

“WE WELCOME, WE WORSHIP, WE WITNESS”

New Parishes

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Amherst NS

Stronger Together

MAY 5th, 2019 - Third Sunday of *Easter*

“Follow Me!” John 21: 19

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Happy Easter—Jesus is Risen, ALLELUIA!!

Recently, Father Craig and I traveled around to the 7 churches in Cumberland County and hosted “Town Hall Talks” to hear concerns, fears, praise, history and so much more. These talks brought forward 3 Top Priorities that need to be “worked on” as we journey on this path of becoming **7 churches, 1 Parish, 1 MISSION**. Each church is unique and special in their own ways. The New Parish will, in turn, be a very unique and beautiful combination of these unique qualities and the common thread...Jesus Christ! The MISSION is then for us as a Parish, to bring Jesus to those who don’t know Him, propose Jesus as an option in their life. To also reconnect Jesus with those who have become “lost sheep” and assist in bringing them home to Jesus. The Top 3 focuses are **1—TRUST, 2—COMMUNICATION and 3—FINANCES**. **Trust takes time**...we are invested in the time together and with time going forward, we will continue building trust between the churches but also, there needs to be healing in some churches themselves. This will happen!! Together it can happen!! **Communication starts today**. We are adapting the bulletin back to an original format to communicate better here and also when it is sent out to the other churches, it is a great tool to assist in the communication concerns. As well, the summary of the “Town Hall Talks” from March is available for anyone who would like a copy. There are a few in the gathering area now but more can be printed, if needed. Please ask at the office. **Finally, Finances!** There isn’t a relationship on earth that hasn’t faced challenges, trust issues and complete mayhem when dealing with finances. Sadly, finances are the #1 reason most marriages/relationships break-up. Why? I would argue that it has a great deal to do with how well the first two items, Trust and Communication, are being done or not, in a relationship! Finances will take time to share, to work together on and to build the new parish financial security that will be needed to bring the Catholic Church of Cumberland County to the generations in the future in their faith. That is what all this is about....it is not about us right here right now, that work was done by our grandparents a long time ago...for us. Now it is our time to do the same for our children, grandchildren and the future faith family that we are building. It will happen, it is happening! God is good! g xo

END OF WEEK - SNEAK PEEK

May 10th FRIDAY:

Rosary — 6:30 pm Friday Night with Knights of Columbus presiding

Chase the Ace - 7:00—9:00 pm with Entertainment

May 11th SATURDAY: MASS 6:00 pm

Celebrating a Happy MOTHER’S DAY

Knights—Breakfast 8:00—11:00 am \$7.00, 5 Robie St.

May 12th SUNDAY: MASS 11:15 am

Celebrating a Happy MOTHER’S DAY

1st Eucharist Sunday—11:15 am Mass and Reception

M&M Choir Practice - 6:00—7:30 pm

Knights - 6:45 pm BINGO

MAY Events At Holy Family

- 5th 6:45 pm Knight’s Bingo at the Hall, 5 Robie St.
- 6:00 pm **M&M Choir Practise 6—7:30 pm— Church**
- 7:00 pm Jr/Sr FINAL Class—Driscoll Room
- 6th 9:00 am **Offertory Counters—Driscoll Room**
- 9:00 am Adoration with Intercessory Prayers
- 10—12 pm **VBC Workshop Day—Come Play!!**
- 10:30 am Liturgy Committee Meeting—Driscoll Rm
- 1:00 pm **CWL Convention Mtg—MacIntyre Hall**
- 6:30 pm 2019/20 Faith Dev. Planning Mtg
- 6:45 pm **Knight’s Bingo at the Hall, 5 Robie St.**
- 8th 1-3:00 pm Friendship Club—All Welcomed!!
- 6:00 pm **Leadership Team H. Family—Driscoll Rm**
- 7:00 pm CWL Regular Meeting—MacIntyre Hall
- 9th 7:00 pm **PRAYER GROUP - Church**
- 7:00 pm Youth Group: GOD SQUAD

CHASE THE ACE: JACKPOT is over \$7800.00 Entertainment: MAY MaDNesS! Join the Excitement!

May 10th - Steven Wells **May 17th** —Lost Highway **May 24th** —Drew Moore **May 31st**—RA and Jack

THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT TO ENJOY NEWFIE NIGHT! PICTURES NEXT WEEK”



MAY 11th and 12th Weekend Readings

4th Sunday of Easter—Jesus is Risen!!

Prepare for Mass and Read in Advance

1st Reading: ACTS 13: 14, 43-52

2nd Reading: REVELATIONS 7: 9,14—17

Gospel: JOHN 10: 27-30

Different ways to Pray, Different Ways to be Prayed for

PRAYER LINE #: 902-597-8313

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



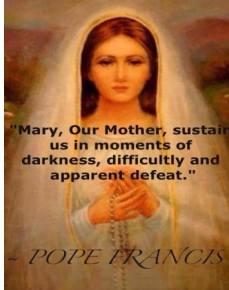
**HAIL MARY County Prayer Count:
2,894,703**

Together as a parish we are praying the Hail Mary's for our communities, our parishioners and our faith. Join us in this Prayer Power Point, track your Hail Mary's and let us know your numbers!
3 MILLION is the GOAL!!

Mary, Mother of Mercy PRAYER GROUP:

Come and be a part of these people of Hope and Faith, joining as Prayer Warriors to help each other and to help the communities that we live in. The Prayer Group welcomes anyone who would like to find out more. Come gather in prayer on Thursday Nights at 7pm in the church. Music, Prayers and Fellowship. This just might be the sign you were asking for!

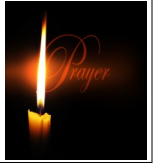
On **Mondays from 9-10am** join us for Adoration with General Intercessory Prayers in the Church, Prayer is Powerful, Prayer in Numbers is life-changing.



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:

Betty Lee, Lillian DesChenes, Christine MacKenzie, Elbert White, Margaret Martin, Shirley Clements & Terry Laurette.



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:

MAUDE PETERSON—Pugwash NS

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Holy Family

May, 18th, June 01st, 08th, 15th 2:30—3:00 pm

Homebound or Hospital Ministry:

Please contact the office or speak to Deacon Howard directly to set up a date and time for visits, communion or prayers.



** Thank you to the incredible team of “angels” that are assisting Deacon Howard in the Hospital Outreach Ministry. We are grateful for your time and care with those who are unable to come to community. Your gift of time helps us to bring Jesus and the community to them, where they are! God is good and we are very blessed!!

4th Sunday of Easter Masses / Lay Services

May 11	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	MASS for Bev Maltby by John Burke, Jr. and Family
May 11	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	MASS for Muriel Kenney by Linda Harrison & Pauline Griffiths
May 11	6:00 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
May 12	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	MASS for Tsui Chu
May 12	10:00 am	St. Brigid's Church, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
May 12	11:00 am	St. John The Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
May 12	11:15 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	MASS for George Fairfax by Holy Family CWL

5th Sunday of Easter Masses / Lay Service

May 18	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	MASS for Bev Maltby by John Burke Jr. and Family
May 18	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	MASS for Philip Stevens by Josie & Family
May 18	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Service
May 19	9:00 am	St. Brigid's Church, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
May 19	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
May 19	9:00 am	St. John The Baptist, Springhill	MASS for Jim Coade by Glen & Anita White
May 19	11:15 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	MASS for the Souls in Purgatory by Anne Pereira