



# Holy Family Parish

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**FOR I WAS HUNGRY  
AND YOU FED ME;  
I WAS THIRSTY  
AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK.  
I WAS A STRANGER  
AND YOU WELCOMED ME;  
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME...  
MATTHEW 25: 35-36**

## Solemnity of Christ the King – November 26, 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

(Office Secretary) (736 8333) – Fr. Oliver

(736 8788)

### 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.

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 November 19  
not available at press time

### CWL NEWS

❁ Those members who have items for Talbot House can bring them to the Hall on the 29<sup>th</sup> at the BINGO game.

❁ December is fast approaching so remember to put your quarters in the **Christmas stockings**. If you misplaced your stocking, just put your donation in an envelope labelled "Christmas Stocking" and include your name and church envelope number. **ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS PROJECT GO TO THE PARISH.**

❁ **Merchandise BINGO** on November 29 at 7:30 PM in the Hall. Admission is \$2.00 - extra cards \$1.00. CWL members are asked to be at the hall at 1 PM for set-up on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Those selling cards are asked to be at the hall by 6 PM. Don't forget to bring groceries for grocery order.

❁ **YOU'RE INVITED!** Those planning on attending our Annual Christmas Party are reminded to respond by **November 25** by calling Lola (736-8862) or any CWL member. Those attending are asked to bring a BINGO prize.

❁ **DUES:** Don't forget to remit your annual dues! They may be given to Mary Patricia Hall.

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

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

*Nina Marie Thomas*

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

**MISSALS:** Missals for the next year are available at the back of the church; the **cost is \$5.00 each**. You can take a missal and then place the missal payment envelope in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

**50/50 DRAW:** This month, out of respect to our veterans, we did not go in any venues that would affect the Poppy Campaign. We are hoping to have two at the very end of the month. We have put **two books of 50/50 tickets in each bulletin** with the hopes that each person will take and sell them. Please return ALL tickets back to the Parish.

**COLDER WEATHER...** We know it has been a warm fall but the colder weather is just around the corner. We ask that we are mindful of keeping the warm air in the church and the cold air out. Some ways for us to achieve this is **keep the doors closed**. Latching the doors so they stay open will have to wait until next summer. Thank you

**PARISH CALENDARS FOR SALE:** Purchase this gift for yourself or someone you know. **Cost is \$10.00.** Each Calendar purchase includes:

❁ A 2018 **Faith Passages Wall Calendar**; each month depicts a North American Scenic View with a Scripture

❁ Each one **personalized** with Holy Family Parish's Contact information (Another form of outreach to our Community)

❁ A **"Save the Date" insert** that will help to keep track of Holy Family Parish's Busy schedule.

❁ **Information** on ways you can become involved in many church activities.

❁ 6 Fantastic **Prize draws** – starting January 1, 2018 to June 1, 2018. Each calendar purchase will give you a chance to win. January draw will be for a \$200.00 Sydco Oil Certificate; the remaining five prizes will be listed at time of purchase. Each purchase is eligible for all six draws and only 200 calendars will be sold. Winners will be posted in our weekly church bulletins.

❁ Each Calendar comes in its own **sealed bag**; however, gift wrapping is available upon request.

❁ It will include **a tag** that lets the recipient know that " \_\_\_\_\_ " was thinking of you and through this purchase the youngest members of our faith community will be encouraged to grow in Faith.

❁ All money raised from the sale of these calendars will go towards the **Continuing Faith Formation** of our Youth.

**PARADE THANK YOU:** A huge shout out to all the people involved in preparing the float! The best part was in seeing the faces of young and old, smiling from ear to ear! Thank you to all who donated groceries. Thank you to Foodland for their partnership. Thanks to our truck-driver (and his truck) and for the wonderful trailer we borrowed too!

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

**ALTAR SERVERS:** We are in need of youth or adult servers to help with mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Steve MacKeigan.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Classes will be held on **November 28** at the Church at 4:00 pm.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Pastoral Council – Glebe Meeting Room – 6:30 PM

### HOLY FAMILY CONCERT

*"A Glimpse of Christmas"*



featuring : John and Patti Fukala and special guests.

**Sunday, Dec 10th, 2017**

Tea and Cake Served with Prize Draws

Holy Family Parish Hall at 7:00 pm

\$10.00 per person with all proceeds going to Holy Family Parish

**ATTENTION LAY MINISTERS:** For the next few weeks, the Ministry Schedule will be in the bulletin.

#### **Schedule for Saturday, December 2nd:**

*Altar server:* Dennis Crosby

*Lectors:* Ann Marie Gillis (1<sup>st</sup>) & Georgina Buffett (2<sup>nd</sup>)

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Reg Dolhanty, Marguerite MacLean, Blowers MacLean

*Hospitality:* (Right to Left) Georgina Buffett, Brenda Walsh, Dave Bobbitt, Maureen Bobbitt

#### **Schedule for Sunday, December 3rd:**

*Altar server:* Jenna Forrest

*Lectors:* Faith Formation

*Extraordinary Ministers:* Ron MacDougall, Kayla Blinkhorn, Anita Nicholson

*Hospitality:* ( Right to Left) Mary C Tobin, Billy MacDonald, Bobby Blinkhorn, Laurie Gouthro

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT MEETING:** A warm welcome and invitation is extended to any person who is assisting or administering in their parish. The next Administrative support meeting will take place on Wednesday, **November 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, at the Pastoral Centre in Membertou. The last meeting gave our administration some parish logistics on Pre Authorized Debits - PAD. It was helpful and appreciated. Fall is an excellent time to learn some new information that helps our Parishes run a little smoother, and dare we say easier... This meeting we are planning to discuss the administrative/ diocesan forms along with reporting. As always we encourage you to share your best practices and insights in our parishes. If anyone is interested in bringing snacks or light lunch item please let Lorena know.

### **OUR YOUTH RALLY IS A DIOCESAN GATHERING OF YOUTH!**

Are you coming? Help get the word out!

**2017 Youth Rally: "Called to Serve"**

Saturday, December 2 – 10 am - 3 pm

**A day of friendship, inspiration, and faith celebration!**

Admission: A food bank donation

**Here is what they will experience:**

Youth from across the Diocese from grade 9 to University / College Students will gather at St. Ninian's Place - **meet new friends!** Two St FX students are leading the day...not us older folks!!!! **Ice breaker games** will lighten the mood and lessen any anxiety! **Welcome by Bishop Brian Dunn.** Guest speaker is **Jenn Power** from L'Arche, Cape Breton who will inspire youth on the joys of being of service! **Lunch** donated by K of C. **Testimony from St FX students** who went on mission with Fr. Andrew Gillies last year to an orphanage in Colombia. **Mass** with Fr. Donald MacGillivray. **A bus is booked** to transport youth from CBRM, along highway 105, arriving at Antigonish and return! **Call Cathy (902-870-9117) to reserve a seat** and say where you need to be picked up! Register at facebookstninianyouth

**ATTENTION EVERYONE:** Please: pray for our youth, share the invitation to the Youth Rally, encourage parents to take their youth. share this invitation with your Religious Education team to encourage confirmation students to come to the rally! Tomorrow's Youth Ministry means we need more ways to connect. As we continue to discuss and discern what this might mean, we can encourage youth to come to the rally! Want to talk about today's Youth? Call Cathy, 902-870-9117, love to chat and explore! Open minds and open hearts!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**MASS FOR SHUT-INS:** Just a note to remind people that Mass for Shut-Ins is now back on CTV on Sundays at 11:30 am.

**SALE:** Ladies Auxiliary of the Northside Community Guest Home are sponsoring a sale of baked goods and crafts from 1-3 pm on Friday, December 1, 2017.

**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.

**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.

**CAROL SING:** The Annual Festival of Carols practice will be held on Sunday, **November 26**, at St. Joseph's Church, North Sydney at 2 pm. All singers are invited to attend. The service will be held on Sunday, **December 3** at St. Joseph's Church at 7pm.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** **Christmas House Tour & Tea** at beautiful Andrea Estate (formerly Arkandor), 2085 Hillside Boularderie, on **Saturday, Dec 2**, 2017 from 1 pm to 5 pm. This event is in support of the Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation. Tickets available at Foundation office at Northside General or by phoning 902-794-5402. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Come socialize and enjoy this beautifully decorated home.

**YOU'RE INVITED!** I've been anxiously awaiting to share this exciting news with all of YOU! On Sunday, **November 26<sup>th</sup>**, at Wentworth Park Bandshell from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. All are welcome to this inaugural event, **Christmas at the Park!** Come enjoy a mug of hot chocolate and a homemade cinnamon roll with your family and friends while enjoying some very talented Cape Breton musicians. Christmas is a time of great joy, and this will be a night of preparing our hearts for the most wonderful time of the year! Come and rejoice in anticipation for the newborn King. Please feel free to share and invite! Bring a lawn chair and a cozy blanket!

**KOC NOTICE:** The monthly meetings of the 4th Degree Knights of the Fr. William B. MacLeod Assembly are held on the last Sunday of each month at 2 pm at Coady House, Sydney River, with the exception of July, August and December.

**THE MINERS FIRST NOEL CONCERT.** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines will be hosting their Miners First Noel Concert on Friday, **December 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. This concert will feature Kevin Evans of the musical duo Evans and Doherty, Bob Quinn, Jennifer Whalen, Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke, Stewart MacNeil, Lucy MacNeil, along with Lucy's two daughters, Amelia and Kenna. This is a chance to see the amazing talent of the next generation of the MacNeil family. It will be a celebration of song and music in the good old town of Sydney Mines. Tickets for this beautiful concert would make a **PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT** for that special loved one, friends or someone who is hard to buy for. Tickets are \$25 each and are on sale at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or you can reserve yours by calling Rita @ 902-736-2508. Please be advised that our concerts sell out quickly and we only have a limited amount of tickets. This is a One Night Performance ONLY!

**THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR:** A Christmas Concert will be held in Our Lady of Fatima church on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 pm. The concert will feature the Regional Hospital Choir, Sacred Heart Choir, Oranaiche Cheap Breatuinn (Gaelic Choir), Knight of Columbus Choir, with soloists Jule Martell, Mary Isabel MacDonald and Neil MacPhee, all under the direction of Shauna Doolan. Special performances by The Bisson Sisters, Donnie Campbell and Allan O'Donnell and Roy Dawson. Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased from any of the choir members, Our Lady of Fatima parish office or by calling Linda – 902-562-2957.

**ADVENT RESOURCES AND CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:** The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 3, 2017. The Emmaus Book Store invites you to stop by and view our selection of Advent and Christmas items: Advent Wreath Rings and Candles, Foam Advent Wreaths for children, Advent devotional books for adults, young people and families, Christmas Gift ideas and cards, Christmas books for children. We are located inside the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, 200 Churchill Drive, Membertou, NS.

**PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!!** Please join us at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall on Sunday, December 3, from 2-4 p.m., for an afternoon of self-directed prayer and reflection on connecting, focussing, praying, seeing, wishing, waiting, and pondering. There will refreshments, accompanied by music. After all... Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Questions? Contact Bert & Claudia at [theaucoins@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:theaucoins@ns.sympatico.ca)