

Holy Family Parish

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2nd Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2017

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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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

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PARISH SECRETARY

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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]

DIOCESAN NEWS

AD LIMINA VISIT - PART II

In order for the Bishop of Rome to fulfill his special role of ensuring the unity of the church, he needs reliable and authoritative information on the actual situation of the various Churches, including their problems, initiatives undertaken, difficulties encountered, and the results of any projects that have been completed. Each bishop prepares a quinquennial report regarding at least twenty different areas of ministry within the diocese, e.g., priests, laity, consecrated life, vocations, consultative councils, finances, social justice issues, ecumenism, etc. This report makes an effort to identify the bishop's experience regarding the principal issues concerning the diocese, how these issues have been addressed, and some of the conclusions that have emerged. Numerous people throughout the diocese provided some assistance in completing the report, which was sent to Rome last October. During the ad limina visit, the bishops visit numerous offices in Rome to discuss various sections of the report. These visits will take place from March 13 to 21. Please pray for Bishop Dunn as he makes his ad limina visit to Rome.

CALLING TO THE DIACONATE:

Vatican II restored the ancient Order of Permanent Deacons for a threefold ministry of Service, Word and Altar. The Diocese seeks men aged 35-65, married or single, who experience a call to diaconate for a four year formation process to prepare for ordained ministry within the Diocese. If you are interested, please give Fr. Bedford Doucette a call---the sooner the better so we can prepare for a meeting of all those interested. Phone 902-539-6188 ext. 235 or email bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

Holy Family Parish Book Study

Questions and Answers on Vatican II
Sundays, at 7:00 pm in the meeting room in
the Church.

It will run each week until April 2nd.
Books are available from Father Oliver or at
the office - cost is \$20.00 (for your copy of
the book).

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekend of March 5

Envelopes and loose	\$4,738.25
Heat donations	\$490.00
Fund-raising	\$1,297.80
Other offerings and donations	\$120.00
Hall rental	\$185.00
TOTAL	\$56,831.05
Envelopes returned	211

HOLY FAMILY PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE

Lenten weekdays:

Monday – Mass at 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm

Tuesday – Mass at 12:10 pm

Wednesday – Mass at 12:10 pm

Thursday – Mass at 12:10 pm

Friday – Stations of the Cross at 11:40 am

Friday – Mass at 12:10 pm

**All masses will be in the Church for Lent and will
not be cancelled for funerals.**

Holy Family Concert

Please come out and enjoy a wonderful
evening.

**Featuring: John & Patti Fukula
and Special Guests**

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

Tea and Cake Served – Auction

\$10.00 per person at Holy Family Parish Hall

All proceeds go to Chalice and Faith Formation

*Sponsored by Holy Family Confirmation Class & Prayer
Group*

Please get your tickets for this event early as there is a
limited amount available. (Tickets may not be
available at the door)

For tickets, call Harry (736-2972) or Anita (736-0847) or
Terry (736-2041) or Lola (736-8862) or Lorena
(736-8333)

LET'S SHOW AIMEE SOME LOVE!

Aimee Gordon will be leaving for the World Special
Olympics in Austria on **Saturday, March 11**. Her
plane will be leaving at 8:45 PM. Let's show Aimee
our support by giving her a huge send-off by
gathering at the airport between 7:45 and 8:45 to
cheer her on.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

CWL NEWS

✿ **Regular Meeting** will be held on **March 12** at 2 PM in the Glebe.

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.

PRAYER GROUP: This meets on Sunday evenings at 7 PM in the Glebe. Everyone is welcome, including other denominations.

FOOD BANK: Consider placing a non-perishable food item in the baskets/boxes provided at the entrances of the church the last weekend of each month. The items are then donated to the Food Bank and are very much appreciated.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cemetery Committee Meetings: Last Monday of each month in the Parish Glebe meeting room at 1:00 pm.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: Monday, **March 13**, at 7 PM in the Glebe meeting room.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, **March 20th**, at 7 PM in the Glebe meeting room.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Emma Jobs

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

50/50 DRAW: The winner of February's draw was Sharon Iannetti. The prize was \$615.00. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who supported this Parish fund-raiser. The venues for this month are Foodland and Sobeys on March 17 and 29. If you are interested in working for 2 hours at one of these venues, please call 736-8333 for a spot.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2016: are available at the back of the church; please contact the office if you have any corrections to your name, address etc. Thank you.

Grande Cena! Mangiare Bene!

Holy Family is having an Italian Dinner and entertainment night!

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 7pm

Holy Family Parish Hall - \$20.00 per person and tickets are limited.

Enjoy an authentic, homemade Italian Dinner. The atmosphere, music and food will have everyone feeling like they spent the evening in Italy.

Call 902 736-0802 or the office at 902 736-8333 for tickets.

HELP NEEDED: The parish is hoping to borrow 2 Bistro sets for our Italian Dinner – similar to the picture would be ideal! They can be picked up and returned; just lightly using them for the ambience. Please call 902 736-8333.



In Appreciation

We thank those who have generously made the following donations:

Memorial Donations to the Parish

IMO Elaine Wall from North Sydney Senior's and Pensioner's Club

IMO Emma Jobs from Sheila A MacCormick

Memorial Donations to the Cemetery

IMO Frank Long from Doris and Veronica Brown

IMO Tully MacDonald from Georgina and Tommy Buffett

IN APPRECIATION

A huge 'thank you' is extended to all those who helped to make our Pancake and Sausage Breakfast a success – those who gave their time on Saturday and Sunday to set up, prepare and serve the breakfast, those who gave monetary donations, and those who bought breakfasts.

Holy Family CWL

LOOKING FOR TAPER CANDLES: If anyone has taper candles at home that they no longer want, we are looking for some for an upcoming project. It does not matter what colour they are or if they are used or new. You can drop them off at the church in the candle room at the back or at the Glebe. Thank you.

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.

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.

April 29 & 30, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

June 24 & 25, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River

LENTEN LUNCHESES: St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney is once again offering their Lenten Lunches. A minimum donation of \$5.00 is requested. Upcoming guest speakers are as follows:

March 22nd: Terri Dennis - Northside Hospital Foundation

March 29th: Pastor David Sawlor Lighthouse & Undercurrents Youth Programs

April 5th: Jean MacAdam, CB Regional Police Service - Relay Program Youth at Risk

April 12th: Earlene MacMullin, CBRM Councillor

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: This is planned for April 7 to 9 in Our Lady of Hope Retreat House, PEI. This world wide movement of married couples offers an opportunity to enrich your relationship to "make a good marriage a great marriage". After informative talks by the presenting team couples are challenged to dialogue with their spouse in the privacy of their rooms. This newly constructed retreat in Hope River offers a great opportunity for couples through the encouragement of presenting team who have found a new richness in their relationship through the technic of "dialogue" offered my WWME. For information contact James and Connie McNeill 902 314 8541 or Father Charles Cameron 902 863 4373 or email for information renewmarriage@gmail.com

ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE: "The Taint'd Saints of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney once again will be presenting their Annual Dinner Theater, *"The Case of the Missing Treasure"*!!! This year's shows will be Fri., April 28th, Sat., April 29th, Sun., April 30th, Fri., May 5th & Sat., May 6th. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the performance begins at 7:00 pm each night. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and this includes Salad, Roast Beef Supper, Dessert, tea/coffee & Entertainment!!! Advance tickets sales & Reserve seats only! Tickets cannot be refunded or exchanged! **TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE.** Wine available Pre-show and Intermission at an extra cost of \$5.00 per glass. Box Office dates are Sat., March 4th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 and Thurs., March from 7:00 until 8:00 p. After the final box office, please contact M. Ramsey at 902-794-3326 for tickets. Tickets will only be held for 3 days after you call to have them held.

YOGA: Free Chair Yoga classes resume on Monday, March 13th, from noon—1pm (note time change) at St. Stephen's Community Hall, Florence. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by Northside the Lakes Community Health Board & Florence Conf. St. Vincent de Paul.

VARIETY CONCERT: A Variety Concert, sponsored by Florence SSVDP, will be held on Sunday, **March 26**, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at St Stephen's Community Hall, Florence. Local Talent – MC Hugh MacDonald. Admission - \$5.00.

LENTEN MISSION: "Words of Wisdom for an Age of Anxiety": The Parish of Saint Leonard is offering a Lenten Mission from **April 1-5, 2017**, at the Parish Church of Saint Leonard, Mount Carmel Avenue, New Waterford.



Father Ray Huntley will lead the Mission, which will focus on some insights from contemporary spiritual writers which offer consolation and hope during difficult and uncertain times. The Mission will begin with homilies at weekend Masses on Saturday, April 1, at 4:00 PM and Sunday, April 2, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM. The Mission will continue with a Mission Session & Healing Service on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 PM; Mission Session & Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 PM; and conclude on Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 PM with a Mission Session and Closing Mass. This will be followed by a social at the Parish Hall (Convent Street). Everyone is welcome!