



Holy Family Parish

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First Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2020

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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(736 8788)

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. 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) – 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, Tuesday and 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:

Jake Cantwell (736-9789)

Wilson Carey (736-9726)

Cecil Snow (736-9350)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS



Parish Giving Weekend of February 23

Envelopes and loose..... \$3,002.30
Fundraising and other. \$610.30
Total..... \$3612.60

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

- ❖ Executive meeting to take place on Wednesday, March 4, at 10 AM in the Hall. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME.**
- ❖ Regular meeting to take place on Sunday, March 8, at 2 PM in the Glebe.
- ❖ The CWL is wishing Fr. Oliver a speedy recovery from his eye surgery.

In Appreciation

We thank those who have generously made the following memorial donations.

Donations to Cemetery

IMO Rev. JJ MacDonald from Mary and David Kernick

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

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

**Georgina Sadie Lovell
Leonard John Marsh**

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

GRANTS: The Parish And Cemetery have applied for Grants for Summer Students.

PARISH FLEA MARKET: Saturday, **April 4th** from 10 am - noon. For more information or to book a table, please contact Rose at 736-0802.

ODDS AND ENDS

☛ **Are you feeling under the weather?** Like the snow, this winter has been filled with an abundance of flu and colds. The problem is, nobody wants them. Remember if you feel under the weather stay home and rest. You will be missed at church but we will see you next week when you feel better.

☛ **Mass Cards** are available at the Parish office; the offering for this is 10.00.

☛ **Mass requests:** If you are requesting a mass for a specific date (such as the anniversary of a loved one's death), you will need to contact the Priest to make sure that date is available.

☛ Oh – what a winter! Please take your time entering and leaving the church. The walkway and steps are kept as clear as possible.

☛ **Lenten masses** are at 12:10 pm each day in the Church. This mass will be cancelled if there is a funeral or if school is cancelled because of inclement weather.

☛ **Stations of the Cross** will be held on Fridays at 11:40 AM, prior to Mass.

☛ **Welcome** to Hugh MacDonald, Deacon David Lewis, Paula Keeling and Anne Keeling to Parish Council.

Circle Of Friends Concert

April 5th, 2020

7:00 pm

Holy Family Parish Church

Tickets \$10.00

Children 12 and under are free



CONCERT- CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Holy Family Parish Church, Sunday, **April 5th** at 7 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person – children are free. Special Performance by Faith Formation Children.

All proceeds go to Faith Formation. For tickets, please call Harry 902 736-2972 or the Parish office 902 736-8333.



SATURDAY, March 7, 4 PM:

Servers: Sheila MacCormick

Readers: Daryl Burton, Georgina Buffett

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Reg Dolhanty, Cecil Snow, Sheila MacCormick

Hospitality Ministers: Lola Tobin (right door), Georgina Buffett (middle door), Maureen Bobbitt (left door), Dave Buffett (left of altar door)

SUNDAY, March 8, 10 AM:

Servers: Maia MacDonald, Jillian Scott

Readers: Winnie Burt, Terry Jerrett

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Doreen Lewis, Harry Blinkhorn, Norma Blinkhorn

Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Jodie Foster (middle door), Lynette Sampson (left door), Billy MacDonald (left of altar door)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter this spring for a weekend of meaning, rediscovery and love for husbands and wives. June 5 – 7, 2020 Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Monastery, Nova Scotia. For more information, email renewmarriage@gmail.com or text or call 902-314-8541

SHOUT FOR JOY YOUTH RALLY: April 26th, from 1-7 pm at St. Leonard's Pastoral Center, 5310 Union Highway, River Ryan, New Waterford. Hosted by Diocese of Antigonish – free admission, Please register by April 1st, 2020 by contacting Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Friday, **March 6th**, at 2 pm. This year the host church will be Carmen United Church, Sydney Mines. Theme: "**Rise! Take your mat and walk.**" Program for the World Day of Prayer was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. All are invited to this Ecumenical Service. For more information, please call the Parish office at 736-8333.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020

June 12-14

Membertou, Sydney

In September, 2019, following the celebration to end our amazing 175th Anniversary year, Archbishop Dunn announced, for the diocese, a focus on the Eucharist culminating with a Eucharistic Congress. For the next few months leading up to the Congress, the Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has asked to reserve this space in our bulletin to inform us of the ins and outs of what this all means for each of us.

How am I led deeper into understanding and appreciating this gift of the Eucharist?

In November 2018, in his address to the Committee for the International Eucharistic Congress, Pope Francis encouraged attitudes of **communion, service and mercy** in Christian communities in order to create a "*Eucharistic culture*" through prayer and action grounded in the Eucharist. He said this will help the Church to meet the challenges of a secularized and globalized world. This culture, he pointed out, is grounded in hearing the Word of God and in breaking the bread in the Eucharistic celebration.

In the December monthly newsletter, Communion, Service, Mercy were explained as: "*we receive Eucharist in communion with our faith. Nourished by this gift of God we go out into the world to live out the Gospel, serving where needed and sharing the mercy of God's love. It may be kindness in visiting homebound parishioners, working in a food bank to feed the hungry, advocating for government policies that ensure affordable housing or safe drinking water...it could be a single small act for an individual or part of a larger community or global effort. Knowing the talents and purpose for which we were created, and learning how to hear the invitation Eucharist extends to us can help translate receiving communion at mass into the choices and actions our world needs.*"

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed for the Palliative Care Bereavement Program. This rewarding program offers volunteers the opportunity to work from the comfort of their homes and set their own schedule (approximately 1-2 hours per week). The program asks volunteers to place several phone calls to families suffering the loss of a loved one. There are no special skills required other than being a good listener and having empathy for a family dealing with grief. Training is provided and interested candidates are asked to call Alan McDonald at 902-567-8137. Please leave a message with your name, address and your phone number.

CONCERT: Our 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Variety Concert will take place on Sunday, **March 15**, from 2-4 pm. With Musicians, Vocals and Dancing. A fundraiser for the Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph's Parish, North Sydney. 50/50 draw/ free tea and coffee. Taking place at the North Sydney Firemen's Club, Pierce St. Good-will offering at the door. Thank you so much for your kind support.

CONCERT: The Atlantic Memorial Park Society presents a Variety Concert Fund Raiser at Holy Family Parish Hall, 899 Main St., Sydney Mines on **March 28th**, from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Tickets \$20.00. **FABULOUS** entertainment – for a wonderful cause. For Tickets Call 902 736-0802.

ARE YOU GRIEVING? WE CAN HELP: Bereaved Families of Cape Breton will be holding their monthly Support & Share session in Sydney Mines on Thursday, March 5th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Miners' Memorial Manor, 16 Lorne St, Sydney Mines. This meeting is open to anyone 18 yrs. of age and older who is grieving the death of a loved one. Registration is not required and you may bring a support person. These sessions are free of charge. For further information, phone 902-564-6795.

FREE SENIOR FUNCTIONAL FITNESS CLASSES for men & women. Classes focus on activities of daily life including strengthening our balance, focus & multi joint flexibility. Classes start Wednesday, **March 11**, from 12.30 – 1.30 pm at the Florence Legion. Sponsored by the Sydney Mines St. Vincent de Paul Conference with a grant from the Community Health Board. We invite you all to come join us as we participate in this new healthy venture. Instructor is Patsy MacKenzie, licensed in this field.

PARISH RETREAT FOR LENT: Rev. Mr. Michael Doyle, who serves as a deacon in the Diocese of Antigonish, will be returning home to North Sydney to lead the 2020 St. Joseph Parish Retreat on Saturday, March 14th, from 1-5 pm. Deacon Michael will give three retreat reflections on the retreat theme: **Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**. This year we are trying a daylight mini-retreat to make it easier for all to drive and attend. Schedule is as follows:

1 pm - Opening song, welcome, introduction

1:10 - First retreat meditation

2 pm - Refreshments in hall & break

2:30 - Second retreat meditation

3:15 - Stations of the Cross by the CWL, optional Sacrament of Penance (confession) with visiting priests and/or spiritual direction with Deacon Michael.

4 pm - Mass, homily (3rd reflection) given by Deacon Michael (Liturgy of the Word) and our deacon Roy Smith (Liturgy of the Eucharist).

All are welcome.

MUSIC NIGHT AT CLYDE AVENUE BAPTIST : Friday, **March 13th** at 7 pm in our Church hall. Our Church Band (plus other musicians) will provide us with an evening of music and entertainment. There will be a light lunch provided by Clyde Avenue and a few door prizes will be given out. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we rid ourselves of the Winter blahs!! There will be a silver collection taken to help support the Brookside Cemetery. We look forward to seeing you all there.

SHARE LENT WORKSHOP: Please join us as we reflect on the theme **For Our Common Home** with a focus on the Amazon region and the threats that the mining and other industries pose to its inhabitants. We hope to exchange ideas by working together to help these Indigenous people who are the guardians and protectors of the Amazon and its' vital eco-system and to help all of us protect Our Common Home. Development and Peace – Caritas Canada SHARE LENT WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, **March 21st**, at St. Leonard Pastoral Centre, 5310 Union Highway, New Waterford NS. Pot-luck meeting 10 :00 am ~ 2 :00 pm. Please respond to twinnieodo@seaside.ns.ca 902-862-2330. For more info contact Adah Ogbe aogbe@devp.org