



# Holy Family Parish

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## Second Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2020

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIR: Terry Jerrett (736 2041)

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1603) – Bob Blinkhorn (544 0008) –  
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### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR – Deacon Greg Murphy (736 6726)

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(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) – 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 1**

**NOT AVAILABLE AT PRINT TIME**

*Thank you for your generous support.*

### CWL NEWS

- ♣ Regular meeting to take place on Sunday, March 8, at 2 PM in the Glebe.

### *In Appreciation*

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

#### Donations to Cemetery

IMO Patrick and Jessie Hall from Mary Patricia Hall  
IMO Darlene Hall from Mary Patricia Hall

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

**PARISH FLEA MARKET:** Saturday, **April 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### 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.

### With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

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

**Donald Carey**  
**Mae Dowling**  
**Jim Anderson**

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

## ODDS AND ENDS

☛ **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.

**WINNER:** Our 50/50 winner for February is Ann Osmond, Florence. Her prize was \$620.00. Thank you to Foodland and Sobeys for allowing us to use your locations to sell tickets.

**UPCOMING MEETING:** Liturgy Committee will meet Monday, March 9, at 6:30 PM in the Glebe meeting room.

**Circle Of Friends Concert**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:00 pm  
**Holy Family Parish Church**  
**Tickets \$10.00**  
Children 12 and under are free



**CONCERT- CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**  
Holy Family Parish Church, Sunday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.



**SATURDAY, March 14, 4 PM:**

Servers: Rachael Bennett

Readers: Cathy Viva, Anna Martin

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Michele Keeling, Marguerite MacLean, Denis Crosby

Hospitality Ministers: Rosalie Dolhanty, Betty Smith, Cynthia MacGean

**SUNDAY, March 15, 10 AM:**

Servers: Jillan Scott, Maia MacDougall

Readers: Eileen MacDonald, Sheila Bradley

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Audrey MacDougall, Anita Nicholson, Jimmy Jessome

Hospitality Ministers: Doris Brown (right door), Michelle Kendall (middle door), Laura Anthony (left door), Tracy Viva (left of altar door)

**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](mailto:renewmarriage@gmail.com) or text or call 902-314-8541

**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](mailto:norma@dioceseofantigonish.ca).

**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.

**FREE SENIOR FUNCTIONAL FITNESS CLASSES** for men & women. Classes focus on activities of daily life including strengthening our balance, focus & multi joint flexibility. Classes start Wednesday, **March 11**, from 12.30 – 1.30 pm at the Florence Legion. Sponsored by the Sydney Mines St. Vincent de Paul Conference with a grant from the Community Health Board. We invite you all to come join us as we participate in this new healthy venture. Instructor is Patsy MacKenzie, licensed in this field.

**SHARING OUR STORIES OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

"How does God show his love? With great things? No, he becomes small with gestures of tenderness, goodness, [so he can] reach us and we carry it forward." (Pope Francis) They work among us every day, greatly appreciated but often unnoticed. They are examples of Corporal Works of Mercy, and hearing their stories can bring each of us closer to this great mystery and gift from God. There are seven Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Give alms to the poor, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, Bury the dead. Our diocese and parishes have many ministries for sharing Corporal Works of Mercy: Youth Ministry, Mass for Shut-Ins, and sacramental preparation, to name a few. There are also the daily tasks often taken for granted: office administration, maintenance, fund-raising, home visiting. A small routine task offered frequently with devotion is as important as a long-standing volunteer commitment. **Do you know someone in your parish or ministry whose deeds and devotion are an example of Corporal Works of Mercy?** It could be a volunteer who shovels the church steps after every storm, a parishioner who makes meals for the homebound each week, someone who through small, committed acts share the love and light of God to countless others. Our Year of Eucharist committee would like to share their inspiring stories in the weeks leading to our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on June 12-14, 2020 in Membertou, NS. If you know of a story to share, please contact Jennifer Hatt, [Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca](mailto:Jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca), ph 1-902-759-2181 by Wednesday, April 1.

**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 St. Featuring Cape Breton Chordsmen, Keltic Gospel Male Chorus, Quarter Deck, Ken Chisholm, Quattro, Helles Belles, Shauna Doolan & Choir, Mike Finigan with audience sing-a-long. Tickets are \$20.00.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **FR. GREG MACLEOD LECTURE SERIES – UNITING**

**FAITH & REASON:** Welcomes Dr. John Meehan S.J. to give the next lecture at CBU entitled: Community or Corporatization – Does the university have a future? Funding challenges, technological changes, and a growing corporatization of the academy have prompted concerns over the future of the humanities and even the concept of the university itself. Can the contributions of John Henry Newman and other Catholic thinkers help provide an alternative vision for higher education? In a world of polarization, how can universities promote a culture of dialogue? Monday, March 9th, at 7 pm at the Vershuren Lecture Hall (CS104), CBU. Sponsored by: The Newman Society and CBU Chaplaincy. All are welcome.

**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. 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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>**, 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

**MUSIC NIGHT AT CLYDE AVENUE BAPTIST :** Friday, **March 13th** at 7 pm in our Church hall. Our Church Band (plus other musicians) will provide us with an evening of music and entertainment. There will be a light lunch provided by Clyde Avenue and a few door prizes will be given out. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we rid ourselves of the Winter blahs!! There will be a silver collection taken to help support the Brookside Cemetery. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**IRISH PUB AND DINNER PARTY:** Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 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).

**PARISH RETREAT FOR LENT:** Rev. Mr. Michael Doyle, who serves as a deacon in the Diocese of Antigonish, will be returning home to North Sydney to lead the 2020 St. Joseph Parish Retreat on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 1-5 pm. Deacon Michael will give three retreat reflections on the retreat theme: **Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**. This year we are trying a daylight mini-retreat to make it easier for all to drive and attend.

### **Schedule is as follows:**

1 pm - Opening song, welcome, introduction  
1:10 - First retreat meditation  
2 pm - Refreshments in hall & break  
2:30 - Second retreat meditation  
3:15 - Stations of the Cross by the CWL, optional Sacrament of Penance (confession) with visiting priests and/or spiritual direction with Deacon Michael.  
4 pm - Mass, homily (3rd reflection) given by Deacon Michael (Liturgy of the Word) and our deacon Roy Smith (Liturgy of the Eucharist).  
All are welcome.