; if you would like volunteer please call the office 736-8333.

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you for supporting and helping with the Flea Market! \$577.70 was donated to the Parish. All the help in the Kitchen, with the tables and donated items were greatly appreciated.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO ON A FRIDAY NIGHT? We are looking for a few people to sell Chase the Ball tickets on Friday Night at the Parish Hall. We will follow a schedule with our volunteers so that you work one Friday evening a month for approximately 2 hours in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, contact Rose 736-0802.

LET THERE BE LIGHT! Not only is there beautiful light that comes from our Parishioners but... thanks to the donation from two of our Parishioners we have bright new lighting completely paid for! A sincere thank you from all.

In Appreciation

We thank those who have generously made the following donations.

For the cemetery:

- IMO Theresa Florence MacLean from Rodena Moore
- IMO John J Currie from Agnes Currie
- IMO Jerry MacGillivray from Bernard, Theresa, Cathy
- IMO Alex MacDougall from Carolyn MacGillivray

For the Food Bank:

- IMO Hugh Nicholson from Anita Nicholson

ATTENTION HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONERS: NEW Youth Leadership Panel - nominate someone from your Parish! Nominations are open for young people (Confirmation and older) for the Youth Leadership Panel. The purpose is to help lead youth ministry initiatives in the Diocese. Youth Rally alumni; Young Adults interested in Evangelizing; University / College students wanting facilitation experience; someone with a heart for youth....nominations are open. Send an email to Cathy Walsh at youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca to nominate someone from your parish. Nominations close on June 29, 2018.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

FALL FAIR:

Our annual Fall Fair is set for the same weekend as last year and falls on September 30! Get it? Falls on...Sept. 30 (LOL) We are expecting summer weather anytime now and the fair seems so far away. So let us think about the summer months and what can be done.

- ✧ If you plan on doing some de-cluttering you could think of the New and Nearly New Table at the fair.
- ✧ Perhaps in your summer travels you come upon a great item that could be used for a prize at the fair.
- ✧ You may decide to sit on the deck, flip through some recipe books deciding on some delicious treats for the fair.
- ✧ Possibly some of your summer days are spent soaking up some rays and perhaps catching up on your handy work, creating a treasure for the fair.
- ✧ Last but not least, your summer reading – after finishing those books put them aside for the fair. ... Just a thought!



OUR ANNIVERSARY:

Holy Family Parish turns 5 this year. On **June 23rd** we will celebrate our 5th anniversary. To commemorate this

occasion the church has ordered book marks with 5th Anniversary printed on them and reuse-able shopping Bags. The bags will be on sale starting next weekend. The bookmarks are free and the Bags are \$3.50 each or 3 bags for \$10.00.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE LAST REGULAR BULLETIN UNTIL THE FALL. A CONDENSED VERSION MAY BE PRINTED DURING THE SUMMER IF THE NEED ARISES.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PIONEER SHRINE GIFT SHOP: The gift shop at the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou is now open from 1-4 pm daily. Summer hours begin June 3, and will be open 10 am - 5 pm. Contact 1-902-945-2221. The Shrine is also open daily for visitation.

CLOTHING DEPOT: The St. Vincent de Paul clothing depot closed on Thursday, June 21st, for the summer months, (July & August) reopening Thursday, Sept.6th. At that time, the need for gently used clothing will be needed once again for the Fall, from infant sizes right up to adult sizes, both genders. If an emergency occurs, during the summer closure, you can call 902-736-6543 & leave a message which will be checked over the summer. We greatly appreciate all your help in aiding the needy. Thank you and God bless. Have a good summer !

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Cancer Centre Lunch Program, Cape Breton Regional Hospital. This program requires a commitment of only one morning a month. Volunteers prepare a tea cart with sweets, coffee, tea and juice and serve it to those waiting to receive their treatments. Program is normally held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If interested, please call Stasia Digou at 902-562-1367 or email stasiadigou@hotmail.com for further information.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – YARD

SALE AND BAKE SALE: On Saturday, June 30th, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines will be having a congregational yard sale along with a homemade bake table with lots of goodies . It will be held in the church yard from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, if you get hungry there will be hotdogs and drinks for sale at a very low price. I would advise you come early to get to the bake table, as items here disappear quickly. Come and bring a friend to see what treasures you may find. There is something for everyone. So mark your calendars – that's Saturday, June 30th, at St. Andrew's Church. In case of inclement weather it will be held inside in the church hall.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**THE BARRA
MACNEILS ARE
BACK!:** On
Wednesday,
August 1st, at



7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines, the Barra MacNeils will be in full swing performing songs from their New Album which they just recorded. Tickets are \$30 each and are on sale NOW at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines and at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney. Tickets have already begun to sell online and they are also being reserved, so don't wait too long before picking up yours. This is a one night performance only. To reserve yours, you can simply call Rita at 902-736-2508.

SUMMER BIBLE

FUN DAYS: (for children Ages 4 through Grade 6) will take place at St. Andrew's



Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main St.) **July 9th -13th, 2018.** 9:30 am – 12 noon. This free program includes Bible stories, games, songs, crafts and morning snack. All children welcome! For more information or pre-registration call Donna at 902-736-8953.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST PROGRAM: The Mothers' Union and the Parish of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church will once again be sponsoring a free **Community Breakfast Program** on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings beginning Wednesday, July 4th, until Friday, August 31st from 10:00 am until 12 Noon at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, MacDonald Hall, 28 King Street North Sydney.

FALL PILGRIMAGE: Join Fr. Patrick O'Neill on a pilgrimage to Paris, Lisieux (home of St. Thérèse of the Little Flower) and Medjugorje from **Oct. 13-25, 2018.** Price is almost determined to be around \$3990.00 (estimate). Space is limited. Please contact Tom Lamey at 902-830-5010 or email at tlamey@gmail.com to book your spot.

DIOCESAN SUMMER STUDENT JOB OPPORTUNITY:

The Diocesan Pastoral Center is hiring a summer student to assist with administrative duties from early July to late August, 9 weeks for 35 hours per week. Duties would include general office administration, reception duties, sales in Emmaus Book Store, end of day balancing as well as assisting customers and maintaining displays. Applicants must have general computer knowledge, communication skills, familiarity of the Diocese of Antigonish, and be enrolled in a post secondary education program for September 2018. Preference will be given to students enrolled in a Business Program and experience with Sage would be an asset. Please send resumes to Debbie Aker, Catechetical Consultant (catecheticalconsultant@dioceseofantigonish.c) by July 3rd, 2018 before 4 pm. You may email resume or drop off at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 200 Churchill Drive, Suite 103.

A little history of St John the Baptist

John the Baptist, (between 8 and 4 BCE-about CE 27), according to all four Gospels the precursor of Jesus Christ, was born in Judaea, the son of the priest Zacharias and Elizabeth, cousin of



Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was a Nazarite from birth and prepared for his mission by years of self-discipline in the desert. At about the age of 30 he went into the country around the River Jordan preaching penance to prepare for the imminent coming of the Messiah. He baptized penitents with water as a symbol of the baptism of the Holy Spirit that was to come. With the baptism of Jesus, his office as precursor was accomplished, and his ministry came to a close soon afterwards. John angered Herod Antipas, the Judaeen ruler, by denouncing him for marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother Herod, and was imprisoned (see Luke 3:1-20). At the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias and Herod, John was beheaded (see Matthew 14:3-11). In art, John the Baptist is represented as wearing a garment made of hair and often carries a staff and a scroll with the words "Ecce Agnus Dei", or "Behold the Lamb of God", a reference to John 1:29.