



Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Advent – December 15, 2019

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CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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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 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:

Jake Cantwell (736-9789)

Wilson Carey (736-9726)

Cecil Snow (736-9350)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS



Parish Giving
Weekend of December 8

Envelopes and loose \$3001.70
Other..... \$904.00
TOTAL:..... \$ 3905.70

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

CWL members will have tickets available on a Valentine's Basket. Included will be a dinner for two, chocolates, a flower arrangement and a beverage. Tickets for this basket would make a nice stocking stuffer. Anyone interested in tickets can contact any CWL member.

SPECIAL THANKS: Thank you and appreciation to our guest organist Paula Jane Francis for playing the organ today while David is recovering from surgery.



SATURDAY, December 21, 4 PM:

Server: Cecil Snow

Readers: Anna Martin, Georgina Buffett

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Blowers MacLean, Dennis Crosby, Sheila MacCormick

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

SUNDAY, December 22, 10 AM:

Servers: Jillian Scott and Maia MacDougall

Readers: Sheila Bradley, Cathy Viva

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Harry Blinkhorn, Norma Blinkhorn

Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Edie Foster (middle door), Jake Cantwell (left door), Cathy Viva (left of altar door)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS
WEEK WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT
WEEKEND.**

Children & Adults display God Given Talents at Concert as We began our Second Week of Advent

On behalf of Holy Family Parish I would like to express our appreciation to all those who have helped behind the scenes, during the concert and those who participated in the Christmas Variety Concert. A special thanks goes out to Father Oliver for his ongoing support, Rossie Forrest and her team, the children who participated in the play, and the parents and grandparents who brought the children.

A huge round of applause goes out to our musicians who did a fabulous job. Thank you Father Conrad, Gerald Edwards, Hughie MacDonald, Reggie MacLeod, Beth MacNeil, Claire Aucoin, Alana & Mathew Perry, Alan Gale & Raylene Burton, Reese Nearing for sharing your gift of music.

The D & R dancers Amara Sampson, Danica Campbell, Lillian Brown, Callie Cormier, Natalia Voutier, Olivia Henderson, wowed us as they danced to the "Prayer" and "Believe". Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Local Council for donating the beautiful Nativity Scene. Congratulations to our winner Joan Boutilier.

Thank you all for coming together to build our community with love and faith; may we continue to follow Mary's example in receiving and living our God's blessings for us and for the sake of others.



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

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

Cathy Morrison FORREST

Lorna BENNETT

John Jack PROCTOR

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

NOTICE RE: BULLETIN: Next weekend will be the last bulletin of the year. There will be no bulletin the weekend of December 29. The bulletin will resume on January 5.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

PAUSE FOR ADVENT: Take a PAUSE during this busy time of the year. On Sunday, **December 15th**, 2019 at Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines at 2:00 pm come join us with Father Oliver to learn more about the Eucharist and to discuss what it means in our lives.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS: Who do you think needs an Angel? For our Christmas Angel Project you will receive two angels: One will hang inside our church(with a person's name on it) and the second one (with a card) is for you to give to someone. **The cost is \$10.00 for the pair.** They will be available in the candle room at the back of the church. An Angel could be given in memory of a loved one or someone you know that may benefit from prayers or could simply use a reminder...simply anyone who you care about. The angel and card you take with you has a poem inside about our Christmas Angels. Lastly, it is just waiting for a special message signed from you. Holy Family Parish will place the other angel in our Church (with the name you have given, placed on the tag). These angels will be surrounded by faith, hope and love as our Christian community comes together to pray. Money raised from our project will support our Parish. The angels will be available in the church or at the office.

TIME TO DECORATE...Looking for assistance with decorating inside the Church on the 22nd of December, starting after mass. Everyone is welcome as many hands will make for light work.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT PICTURES: Hey you proud parents, grandparents, friends and family! If you have any pictures of any performers from the variety concert, please tag Holy Family on Facebook.

FREE CALENDARS FOR 2020: As part of our preparations during this Year of the Eucharist, leading to the June 2020 Eucharistic Congress, the planning committee has prepared a 2020 calendar to be distributed to parish. This calendar has photos of the Holy Land, short reflections attached to the monthly photo, dates of all the parish named saints, and other important liturgical dates. We have a limited amount. The Calendars as well as prayer cards will be at the back of the church.

50/50: Winner for November was Corinne MacDougall; her prize was \$705.00. Thank you for your support.

MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24: 5 PM
(Family Mass) and 8 PM

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25: 10 AM

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's) - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31: 4 PM

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st: 10 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Individual confessions will be heard on **Saturday, December 21 at Holy Family Parish.** The schedule is as follows:

10:30 - 11:30: Fr. Vargheese

11:30 - 12:30: Fr. Angus MacDougall

12:30 - 1:30 : Fr. Leo Cordeau

1:30 - 2:30: Fr. Jake Andrea

2:30 - 3:30 Fr. Jim Oliver

FOR SALE: New missals are available at the back of the church and envelopes are provided; the cost is 5.00 each.

In Appreciation

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

For Christmas flowers and supplies

IMO Barrie Campbell from Donna & Jimmy Brown

IMO Arthur Francis MacDonald from Donna & Jimmy Brown

IMO Melinda & Alex Ross from Shirley Fifoot

IMO Leo Matheson from Arthena Matheson

IMO Stanley Matheson from Arthena Matheson

IMO Peter Matheson from Arthena Matheson

IMO Robert & Corena Haley from Sandra Haley

IMO Adrian & Theresa Connolly from Lorraine Connolly & Family

For Cemetery

IMO Lorraine Woodfine

COMMUNITY NEWS

CBU WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE: Some students are in need of winter clothing and CBU Chaplaincy will be accepting donations of used winter clothing throughout the month of November. Donations can be brought to the Campus Centre at CBU, Chaplaincy office Monday to Friday from 10-4 pm. If necessary, arrangements may be made for pick up at your parish by calling Chaplaincy at 902-563-1173. Winter clothing needed: Male and female winter coats, winter shoes, sweaters, shirts, pants, jackets, hats, gloves, scarfs and blankets. Thank you for your consideration. Peace, Fr. Doug (CBU Chaplain)

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Cold weather is here and requests for winter clothing have increased. If you, other family members or friends, have winter clothing and boots no longer being used, please consider donating same to St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Depot located at 1 Cottage St., Sydney Mines. Donations for men, women and children are needed. We are open every Thursday except the last Thursday of each month. There are St. Vincent de Paul members in each parish. Christmas decorations also a priority if you have extra. Thanks to everyone helping us to help others in our communities. We really appreciate it !

UPCOMING EVENT:

JOE WAYE'S Night of Jazz Standards for the Holidays will take place on **December 26, 2019**, at 8:00 PM at The Sydney Curling Club.

Featuring Jody Cail, John Hawkins, Bette MacDonald, Charlotte MacDonald, Mike MacDonald, Malcolm MacNeil, Maynard Morrison, Matt Nicholson. TICKETS available at Cape Breton Curiosity Shop, 296 Charlotte Street or by calling 902-564-4660.



CDS FOR SALE: The Cape Breton University Pipe Band has a Christmas CD for sale! The album features the CBU Pipe Band (recent winners of the Grade 5 North American Championships), Redmond MacDougall, and Carol Ann MacDougall. CDs are \$10 each and are available at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop on Charlotte St, downtown Sydney, or through band members. All proceeds of this album go towards our fundraising efforts to fund uniform purchases, and a trip to the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The CBU Pipe Band will also be hosting their 4th annual Christmas Concert at the Boardmore Playhouse, at CBU, on **Friday, December 20th** from 7-9pm. Performers will include both the grade 4 and 5 CBU Pipe Bands, the MacArthur Dancers, Drea Shepherd, Angus MacLeod, and Carol Ann MacDougall. The concert will feature a mix of our Christmas music as well as traditional piping and drumming. Tickets are \$20 regular or \$10 for students. Tickets can be found at the Cape Breton Curiosity Shop or through band members directly. Contact Trevor Kellock at cbupb2014@gmail.com for more details.

SPECIAL TALK: Dr. Hilda Tremblett will speak on "**Surviving Cancer: How to do it**" at St. Joseph Parish Hall (church basement), Archibald Avenue, North Sydney, on Sunday, **January 5th** at 2:30 pm. Dr. Tremblett will discuss a number of ways to keep well and better manage our health. This event is in partnership with the Catholic Women's League, the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Parish. There will be a free will offering at the door with all donated funds going to the Cancer Center at our Regional Hospital. Light refreshments will be served after Dr. Tremblett's talk. All are welcome.