

"WE WELCOME, WE WORSHIP, WE WITNESS"

Holy Family Parish, Amherst NS

December 02nd - First Sunday of Advent

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations." Luke 21.25

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Office Hours Monday—Friday 9 - 12 pm Noon

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Christmas Flowers in Memory: Envelopes are available in the Gathering Area for those interested in making a donation for Christmas Flowers for the Christmas Season, in Memory of a loved one. Please write the name of the individual/s that you are making the donation in memory of, and we will post their names in our Christmas Bulletin.

Baptisms and Preparation: Starting in November, we are offering the first Session of our Baptism Preparation on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The first Session is prayer and preparation and the second Session is for planning and practise. Our Leaders Cheryl Davis and Brenda Rioux.

Dates for 1st Sessions:

Dec. 18th or January 15th.

Classes are 6 - 7pm.

Please pick up a **Baptism Preparation Package** at the office, complete the forms and return those forms 1 week prior to the 1st Session you are **hoping** to attend. The Leaders will be in touch to confirm your Preparation Session date. (4 families are our limit per Session.) ****Please do not make arrangements for flights or traveling family members, until you have attended the 1st Session and we provide a date available for Baptism.**

CWL NEWS

Dues for 2019 are being collected. Your payment of \$20 can be put in the collection basket (clearly marked) or given to Pauline Pettigrew.



Dues are payable by Dec 31st.

Knights of Columbus



Dec. 06th 7:00 pm 4th Meeting & Member Party
Dec 13 at 7:00 pm 3rd Degree Meeting

Christmas Cheer The food list of items needed for the last remaining weeks are:

Dec 02 White Sugar and Jello

Dec 09 Christmas Candy/chocolate bars, etc.;

You can also make a donations of \$95 for the cost of a box or \$20 for the cost of a Turkey. Cheer line is now open: Mon - Thurs 10am to 4pm **until Dec 7th. 902-667-1949**

Loonie Draw for Nov 25th - #83 was drawn and Louise Bellowe wins \$67.50. Congratulations Louise!

Collection Update for weekend of Nov 25 /26

Envelopes:	\$ 2,238.00
Loose:	\$ 120.60
Pre-Authorized	\$ 1,561.00
Children's	\$ 26.85
TOTAL	\$ 3,946.45
SSVP Donations	\$ 283.90



At Holy Family Parish will be having **Weekday Lay Led Services** at 9:00 am followed by Adoration on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from Dec 5th until Dec 21st.

BETHLEHEM LIVE Friday, Dec 8th 6-8pm at the Pugwash

Farmer's Market. Pugwash area churches are joining together to recreate a Live Bethlehem with live animals, shepherds, a heavenly choir, kings and Mary, Joseph, and of course, the Baby Jesus.



Mary, Mother of Mercy Prayer Group:

Join us at 7pm **Thursday Nov 22nd** for the seventh Session of Life in the Spirit!

Hail Mary Prayer Count: 2,693,792

PRAYER LINE - In need of prayer support? Start a prayer chain of love and support for a loved one or for prayers for yourself. Call **902-597-8313**

OUR DEEP AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO ALL OUR

Parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and to the family and friends of:

Vince Ginley

Light a candle in the gathering area, 75c in honor or remembering of a loved one. Set up a Mass Intention for \$10. Envelopes in the gathering area or check with the office.

Join us for CHASE THE ACE on Fridays at 7 pm Jackpot is over \$3500 On Nov 23 Kevin Duguay went home with an extra \$114 in his pocket from winning 20% of the take.

Entertainment line up:

Dec 07 Andrew Melanson **Dec 14** L.P. Express

Dec 21 Peter Frenette - Last one until JAN 4th 2019



Do you still have unused donation envelopes to pass in? It's not too late to catch up on donations you may have missed due to vacations, illness, etc. You can pass them into the office our put in the collection basket. New envelopes will be available in the gathering area soon.



R.C.I.A. The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* is a journey of faith into the Roman Catholic Church. Have you thought about joining the Catholic faith or do you want to find a way to learn more about your faith? This would be a great opportunity to find out more!! Anyone interested in learning more please contact the office at 902-667-2523.

Sessions will be in New Year.

December 9th 2018 Weekend Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare for Mass and Read in Advance

1st Reading: BARUCH 5.1-9
2nd Reading: PHILIPPIANS 1.3-6; 8-11
Gospel: LUKE 3.1-6

SAYING PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED:

Please keep in your prayers for those who are ill, and in need of love and comfort. May the angels of protection and healing surround your children in need:



Carolyn Drosbeck, Father Craig, Bev Maltby, Betty Lee, Anne Melanson, Marcella Landry, Geri Dolan & Carmella Robichaud

★ **What's Happening Next Week** ★

- 02nd** 6:45 pm Knights Bingo at the Hall, 5 Robie St.
- 7:00 pm Classes for Gr. 7, 8 & 9
- 03rd** 6:45 pm Knights Bingo at the Hall, 5 Robie St.
- 04th** 11:30 am **LAST TUESDAY LUNCHEON 'til January**
- 05th** 9:30 am CWL Executive Meeting
- 7:00 pm Cemetery Committee Meeting
- 06th** 7:00 pm Knights Meeting / Party
- 7:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group
- 07th** 10:30 am Liturgy Meeting
- 7:00 pm CHASE THE ACE



WELCOME AND BLESSINGS: If you are not of the Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Family! If you desire, please come up at Communion time, cross your arms and receive a blessing. **New Here** and wanting to become a member, please pick up a form in the gathering area and bring in to the office. *Holy Family Parish Welcomes You!*

First Sunday of Advent ~ Weekend & Weekday Services

Dec 01	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Lay Led service
Dec 01	4:00 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass for Katherine Paul
Dec 01	6:00 pm	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass for Palm Cormier by Barb MacLeod
Dec 02	9:00 am	St. Brigid's Church, Parrsboro	Mass for Katherine Paul
Dec 02	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Dec 02	11:00 am	St. John The Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led service
Dec 02	11:15 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass for Palm Cormier by Connie LeBlanc
Dec 05	9:00 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Lay Led Service followed by Adoration
Dec 06	9:00 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Lay Led Service followed by Adoration
Dec 07	9:00 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Lay Led Service followed by Adoration

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Weekend Services

Dec 08	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Mass for Woody Ellsworth
Dec 08	6:00 pm	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass for Nellie Shannon by Marlene Gould
Dec 08	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Dec 09	9:00 am	St. Brigid's Church, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
Dec 09	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass for Jim Pye
Dec 09	11:00 am	St. John The Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Dec 09	11:15 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass for Palm Cormier by Robin Keith & Denise Hartnett