



# Holy Family Parish

September 24th, 2017 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Holy Family Office (902) 667-2523**

**Father Craig Christenson**—Parish Priest/Moderator of Cumberland County  
**Glenna O'Quinn** Parish Coordinator **Evelyn Currie** Office Manager/ Bookkeeper  
**Bill Meehan** Caretaker **Deacon Howard Gotell**

**“WE WELCOME, WE WORSHIP, WE WITNESS ”**

## Celebrating the Love, Life & Service Of Sister Teresa Currie

Please join us for a night of celebrating all that is Sister Teresa - God, Love of Cape Breton, Curling, Laughter, Justice, Family, Service and Faith! (and not always in that order!)

**Sunday September 24th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm**  
**Holy Family Parish Church Hall**

A card basket has been placed in the gathering area



## 3 Day Mission

**Monday - Wednesday**

### *Is it time to Give God a Second Thought?*

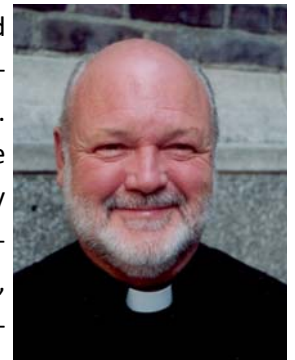
**Morning Session 10-11:45 with Mass**

**Evening Session 7:00 – 8:00**

Choose the session most convenient to your schedule  
Morning & Evening Presentations are the same

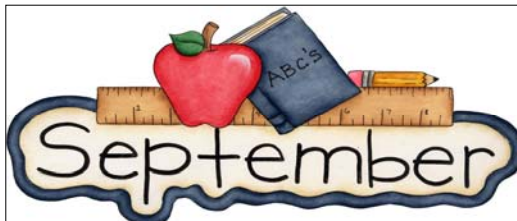
### **About Father John Collins, C.S.P.**

A native of New York City, Paulist Father John E. Collins completed his M.A. in theology and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. Since that time he has been active in parish and campus ministry throughout the country, from Austin to Los Angeles, to Columbus, Ohio, where he was Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry and Pastor at Ohio State University. Over the past decade Fr. Collins has conducted more than three hundred missions and preached over thirty retreats for priests and religious. He presently devotes his full-time energies to evangelization and mission work from his home parish and the Mother Church of the Paulist Fathers, St. Paul the Apostle on 59th Street in New York City.



### **WELCOME AND BLESSINGS**

If you are not of the Catholic faith, please feel free to come up at Communion, cross your arms and receive a blessing from Father or Deacon.



**Please Park in Holy Family parish spots, not the PRIVATE parking for apartments. Thank You!**





# Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Collection Weekly Update		KIDNEY WALK Amherst Sat. Sept 30 at Dickey Park Registration at 1pm. Walk starts at 2 pm. To Register, Visit <a href="http://www.kidneywalk.ca">www.kidneywalk.ca</a> ; call Theresa Ellis at 902-667-8408; or contact Keri MacIvor at <a href="mailto:keri.macivor@kidney.ca">keri.macivor@kidney.ca</a>	Meetings and Happenings—September 2017 Please Mark Your Calendars at Home.			
Weekend of Sept 9/10				Sept 24	7-9 pm	Sr. Theresa's Celebrat.
Envelopes \$2728.54		Sept 25		7:00 pm	Soc. St. Vinc. De Paul	St.Charles/Ntvty
Loose \$ 156.25		Sept 27		10:00am	Tues Lunch Comm Mtg	Driscoll Room
Pre-Authorized \$1364.00		Sept 27		7-9 pm	Senior Youth Group	McIntyre Hall
Children \$ 16.25		Sept 28		7:00 pm	Knights of Colum Mtg	Knights Hall
TOTAL \$4265.04		Sept 28		7:00 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charles/Ntvty
Cemetery \$ 255.00		Sept 29		NO	CHASE THE ACE	
SV de Paul \$ 450.00		Sept 29		6:00 pm	SSVP Exec Installation	At Mass
		Sept 30		8am-1pm	Fall Fair	McIntyre Hall

## FUNDRAISING, FUN and FELLOWSHIP

### Sharing Treasure Ideas for Families:

#### "PRESCRIPTION" to Share:

Trying to find a fun way to get kids involved in sharing with others their "Time, Talent and Treasure"? Keep a calendar to "record their hours" of helping and who they helped. Celebrate their achievements and share the stories from their experience. For Treasure, take a regular medicine pill bottle that is empty, and if you put all Loonies in it, it is \$25.00, or Toonies is \$50.00. Over the Fall when they receive \$\$ have them place a \$1.00 or \$2.00 in their bottles until it's full. They can drop their bottle in the Chalice collection for the youth we support, in the collection basket or drop in a collection box for the many groups looking for support.



**Name a Chair:** Maybe naming a chair after a loved one, is an idea. There are only **5** remaining for memorials. A family can talk about who and why, and your child can be involved in the naming. Families can choose to forgo some "regular spending" treats or activities—not eating fast food and putting the \$\$ towards the \$110.00 per chair. **As a family, write the words for the plaque to celebrate the chair of love and have it entered in the map.**



### Holy Family Parish LOONIE DRAW

Sept 17th Winner of \$82.50 was Lacey O'Blenis

- \* **NEXT DRAW** September 24 2017
- \* Numbers are sold before/after Sat/Sun Mass. Once you have purchased your number, weekly plays can be made at the office.
- \* Pay each week, prepay for a few weeks or pay to the end August 2018. Numbers removed, if not played for 6 months. House rules are available.

### Chase the Ace : Fridays 7—9 pm

Come and enjoy two hours of fun, fellowship, games, music and more! A favorite night of friends and if you choose, you can participate in the Chase the Ace too.

**JACKPOT ESTIMATED at \$2000 with 50 Cards remaining**



### Entertainment Line-Up

- October 6 Peter Frenette
- October 13 Ruth, Ron and Evange
- October 20 R.A. and Jack
- October 27 Harold Miller and Eddie Dupuis



# FALL 2017—In Our Parish Life

## FALL FAIR

### FALL FAIR QUILT TICKET COORDINATOR:

**THANK YOU** to all who have returned their sold tickets and money already! You are asked to return your raffle tickets (in the collection or bring to Office). Please place sold tickets and money in an envelope with your name and "Quilt Raffle" written on the outside. Thank you for helping us with our largest fundraiser for the parish!!



### BASKET RAFFLES:

Linda Ward is our contact for the Raffles. All Raffle Baskets can be dropped off once they are ready, to the office. Contact the office with any questions.

**KID'S GAME ROOM:** Matthew and Melanie Prendergast are coordinators of the Kids Games Room. Lots of Fun for the Kids!

**TABLE RENTALS:** *Table rentals just \$15* Spots are only reserved upon payment of the table rental. Call the office to book your table.

**DESSERT TABLE: WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Looking for a person or a couple of people to lead our Dessert Table this Fall. All the details and everything you need is all together, we need someone to say YES to help us continue this great part of our Fall Fair. *We are adding a section for Preserves/ Pickles to be sold. Anyone who would like to donate for the sale, please bring them to the office.*



**FUDGE .. Mmmm..** Janice Melanson and Viola Corbett are the Fudge Table coordinators. Fudge donations can be dropped off Tue Sept 26 & Wed Sept 27 from 9am—12pm, and all day on Thursday the 28th in the kitchen. If you don't make Fudge, you can put a donation in the collection for Fudge.



### HOT TURKEY SUNDAY DINNER

The CWL will be hosting our famous Hot Turkey Dinner on October 1 from 4-6pm. Please share with others an invitation to take part in this wonderful Fall Favorite with family and friends. Take Out will be available. Adults: \$15; Children 12 & under \$7.00 Free Delivery to Seniors.



Call: 902-667-2523

## CWL DAY

Hosted by Holy Family Catholic Women's League Amherst NS

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**Holy Family Parish Hall 63 Church Street Amherst, NS 10:30 am—3:00 pm**

Lunch provided at NO Charge Bring a Friend

Facilitators: Nova Scotia Provincial Executive

To register Contact: Francine Robichaud 902-667-3623 or achiro@eastlink.ca

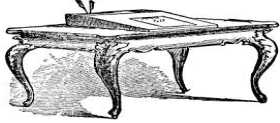
**Deadline for Registration:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017

***A faith filled day spent together focusing on our future by sharing, learning, asking questions and receiving updated information on the League***





# In SERVICE, In MINISTRY



## FROM THE DESK OF

### FATHER CRAIG

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation, Amherst**—Fr. Craig will be available the first 3 Saturdays of the month for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 2:30-3:00pm at the Church; or by appointment. Once Adoration begins he will also be available on Wednesday evenings. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Fr. Keith B. created some “moments in time” in our community for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I would like to continue this movement of grace in our community, albeit in a different manner. Timing is still being worked out. My hope is to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday afternoons with a simple benediction and evening Mass at 6:30. Thus allowing groups who normally meet that night to start by 7:00 pm. I am inviting our various groups and ministries to have a representative present during this time of prayer to support their various outreach works in our community. I have had Adoration in many of the parishes I’ve served. Many people have come to discover the quiet and powerful presence of God, even with a simple of 20-30 minute visit. More information to come.



If you are interested in finding out what it means to become a CWL Member, why not drop by and enjoy this great *Sisterhood of Faith* in action; or contact Francine Robichaud at 667-3623; or any other CWL Member for more information.

Scouts Canada is starting up their new season: Beavers (5-7y), Scouts (11-23y), Venturers (14-16y), Rovers (17-19y). If you have a child interested in joining, or wish to volunteer, please call/text Sonja Power (Cub Leader) 902-664-1075 or visit [ww.scouts.ca](http://ww.scouts.ca)



## Faith Development Classes for 2017-18 :

**September 24th** will be a Family Session in the Hall and all parishioners are invited to join us for Tea/Coffee too.



Registration is only necessary for those who are new to the parish or if any information has changed for your family. Last year students are moved forward automatically each year to their next grade. Register with Glenna at: [glenna@holymfamilyamherst.ca](mailto:glenna@holymfamilyamherst.ca)

## Knights of Columbus #2916

Bingo takes place each Sunday and Monday at 6:45 pm at their hall, at 5 Robie St.

See their Facebook page for more information and updates.

If you are interested in finding out what it means to become a Knight, please contact David Gould, Grand Knight, 902-694-4418 or Rick d'Entremont, 902-664-8610

### Fall Meeting Schedule: At Knights Hall 5 Robie St:

September 28th 7pm — Knights Regular Meeting



## WISHING WELL for WELL WISHES!

New Cards have been added to the pocket on the Wishing Well! Thinking of You and Sympathy cards, as well as the Chalice “prayer cards” are available. Please take time to write a parishioner a note and let them know they are being thought of and loved.

**Ministry of Care & Compassion**

## Our Year of Prayer

On Dec 5, 2016 our seven parishes began a journey to reach 1,000,000 Hail Mary Prayers. To date we have approximately **1,754,000**

Our hope is to reach 2,000,000 by Dec 5 of this year.



# Prayers and Worship

**Next Weeks Reading for Discernment**  
**October 01, 2017 Readings**  
 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28**  
**2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11**  
**Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32**

**Mary the Mother of Mercy, Prayer Group**

are offering "Life in the Spirit Seminars" starting Oct 12 at 7pm. -7 week course of basic Catholic teaching on Scripture & Prayer aimed at bringing to life the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in baptism. This year we are blessed to have Fr. Craig for some of the teachings. **PRAYER LINE**— In need of prayer support? Call the Prayer Line to start a prayer chain of love and support for a loved one or for prayers for yourself **902-597-8313;** or Post your intentions on the Prayer Wall or in the Prayer Box in gathering area. If there are special prayers that you want included in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, please contact the office.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED**

Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers, We pray each person is able to find healing, peace and comfort from the Lord.



**LUCILLE GILLIS; JOANNE HURLEY**

**MARGUERITE WHITE; PHIL LEBLANC;**

Those who are seriously ill, in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, receive Communion or Anointing of Sick please call the office at **902-667-2523.**

**OUR DEEP AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

To the family & friends of : **Peter VanSnick, Beverly Chapman, Constance Lupton,**  
*"Eternal life grant onto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."*

As a prayerful reminder of a loved one, light a candle for 75c and support the youth activities.

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**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services**

Sept 23	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Lay Led Service
Sept 23	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Jeffrey Burke by the Parishioners
Sept 23	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Sept 24	9:00 am	St. Brigid, Parrsboro.	Lay Led Service
Sept 24	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Sept 24	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Sept 24	11:15 am	Holy Family, Family Mass	Mass for Sheila Marshall by Alda Robichaud & Family

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Weekday Masses**

Sept 27	9:00 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass
Sept 29	9:00 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass

**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services**

Sept 30	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Lay Led Service
Sept 30	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Sheila Marshall by Judy Boutlier
Sept 30	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
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Oct 01	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Michael Merrigan by Deacon Mike & Elizabeth Roscoe

## 2017 Assembly of the People of God : Nov 3rd/4th

This years Assembly of the People; Equip the Saints, will focus on the tools and training we need to live the New Evangelization in our faith communities and beyond. Details about presenters, workshops, and registration will be revealed soon. ***This year, let it be the goal of all parishes in Cumberland County to have 2—3 from each parish attend this gathering in Halifax, with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*** Contact the office!



The following employment opportunities are available with the Diocese of Halifax /Yarmouth at <http://halifaxyarmouth.org>  
Financial Administrator, Project Coordinator – Faith Formation, Administrative Assistant; and Outreach Coordinator.

## Hundreds of thousands to participate in Life Chain On Sunday, October 1st , 2017

The annual Life Chain, a pro-life prayer and witness event, takes place this year in cities across Canada and the United States on Sunday, October 1st. In Canada approximately 30,000 people participate each year, carrying signs that say, “Abortion Harms Women”, “Abortion Kills Children”, and “Say Yes to Life”.

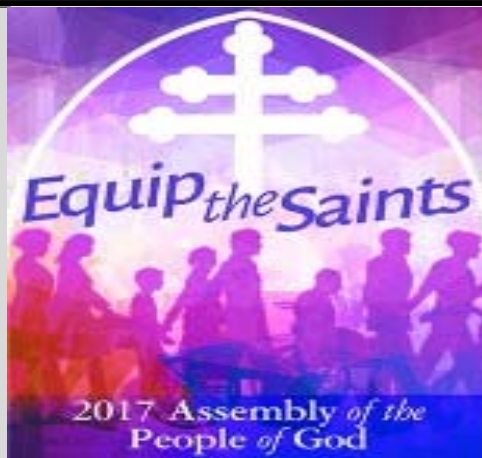
This peaceful and prayerful event gives people the opportunity to stand up for what they believe in with a sign that gets a message out there. It’s an opportunity for people to pray for the victims of abortion, the babies, the parents, the nurses, and the doctors, everyone who’s involved. Halifax will host its 26st Life Chain where hundreds of Haligonians will form a human chain along Robie Street from 2:30 – 3:30 while visually stating that abortion is wrong because it kills pre-born children and harms women. A Life Chain is a profound statement of a single fact, simple but very effective. We witness to the truth – abortion kills babies and hurts women.

## In Our World-Wide Family!

### The Catholic Register: Sept 10, 2017

- ◇ “On Top of the World—Making a Difference in Canada’s Far North”
- ◇ “D&P Has an offer that’s hard to refuse”
- ◇ “Archbishop Richard Smith visits Mosque”

Get a copy in Gathering Area.



November 3-4, 2017

Bella Rose Arts Centre,  
Halifax West High School

Pastoral Focus:  
Formation

Keynote Speakers:  
Archbishop Mancini  
and  
Dr. Ralph Martin  
of Renewal Ministries

### Holy Family New Parishioner Registration Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Are you on Facebook? Yes / No

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like church envelopes? Yes / No Would you like information about Pre-Authorized Payments? Yes / No

### Welcome to all Newcomers

Place this form in the collection and if you have any questions call us at (902) 667-2523.

**Our Welcome Committee will be in touch with you!**