

“WE WELCOME, WE WORSHIP, WE WITNESS”

**Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Amherst NS
JANUARY 20th, 2019 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee: John 2.11

“New Parishes”

Stronger Together

Holy Family Office (902) 667-2523

Office Hours Monday—Friday 9 - 12 pm Noon

Father Craig Christenson Parish Priest/Moderator of Cumberland County
Evelyn Currie Office/Finance Manager

Glenna O’Quinn Parish Coordinator
Laurie Perry - Caretaker

Deacon Howard Gotell

Marriage Preparation Program



We are getting ready for the next Marriage Preparation Program in the Spring. Dates will be confirmed later. Anyone planning a wedding this year will need to contact the office to reserve their spot for the program. The New Marriage Prep Program is 4 sessions that gives couples a strong foundation to honour their marriage, how to live through the tough times, how God must be a part of the Marriage and so many other topics. If you are being married, or know of a family member planning their wedding, please have them contact the office.

Baptism Preparation Program: Our next session for Baptism Preparation is on February 19th from 6-7 pm. Any family looking at setting up a Baptism will need to drop into the office and pick up the Baptismal Package (even if you have had a child baptised, here or elsewhere, before), complete the information and return it to the office a minimum of 1 week prior to the date of the next preparation. (i.e. papers are to be dropped off by Feb 12 at the latest for the next session). The preparation is a group session with other families and this makes it a wonderful environment to share and to experience. *****Please do not book flights or make arrangements with any family members who must travel to attend the baptism, until you have met with the Baptismal team and confirmed a date*****

Actual excerpt from a church bulletin: ***The Sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on water;***
The Sermon tonight Searching for Jesus



KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

February 9th, 8—11 am - Knights Hall, 5 Robie St.

Meeting Nights:

4th Degree Meeting—February 7th at 7pm

Regular Meeting—January 24th at 7pm

The Knights are looking for a gently used high chair for use at various functions. If you know of someone who might be willing donate one please call the church office or Grand Knight, Rick d’Entremont at 902-667-7820. Thank You!

COLLECTION UPDATES

Jan 12/13th Collection:

Envelopes:	\$2,437.00
Loose:	\$ 79.40
Pre-Authorized:	\$1,561.00
Children’s:	\$ 0.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Initial	\$ 55.00
New Year’s	\$ 22.00
TOTAL	\$4,179.40
SSVP	\$ 358.05

You can sign up to have your donations done automatically by visiting the “PAR Table” in the gathering area, this weekend and next.
(PAR means preauthorized remittance)



Would you be interested in joining our team of offertory Counters? We are looking for 2 or 3 new volunteers to help out with the counting on Monday mornings at 9am. Training is provided and no experience is necessary.



Call the office if you would like help with this important ministry.
902-667-2523

JANUARY Events At Holy Family

20th	10:00 am	Altar Server Training
	11.15 am	Mass with Fr. Phil Thibodeau
	6:00 pm	M&M’s Practice
	6:45 pm	Knight’s Bingo at the Hall, 5 Robie St.
	7:00 pm	Jr/Sr Class
21st	9:00 am	Adoration with Intercessory Prayers
	6:45 pm	Knight’s Bingo at the Hall, 5 Robie St
22nd	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon
23rd	7:00 pm	Cemetery Committee meeting
24th	7:00 pm	PRAYER GROUP night in the Church
	7:00 pm	Youth Group: GOD SQUAD
25th	7:00 pm	CHASE THE ACE - Slim Pick’ ins

CHASE THE ACE JACKPOT is over \$4000.00

Entertainment:

Jan. 25th - Slim Pick’ins—Roxanne Legere, Richard Bourque and Fabian Haley

Feb 01 - Kent Beattie




January 26/27 Weekend Readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prepare for Mass and Read in Advance

1st Reading: NEHEMIAH 8.2-4A, 8-10
2nd Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 12.4-11
Gospel: JOHN 2.1-12

New Here and want to join our church? Please fill out the registration form in the gathering area and return it to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

 **CWL News for January** - . There is no regular meeting in January. Stay Warm!

PRAYER LINE #: 902-597-8313
Hail Mary Prayer Count: 2,775,631

PRAYER LINE - In need of prayer support? Start a prayer chain of love for a loved one or for prayers for yourself.

PRAYER GROUP: Gathers on Thursday Nights at 7pm in the church. Music, Prayers and Fellowship. Join Us!
 On **Mondays from 9-10am** join us for Adoration with General Intercessory Prayers in the Church.

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:

BEV MALTBY

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.

SAYING PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED:

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

Father Craig, Betty Lee, Geri Dolan, Carmella Robichaud, Phyllis Simons & Patrick Arseneau.

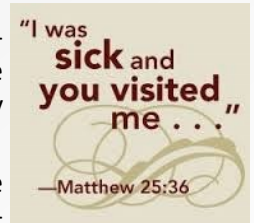


Homebound or Hospital Ministry:

While Fr. Craig is away, Deacon Howard is available to say prayers for the sick or dying wherever they presently reside.

On a weekly basis, Deacon visits the Hospital for those who are hospitalized, and arrangements can be made for Deacon to be present with families in their need.

Please contact the office or speak to Deacon Howard directly to set up a date and time. Deacon has volunteer drivers that assist in this Ministry for him and would like to have 2 or 3 more to put in the schedule. Drivers drive to the hospital and back, and assist Deacon to get around the building. If you are able to share a couple of hours of your time, approximately once every 5 weeks, please let us know.



R.C.I.A. - more information coming soon - stay Tuned!

BE SCENT FREE—Please remember that our building is a Scent Free facility, so we ask that you please respect this. Scents make some parishioners very sick and they have had to leave the building. *Please help us be scent free, Thank you!*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Times Masses / Lay Services—January 26th / 27th

Jan 26	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Lay Led Service
Jan 26	6:00 pm	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Lay Led Service
Jan 26	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Jan 27	9:00 am	St. Brigid's Church, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
Jan 27	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Jan 27	9:00 am	St. John The Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Jan 27	11:15 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Lay Led Service - Family Session

4th Sunday in Ordinary Times Masses / Lay Service - Feb 2nd / 3rd

Feb 02	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Lay Led Service
Feb 02	4:00 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass
Feb 02	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Patrick Flemming, offered by Mike & Cathy St. Onge
Feb 03	9:00 am	St. Brigid's Church, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
Feb 03	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
Feb 03	9:00 am	St. John The Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Feb 03	11:15 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass for Lillian Lyons, offered by Anita & Glen White