



FOURTH SUNDAY
In Lent

Holy Family Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 2019

PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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Iris Sampson (544 0745 – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726) –

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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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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) – 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)

[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 March 24

Envelopes and loose \$2953.75
Other and fund-raisers \$70.00
TOTAL \$3023.75

Thank you for your generous support.

CWL NEWS

- ❖ An Executive Meeting will take place on Monday, **April 1** at 1 PM in the Hall.
- ❖ A Regular Meeting will take place on Wednesday, **April 3**, at 7 PM in the Hall.



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

**HILDA MACKINNON
ANNIE MAE TREMBLETT
ELIZABETH MACNEIL**

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

In Appreciation

We thank those who have generously made the following memorial donations

To the cemetery:

IMO Frank McCready from Georgina Buffett
IMO Elizabeth MacNeil from Charles & Ruth Anne Williams

IMO Mary Elizabeth Hall from Sharon Iannetti & Brian MacFadden

For Easter Flowers:

IMO Ella & Cyril Baxendale From Val Baxendale

For Religious Education:

IMO Liz MacNeil from Donna & Jimmy Brown

ITALIAN NIGHT IS COMING: Italian Night is **May 11**. Tickets on sale next week!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

☛ Regular Finance meeting – **April 1st** at 7 pm in the Glebe meeting room

MISSION SCHEDULE

Father Gary George, a Redemptorist from the United States, returns. The Mission will begin on Sunday, April 7th and continue to Wednesday, April 10th, **beginning each night at 6:30 pm**. Father Gary will celebrate **morning Mass at 9:00 am and Adoration and Rosary at 12:30 pm each day**. On Saturday, April 6, there will be a gathering for youth and young adults starting at 11 am and ending after the 4 pm Mass. (See next page for more details). The theme of each night is as follows:

SUNDAY NIGHT (April 7):

THEME - Our Love and Image of God

MONDAY NIGHT (April 8):

THEME – The Healing Presence of Jesus

TUESDAY NIGHT (April 9):

THEME – The Power of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY NIGHT (April 10):

THEME – The Eucharist, the Journey of every Family

MISSION FINALE: This weekend we will be distributing requests for lunch for the final night of the mission, Wednesday, April 10th. That night following the mission, the parish would like to invite everyone to the hall for something to eat. We will post a board at the back of the church that you can choose from. Each note will have an item to bring to the hall, like sandwiches, sweets, etc.. You can drop your items off before heading to church that night. So come out and enjoy our Mission Potluck! If you have any questions please contact Rose at 736-0802 or the Parish Office at 736-8333.

HELP NEEDED: If there is a parishioner available on Saturdays to take the Eucharist to a Parishioner on Pitt St., Sydney Mines, please contact Deacon Greg or Father Oliver. This Parishioner is no longer able to attend mass each week but would be thankful to receive the Eucharist each Saturday.

IN APPRECIATION: Thank you to the volunteers who opened their homes to the National Evangelization Team Youth; we appreciate the response. They certainly are a special Group.

PASSIONATELY IN PURSUIT OF JOY

Who : Youth in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
Confirmation Candidates and Young Adults,
Catechists, Priests, Deacons

What: Youth Rally and Confirmation Retreat

Where: Holy Family Parish Hall-Sydney Mines

When: April 6th, 2019 - starts 11:00 am ends after
4:00 pm Mass

Why: We will be blessed to have Fr. Gary George,
CSSR, leading the retreat.

How: Register by March 8th by emailing
norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Cost : \$10.00 per person

Concert

Featuring John and Patti Fukula and Special Guests

Sunday April 14th, 2019

Holy Family Parish Hall, Sydney Mines, time 7:00pm

Reserved seating for tables of 10

Tea and Cake served plus prize draws

All proceeds go to Chalice and Faith Formation

Cost \$10.00/per person

Sponsored by Holy Family Prayer Group

For tickets contact Harry at 736-2972, Anita at
736-0847 or Terry at 736-2041



Saturday, April 6 – 4 PM

Altar Server – Cecil Snow

Readers – Daryl Burton, Frances Gordon

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Michelle Keeling, Reg Dolhanty, Marguerite MacLean

Hospitality Ministry – Cynthia MacGean (*right door*), Marguerite MacLean (*middle door*), Rosalie Dolhanty (*left door*), Rachel Smith (*left of altar door*)

Sunday, April 7 – 10 AM

Altar Server – Faith Formation

Readers – Sheila Kublek, Darlene Popovich

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Audrey MacDougall, Jake Cantwell, Ron MacDougall

Hospitality Ministry – Doris Brown (*right door*), Billy MacDonald (*middle door*), Bobby Blinkhorn (*left door*), Jacqueline Cantwell (*left of altar door*)

COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED: Does anyone have or know somebody that has 2 bunk beds no longer being used? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for 2 bunk beds for a client who needs them desperately. If you can help please contact Cecil Snow at 902 736 9350.

MEN OF THE DEEPS CONCERT: On Sunday, **April 28th**, the Memorial High School Sr Band will be having a concert at Holy Family Parish with the MEN OF THE DEEPS. They will be performing numbers with the Men of the Deeps, and the Men will be singing on their own. This concert is to help raise funds for the band to travel to a Festival in Halifax and Fredericton on May 1st till 5th. Tickets are 25.00 each and are available at Memorial High School, Buffett's Office Supplies, North Sydney, Curiosity Shop in Sydney and you may contact any band member. The concert begins at 7 pm.

ALL DAY CONFESSION WITH VISITING PRIESTS

The Sacrament of Penance, also known as Confession or Reconciliation will take place Saturday, **April 13th**, from 11 am to 4 pm at St. Joseph Parish in North Sydney. Please come and make your annual confession before Easter.

The schedule is as follows:

11 am – Fr Leo Cordeau

Noon – Fr Varghese

1 pm – Fr Angus MacDougall

2 pm – Fr Jake Andrea

3 pm – Fr Doug

YOU'RE INVITED: A Spring Craft, Bake and Gift Sale will be held at the Millville Community Centre on Saturday, **April 13**, from 10 am until 2 pm. Admission is \$1.00 (children under 12 free). Sponsored by the Millville Ladies Auxiliary.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: You are cordially invited to attend a presentation by Catherine Shepherd, Education Coordinator of the Alzheimer Society of Cape Breton. Catherine provides a wealth of information regarding this disease and is a wonderful resource. She also contributes to a column in the Cape Breton Post. This presentation will be held at the parish hall (24 Villa Drive, Bras d'Or) on Wednesday, **April 17th** at 11:00 A.M. Be sure to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS FOR SHUT-INS: Every Sunday at 11:30 AM. Mass for Shut-Ins is now available on the Diocese of Antigonish YouTube channel. A new episode will be added each Monday.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and enrich your relationship for a lifetime of love. **May 3 - 5, 2019** at Between The Hearts Renewal Centre, Amherst, NS. Open to husbands and wives throughout Atlantic Canada. For more information, or to sign up email renewmarriage@gmail.com or call 902-314-8541.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: "If you are looking for a clear, simple, and practical approach to developing your prayer life, The First Spiritual Exercises is well worth exploring." We are inviting young adults and young at heart to **First Spiritual Exercises, beginning Wednesday, April 24th, and ending on May 22nd** (One evening per week for 5 weeks). This will take place at Our Lady of Fatima, Sydney River. The retreat cost is \$30.00, which covers the cost of the book, written by Fr. Michael Hansen, S.J. For more information you may call Winnie Odo at 902 862-2330 or Norma Blinkhorn at 902 736-2972. Please register by March 25th, 2019 by contacting youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca.

GOOD FOR YOU AND IT IS GOOD FOR US: Looking to build your resume and scholarship applications? Need some volunteer experiences? Contact youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca and see how you can get involved.

SAVE THE DATE: Divine Mercy Conference, **Our Lady of Grace Monastery, August 30th - September 1st, 2019**. Speakers will include Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, Divine Mercy Centre, Stockbridge, Massachusetts; Fr. Wade Meneze, Fathers of Mercy, Auburn, Kentucky; Fr. Tom Sullivan, Fathers of Mercy, Auburn, Kentucky. Opening Mass Celebrant will be Bishop Brian Dunn and the EMCEE and Music Ministry will be under the capable hands of Al Barbarino. More information on divine Mercy Retreat weekend to come in the weeks to come.

NEW ON FACEBOOK! Emmaus Centre Bookstore – New gifts and resources for Easter are arriving. Like and Follow our new Emmaus Centre Facebook page to keep in touch: www.Facebook.com/EmmausCentreBookstore

ADULT FAITH DISCUSSIONS: Please join us for a series of four adult faith discussions at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot St. Sydney, for the coming Wednesdays of Lent at 7 PM

☛ Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – **Look at the mess we are in!** (The Church in Canada today)

☛ Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – **Where do we go from here?**

CURSILLO: The Cursillo weekend schedule for the spring of 2019 IS as follows:

Men's – May 23 - 26, 2019; Women's – June 6 - 9, 2019. Candidates are needed and if interested in attending, please call Kevin or Karen McSween at (902) 862- 8517, Betty Lahey at (902)270-0891, Burt or Claudia Aucoin at (902) 578-1266 or Gary David (902)631-1734.

Ultreya – last Thursday of each month.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: The Watoto Children's Choir, from Uganda, East Africa, will present their concert "**We Will Go**" on Thursday, May 2nd, beginning at 6:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main Street). This inspirational, high-energy concert is approximately 1 ½ hours in length and is age appropriate for young and old as well as everyone in between! Admission to this wonderful concert is FREE but there will be a Free Will Offering collected in support of Watoto's mission with children who have been impacted by the AIDS/HIV crisis. So save the date – that's Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. If you haven't seen these children before then this is one concert you should attend. For more information, please contact Rita at 902-736-2508.

HELP REQUESTED: A group in Sydney is attempting to raise \$200,000 for a homeless shelter in Sydney which will accommodate men, women and youth in separate quarters 24 hours a day 7 days a week. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish has committed itself to raise \$50,000 of this sum over the coming 2 years. Since many of the homeless in Sydney come from other parts of the island we are asking individuals and organizations to consider helping us raise this money. For income tax purposes, a full name and address is required and cheques can be made to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish and Homeless shelter in the memo line.

UPCOMING EVENTS: On April 7th at 3PM there will be a Liturgy of the Word and Sacramental Anointing of the Sick (not a healing Mass) at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church, 40 Cabot St. Sydney, NS.