



Holy Family Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020

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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 Lenten Schedule

**MASS MONDAY, TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
AT 12:10 PM IN THE CHURCH**

[In the event of a funeral or if school is
cancelled due to inclement weather, the 12:10 Mass will 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 March 8

Envelopes and Loose..... \$2146.55
Other and fundraising..... \$732.50
TOTAL..... \$2879.05

Thank you for your generous support.

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass will be held daily (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) at 12:10 PM. However, 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.

ODDS AND ENDS

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

☛ **Parish Financial Reports** for 2019 will be available at the back of the church.

☛ **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.



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.

PARISH FLEA MARKET: **Saturday, April 4th** from 10 am - noon. Canteen services will be available. For more information or to book a table, please contact Rose at 736-0802. All proceeds raised will go to the Parish.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee – Monday, March 30

Liturgy Committee – Monday, April 20

Parish Pastoral Council – Monday, April 27

PRECAUTIONS REGARDING COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS)

1. There will be **no communion from the cup** for the immediate future.
2. There should be **no shaking of hands** during the sign of peace.
3. Those distributing communion will **wash their hands** immediately before serving.
4. The priest and deacons will receive from **separate** cups.
5. **Holy Water** has been removed until Easter.
6. The priest and deacons **will not process** to the church entrance after mass.
7. **Hand sanitizers** are available at every entrance on the walls near the doors. These stations have been in our church for the last number of years; however, due to recent events we would like to bring this to your attention.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

IRISH PUB AND DINNER PARTY: Saturday, March 14th, at 6 pm. A three-course meal to include: Spinach Salad, Hot Cross Buns, Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Homemade Baked Beans, Irish stew, Pasta Salad, Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp, Tea and Coffee – Cash Bar and a selection of Wine available to purchase at the table. Celtic & Irish Music By: Darrell Keigan. And a few door prizes to add some extra fun!! Presented by Emera Centre Northside and Angela's Kitchen & Catering. Get a few friends and family out for a night of great food, fantastic entertainment, and a fun filled Irish Night!! \$30.00 per person. Tickets available at The Emera Centre (902 794-3839) OR Angela's Kitchen and Catering (902 577 8787).

CONCERT: Our 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Variety Concert will take place on Sunday, **March 15**, from 2-4 pm. Featuring with musicians, vocals and dancing. Featuring Ernie Wells, vocals and guitar – D & R Dancers under direction of Denise Jardine – Margaret Musgrave, vocals & piano – Lynda Maxwell & David Brown, vocals & guitar – Annabelle Bungay, Irish Dancer – Alan Gale & Raylene Burton, vocals & guitar – Brent Aucoin, fiddler with Scott Mackenzie on guitar – Square set and stepdancing. This is a fundraiser for the CWL 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.

CONCERT: Cape Breton Chordsmen & United Heritage Church present "**Great is Thy Faithfulness**", a Sunday afternoon concert on March 15th at 2 pm at United Heritage Church, corner of Townsend and Charlotte Streets. Featuring Cape Breton Chordsmen, Keltic Gospel Male Chorus, Quarter Deck, Ken Chisholm, Quattro, Helles Bells, Shauna Doolan & Choir, Mike Finigan with audience sing-a-long. Tickets are \$20.00.

ULTREYA: will be held on **March 26** at 7:30 our Lady of Fatima Church. This month we welcome Bishop Kirkpatrick. All Cursillistas, please feel free to come and welcome our new Bishop to our Cursillo Community. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

FISHCAKE & BAKED BEAN SUPPER: Friday, **March 27th**, at St. Matthew Wesley United Church Hall, 2 Peppett St., North Sydney, from 4-6p.m. Eat in or Take out. Live Music! \$10.00 per ticket. Contact Charlie MacLean 902-794-3573 or the Church Office.

MEETING: Northside Council Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held Wednesday, **March 18th**, at 2.30 pm at Bras d'or Parish Hall. Hope to see you there.

ARE YOU GRIEVING? WE CAN HELP! Bereaved Families of Cape Breton will be offering a six-week grief support program for people who are grieving as the result of the death of someone they love. The sessions will take place at the Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, 309 Commercial Street, North Sydney from 6:30 - 8:30 on the following dates: **March 17, 25, 31, April 15, 22, 29**. Each week we will explore a grief-related topic to help you move through and beyond your grief. *REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED*. These sessions are free of charge. Please register by calling 902-564-6795.

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

NEW DATES FOR THE PLAY: "An Adaptation of Clarence Enzler's Everyone's Way of the Cross" — By: Bette MacDonald, Donna MacDonald and Donald MacGillivray – Directed By Carol Anne MacKenzie and Donald MacGillivray – Music Direction by Emery van de Wiel – Jesus: *Luke Kell* – Christ Speaks: *Sheumais MacLeod* – I Reply: *Brianna Lynch-Rankin* – This play will take place in the Cathedral on Wednesday, **March 25**, and Thursday, **March 26** – The performance will be at 8:00 PM.– Admission by Free Will Offering

TURKEY BURGER LUNCH at Trinity Anglican Church, Queen Street, Sydney Mines on Wednesday, **March 25**, 2020 from 10:30 am till 1 pm. Eat in or Take Out. The lunch is a burger, coleslaw, and ginger cake. \$8.00 a ticket. To order please call 902-736-2300.

ANNUAL MISSION AT ST ANDREW'S, BOISDALE: There will be Mission (Annual Retreat) with preaching by Fr. Vargheese from **March 10th (Tuesday) to 12th (Thursday)** at St Andrews Church, Boisdale. Time: 6. 30 PM to 8. 00 PM. All those interested are most welcome.

JOURNEY OF THE CROSS: On Good Friday, **April 10th**, There will be an Ecumenical Journey of the Cross beginning at 12 noon at St. Matthew Wesley United Church. All are welcome to join us. We will return to St. Matthew Wesley United Church Hall for a Soup Luncheon provided by the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL ILLNESS & ADDICTIONS :
April 28th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Holy Family Parish Hall, Sydney Mines, NS. Parents, youth and anyone interested in learning more about mental illness and addictions please join us. For more details contact Norma Blinkhorn at norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca. Free admission.



SATURDAY, March 21, 4 PM:

Servers: Bobby Joe Gillis

Readers: Sandra Haley and Reg Dolhanty

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Reg Dolhanty, Cecil Snow, Sheila MacCormick

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

SUNDAY, March 22, 10 AM:

Servers: Maia MacDougall and Jillian Scott

Readers: Darlene Gale, Victoria Pero

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Bobby Joe Gillis, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome

Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Jake Cantwell (middle door), Billy Blinkhorn (left door), Billy MacDonald (left of altar door)

FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

April 19th to 25th 2020 is Family Violence Prevention Week in the CBRM. A committee of the Cape Breton Interagency on Family Violence is working on various events to promote the week.

Although education about family violence is a year-round process, we believe there is a need to designate a specific time of year to allow for a co-ordinated effort and greater public attention. We need your help in order to accomplish this.

The committee cordially invites all churches on the Island to participate in Family Violence Prevention Week. Churches are the place of gathering and worship for so many families and thus become focal points for our communities. Therefore, we believe that the participation of churches would greatly enhance our efforts.

There are many ways to participate. Some possibilities include an information table at church functions; addressing the issues at children's religion classes, during Sunday sermons and in church bulletins. We also encourage new ideas. On Friday April 17th the opening ceremonies will be held at the Multi Purpose Room, CBU at 10 a.m. to which all are invited. At this time someone from the Mayor's office will proclaim April 19th to 25th as Family Violence Prevention Week, and they will display our flag and sign our declaration. Ribbons will be tied on a tree to remember victims of family violence. An Invitations is attached outlining the schedule of activities for the opening ceremonies.

Please feel welcome to contact us at 562-2186 ext. 205 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration of our request.