



Holy Family Parish

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Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 23, 2020

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

VICE-CHAIR: Stephen MacDougall (736 8419)

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Fr. Oliver (736 8788) – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726) –
Deacon Davis Lewis (371 2814) – Cecil Snow (736 9350) –
Sheila MacCormick (736 6583) – Rosalind Forrest (736 1887)
– Bunnie DiPersio – Cathy Viva (736 6171) – Victor Jenkins
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1603) – Bob Blinkhorn (544 0008) –
Frank MacDonald (736 2190) – Hugh MacDonald – Paula
Keeling – Ann Keeling

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

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– Lorne Penny (736 3601) – Rose Jenkins (736 0802) – Claire
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(Office Secretary) (736 8333) – Fr. Oliver
(736 8788)

PARISH SECRETARY

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) – 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



Weekend of February 16

Envelopes and loose..... \$3012.05
 Donations. \$ 785.00
Total..... \$3797.05

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

❖ A reminder to CWL ladies about the workshop at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys on Sunday, **February 23**, from 1-3 PM. Anyone needing a drive call call Gloria (736-3421) or Lola (736-8862). We will meet at hall at 12 noon. Please remember to bring a mug.

❖ 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.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are available at the back in the candle room. If you have any questions regarding your receipts, please contact the Parish office at 902 736-8333.

In Appreciation

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

Donations to Parish

IMO Donald Lloyd LeBlanc from Lawrence & Donna LeBlanc

IMO Donald Lloyd LeBlanc from Donna & Jimmy Brown

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

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

Donald Lloyd LeBlanc

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

ODDS AND ENDS

☛ **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.

☛ **Ash Wednesday:** Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday, is a day of Fast and Abstinence. This applies to those between the ages of 18 and 64 years old. Abstinence means we do not eat meat on this day. Fasting means that we have one full meal and two smaller meals on this day.

☛ **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.

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



SATURDAY, February 29, 4 PM:

Servers: Sheila MacCormick

Readers: TBA

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Michelle Keeling, Dennis Crosby, Marguerite MacLean

Hospitality Ministers: Marguerite MacLean (right door), Cynthia McGean (middle door), Rosalie Dolhanty (left door), Betty Smith (left of altar door)

SUNDAY, March 2, 10 AM:

Servers: Maia MacDonald, Jillian Scott

Readers: TBA

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jake Cantwell, Ron MacDougall, Terry Jerrett

Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Rose Jenkins (middle door), Edie Foster (left door), Louise MacKinnon (left of altar door)



LENTEN LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, **February 24**: no Mass

Tuesday, **February 25**: no Mass

Ash Wednesday, February 26: Mass at 7 PM

Daily Mass throughout Lent: 12:10 PM

(unless there is a funeral or school is cancelled due to inclement weather, in which case Mass will be cancelled). Masses will be held in the church.

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

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

SUPPER: The AOTS Men's Club of St. Matthew Wesley United Church will be holding a Pancake & Sausage Supper on Shrove Tuesday, **February 25th** from 4-6 p.m. at 2 Peppett St. North Sydney – Eat in or Take out! Adults \$6.00. Children \$4.00. Pay at the door!

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 2pm. 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

**A BOOK REVIEW: LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLEWHEN:
BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

TIME: 7 - 8:30 PM

**WHERE: ST. CLARE CONVENT, 862 SHORE ROAD,
SYDNEY MINES**

**FACILITATOR: SISTER CLAUDETTE GALLANT... PHONE:
902 736 9653**

**TITLE: "AN ASTONISHING SECRET" THE LOVE STORY OF
CREATION AND THE WONDER OF YOU.... AUTHOR,
DANIEL O'LEARY**

This is an invitation to come, share, and be challenged. Your heart is already familiar with the mysteries we will be exploring. There will be ideas about the world, God and yourself that will challenge and delight your spirit. It will widen and deepen your faith. Come with an open mind and read the book as you would read a love letter from God.

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.

CALLING ALL CHALLENGERS!!!! A note from Rose Henry, your lay director and your servant. We will be holding follow-up on **Thursday, February 27, 2020** at Our Lady of Fatima, at 7:30 pm. As we continue to move forward and reorganize our challenge movement we will be forming new committees. These committees will help us recreate who we are as we continue our journey. The more challengers we can include the better. If you are unable to attend follow-up and want to become involved in upcoming weekends or committees please connect with me at 902-577-1517. If you wish to sponsor someone to make a challenge we will be having a young women's and young men's challenge in the late spring. You could connect with me, Rose Henry – 902-577-1517 and I can direct you to how to submit your application for challenge. I look forward to seeing all challengers at our next follow-up. Easy Come Easy Go!!

A Kitchen Ceilidh with Chaulkdust: This is your invitation to join us on **Friday, February 28th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines for our Kitchen Ceilidh featuring Chaulkdust. This will be held in our church hall in a very relaxed atmosphere. You will hear a variety of music from Country, Rock and Roll, oldies and more. You will also hear the angelic voice of soloist Jennifer MacDonald. So shed the winter blues and come on in and join us for our Kitchen Ceilidh. Admission is simply a free will offering at the door and there will be a canteen service of tea, coffee and cookies at very low prices. If old man winter don't co-operate we will have it on Saturday, February 29th. So join us won't you.

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.

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.

LENTEN LUNCHESES: St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 King Street, North Sydney, will be hosting Lenten Lunches. The Lenten Lunches will begin on **Wednesday, February 26th, at noon**. A minimum donation of \$5.00 is suggested. The guest speakers are as follows:

Feb. 26 th	Debra MacLean (Haley Street)
Mar. 4 th	Forbes MacDonald (Pharmacist)
Mar. 11 th	Ryan Duff (Victory Park)
Mar. 18 th	No Lenten Lunch due to Vacation Bible School
Mar. 25 th	Brian & Monica Shebib (Hospice)
Apr. 1 st	Nicole Cameron (Youth Mental Health)
Apr. 8 th	Rev. Canon Brenda Drake (Int'l Students)

All are welcome to attend. Join us for a time of faith, fellowship and food.