

Holy Family Parish

January 22nd, 2017 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND MASS TIMES AT HOLY FAMILY - SATURDAY AT 6PM AND SUNDAY AT 11:15AM

~~Hail Mary Prayers totaling 324,631 since Dec 5th, 2016~~

So much news, so little space!

In our office you might have noticed a new face on our staff, Joanne Morrissey. Joanne is a wonderful addition to our team and is now job sharing with Maria. She does all that Maria does, so come in and be helped by either of these great ladies. **Welcome Joanne!** As well, new additions to our team of volunteers are Chris Pipes, Logan Pipes and Joseph Salah. Joseph offered, seeing the request for help in the bulletin, to lead our Audio Visual/Website ministry. Chris and Logan have already been in the backroom or with the camera for live-streaming, however I wanted to "make it official". **Thank you to all three of you!!** We still need 2 or 3 more to assist this ministry for Sat. and Sun. Masses. I promise you will get back even more than you give, as that is always the bonus of sharing your strengths with others.

At Tuesday Lunch this past week, you might have saw Bill and me roaming the hall and church with a team of workers. In late Fall, our parish was gifted a grant from the "Dr. and Mrs. H.E. Christie Community Foundation" for approximately \$18,000.00 to address the acoustic challenges in the hall. This grant was to be used for a "specific project" that would create a benefit to our parish and the larger community we serve. Without this grant, we **never** would have been able to fix this at this time, as we just don't have this type of extra "nice to have" funds. This fix will be a huge compliment to the activities going on here, improving sound for entertainment, meetings, funerals, summer camp, special events and more. This grant also allowed for additional video-livestreaming support in the church. Thank you God for this unexpected gift, thank you to Ivan's Sales & Audio-Visual team for their work and thank you Christie Foundation for the funds to have it done.

As well, the Holy Family CWL are preparing on February 8th for their 10th Anniversary. That is lot of sandwiches, sweets, prayers, donations to individuals/groups, breakfast programs and so much more. Someone once said to me, "what would we ever do without the CWL?" My answer was to say "bite your tongue!!" The truth is though, we need to have more CWL members to help spread this service, the amazing sisterhood and to share the love of God they have for each other and our community. **Why not you?**

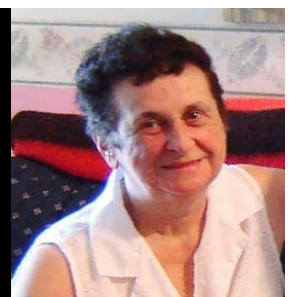
Lastly, our community has felt the huge loss of two faithful, loved parishioners, **Rose Thompson (86yrs) and Anna Doucette (83yrs)**. Together these ladies have served just under 100 yrs in the Catholic churches of Amherst. Some will say "I'm too old to do anything" and I say, let's take a page out of Rose and Anna's "life story", and know we are never too old to share the strengths God gave each of us. There are no words to describe this huge loss for Father, our staff and our community. Personally, both of these ladies were a tremendous support for me, especially as we experienced so much change here these past few years. In other words, they told me what to do (Rose would say she was the boss! I would agree wholeheartedly!). These ladies loved the Lord and showed it in hundred's of ways; service being the greatest. Our thanks to them and to their families for sharing them with us! We will never be the same without them, but we are all a great deal better because of them. **To Love the Lord, is to Serve the Lord.** May they rest in Peace - Glenna:)

January 29th, 2017 Readings
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2.3:3.12-13
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12



**It's been a long
day
Without you my
friend
And I'll tell you all
about it
When I see you
again**



Liturgy Committee Workshop—Follow-up Session

If you were not able to attend the workshop on Saturday, January 14th—please contact the office. The Liturgy Committee will be arranging for a follow-up session in the very near future. The Re-commissioning of ~~~~all ministers has been re-scheduled and details will follow in a future bulletin. ~~~~

We Need You—Liturgy Committee

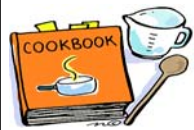
Thank you to everyone who put their name forward to be part of a ministry for our Liturgy. Our Mass is a beautiful experience and it is because of the volunteers that we are able to provide this to our faithful community.

We are still needing a few more people for the Sacristan position or to add to the other teams. Please consider signing up and sharing your Strengths with your Holy Family family.



10th Anniversary—CWL News

On February 8th at 6pm, a Mass will be held at Holy Family, prior to the CWL regular meeting. This is to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Holy Family CWL. At times like this we can appreciate the wonderful ministry the CWL have been to our parish and the entire community, and all the amazing things that we have experienced because of this faithful group of servants of the Lord. Please mark your calendar to come and celebrate their Anniversary. God Bless each and everyone of you, from your Holy Family family.



COOKBOOKS FOR SALE—\$15.00

Please contact the office or Glenna to pre-order your Cookbook supporting our Youth . There are over 200 recipes provided by our community. A **HUGE thank you to Shauna Graham and Rachele Dow** for leading this project for us! Ready in 6 weeks!!

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's** Mission is working with poor and disadvantaged people. Seeking to respond to the call every Christian receives, to bring the love of Christ to those in need: "I was hungry and you gave me food" (Matthew 25).

Thank-you for the continuous support in the weekly donations after each Mass.



Remember members: the \$25.00 membership dues are due. You can place the dues in the collection. Write "CWL Dues" on the envelope with your name.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

Discover Your God-Given Talents

RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY

for February 5, 12 and 19th, 2017, 2—4pm, the next 3 part session for "Living Your Strengths" at Holy Family. We have room for 8 individuals for this session and the spots will go quickly! To participate, copies of the Living your Strengths booklet are available at the office.



Knights of Columbus #2916—Service and Ministry

On Jan. 21/22nd and 28/29th the Knights will be hosting a Ministry Table in the Gathering Area. Young Men from 18 years of age and older can be a part of this historic organization that serves the needs of the church and community. **WHAT ABOUT YOU?** Consider finding out more about these faithful disciples and their work for the church, and why being a part of this group is an important choice.



"Keeping Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest winners and participants will be celebrated at our January 29th Family Mass. Thanks to the Knights for sharing this experience with our Youth at Holy Family. Thanks to our artists who did posters!



Worship SCHEDULE



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday Mass Schedule

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| Jan 23 | | NO MASS | |
| Jan 24 | | St. John the Baptist, Springhill | Mass |
| Jan 25 | 9:30 am | Holy Family, Amherst | Mass for Roy & Grace White by their son Ron White |
| Jan 26 | 2:00 pm | St. Thomas More, Pugwash | Mass |
| Jan 27 | 9:30 am | Holy Family, Amherst | Mass for Marie Sicard by the Holy Family CWL |

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services

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| Jan 28 | 4:00 pm | St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert | Mass |
| Jan 28 | 6:00 pm | Holy Family, Amherst | Mass for Julia McGraw by Peter Belliveau |
| Jan 29 | 9:00 am | St. Brigid's, Parrsboro | Mass for Parishioners |
| Jan 29 | 9:00 am | St. Thomas More, Pugwash | Lay Led Service |
| Jan 29 | 11:00 am | St. John the Baptist, Springhill | Lay Led Service |
| Jan 29 | 11:15 am | Holy Family, Amherst | Mass for Jim Morrissey by Joanne Morrissey |

Please Hear Our Prayers Lord!

Intercessory Prayer Group

Please post your intentions on the Prayer Wall or in the Prayer box. Your special intentions, will be offered during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and during Weekday Mass.

Votive Candles

Light a votive candle as a prayerful reminder of someone or for a special intention. A practise that is centuries old. The 75c offering at Holy Family supports the youth activities and to purchase candles.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is a Holy Hour prior to the weekday mass from 8:30 to 9:30 at Holy Family Parish. Please consider joining us. All are welcome.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday from **2:30 to 3:00 pm** at Holy Family Parish. Please drop in at that time for Reconciliation with Father.

Bulletins to Share

Please take an extra copy of this weeks bulletin for a family member or friend who has not been able to attend Mass. Care to Share!!

Prayer Line

Call (902) 597-8313

Do you need or some one you know that needs prayers? Call the Prayer Line and feel the power of prayer



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the parish community, we would like to express condolences to the family and friends of **Anna Doucette** on her passing.

Serving for 48 yrs as a Sacristan in her faith ministry and devotion to God. She will be truly missed.

**Eternal life grant onto her O Lord,
and let
perpetual light shine upon her.**



Prayers for Family Members

Should you have a family member who is ill, having surgery/treatments and would like the parish to pray for them at Mass or for Father to visit at home, please call the office to let us know.



Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Meetings and Happenings—January/February

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| Jan 23 | 7:00 pm | SSVP Mtg | Lg Classroom |
| Jan 24 | 11:30 am | Tuesday Luncheon | Hall |
| Jan 24 | 6—7:30 | Jr Youth Group | GOJI'S |
| Jan 25 | 1—4 pm | "Let's Talk" Together | Gath. Area |
| Jan 25 | 6:30 pm | Finance Council | Board Room |
| Jan 25 | 7—9pm | Sr Youth Group | Hall |
| Jan 26 | 6:30 pm | Prayer Group | Lg Classroom |
| Jan 26 | 7:00 pm | Knights Reg. Mtg | Knights Hall |
| Jan 27 | 7-9 pm | Chase the Ace | Hall |
| Jan 28 | 10—12 | Regional Cty Mtg | Postponed |
| Jan 29 | 10 am | Family Session—for everyone | |
| Jan 29 | 11:15 am | Family Mass | Church |
| Jan 31 | 6—7:30 | Jr Youth Group | Hall |
| Feb 1 | | CWL Exec Mtg | Board Room |
| Feb 2 | 7—9pm | Sr Youth Group | Hall |
| Feb 2 | 6:30 pm | Prayer Group | Lg Classroom |
| Feb 3 | 1:30 pm | Stewardship Mtg | Board Room |
| Feb 3 | 7—9 pm | Chase the Ace | Hall |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Collection Weekly Update

Weekend of Jan. 14th & 15th

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| Envelopes | \$2,827.25 |
| Loose | \$196.95 |
| Pre-Authorized | \$1,330.00 |
| Children | \$24.70 |
| Total | \$4,378.90 |
| SV de Paul | \$395.05 |

**DEAR GOD,
I WANNA TAKE A
MINUTE. NOT TO ASK
FOR ANYTHING FROM
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO
SAY THANK YOU,
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

Christmas/ New Year Collection

Christmas Collection = \$7,378.00

New Year's Collection = \$1,379.00

A Huge Thank you to All!!

"Let's Talk" Together—Mental Illness

On **Wednesday, January 25th from 1—4 pm** in our Gathering Area, the Stewardship Team will be hosting a "Let's Talk" Together supporting the Bell Aliant "Let's Talk" initiative bringing awareness to the challenges and reality of Mental Illness/ Depression. After the note in last week's bulletin, an idea was brought forward to our group to have this event for those suffering from, affected by or just supporting this discussion topic, to come together, share, listen and pray. There will be Tea, Coffee and support material available for those looking to learn or gather more understanding. Our hope is that each year we can start the year off with this type of event for discussion, sharing and being together. Please come and bring a friend who might enjoy this open and positive space of Hope!

Faith Development Classes—Family Mass



On Sunday January 29th,, we are hosting our next Family Session at 10 am in the Hall. This is open to all families in the program and any parishioners who want to come share a cup of tea/coffee. We gather to work on a small fun project together, and when other members of the parish join us, the youth/families become more aware that they belong to an even larger family, their church family.

At 11:15 am, right after the Family Session, is our Family Mass. This Mass is the time when are youth are in service in as Readers, Ushers, Psalmists, Choir and more. The M&M Youth Choir leads the music, and it is great for the young people, using songs from our Bible Camps! We will be introducing our Grade 4 class and teachers at this Family Mass.

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Chase the Ace News

Still wondering what this is all about? Why not consider coming Friday night and see? It has become a wonderful social night of entertainment, games, cards, talking, music and refreshments. It also is an avenue of income for our parish providing much needed funding for the basics in parish expenses. This week's jackpot approximately \$7800.00 and the entertainment:

February 3th— Herald Miller and Eddie Dupuis

Thank you to the Cumberland Twirlers last week and who had 9 new dancers join the fun at their club this week. See Bill Meehan for more information!!

Benefit Dance for Jim MacDonald

FONDRAISER

On Saturday, January 28th 8pm—12am at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 5 Robie St. Admission is a donation at the door. Dance the night away with

Drew Moore and Freefall. Please support Jim as he battles Colon Cancer and the costs incurred traveling for treatments in Moncton and Halifax. Let's share our love with Jim and his Family.



Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * **January 9th Loonie Draw #1147**
- * **Not played for this week**
- * **\$311.50 prize rolled forward**
- * **Draws will continue as usual each week**
- * Loonie Draw numbers are sold before/after Mass on Saturdays/Sundays.
- * Once you have purchased your number, subsequent weekly plays can be made at the office.
- * Play options include pay each week, or prepay to the end of license period, or for any period of time. Numbers will be removed, if not played for 6 months..
- * House rules are available on request.



Campaign for Bell/ Sign Tower

Thank you for our recent donations at Christmas for the Bell Tower Campaign. Why not consider making a donation in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. While the bell is installed, there is more to do! Thank you for your support for this project.



Let's continue to work together to hit our Target and get our outdoor digital sign up to share the GOOD NEWS and all that is happening with our community!

Christian Unity Service



On Sunday, January 29th, the Amherst

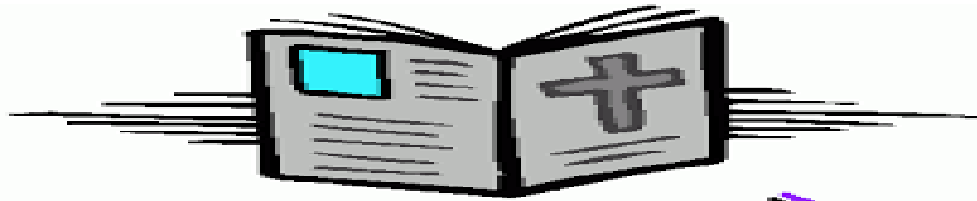
Ministerial Association will be holding a **"Prayer for Christian Unity"** Service at Trinty-St.Stephen's United Church beginning at 4:00pm. We will gather with other Christians of our community to pray and socialize. We pray that we might be guided by the Spirit on this road to Christian Unity and we socialize so that we might support one another as we take this unmapped road. We are encouraged to make a special effort to take seriously this invitation and join in prayer that we might be faithful to the will of the Father.

Please consider attending this service with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

StewardshipQuote: The watchword today is "immediately". Peter, Andrew, James and John all respond **immediately** to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!!



On January 24th from 6-9pm Goji Frozen Yogurt at the Dollarama Mall is hosting a fundraiser for the Youth Programs at Holy Family. All sales during that time will be put towards a cheque for the Youth Programs; **Steubenville, Vacation Bible Camp, Faith Development Program and the Youth Groups!** What not make your dessert that night after supper be at GOJI'S and support our YOUTH!! It's a Sweet Deal!!



Church News

From Cumberland County Parishes

VON—Meals On Wheels Volunteers Need!!

VON Cumberland is looking for volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Foot Clinic, both in Amherst. If interested please contact Darlene Turnbull 902-667-8796, ext: 2007 or email: darlene.turnbull@von.ca

Cumberland Parishes, Share Your News!!

Have a fundraiser, church events or activities coming up and need to get the news out? The weekly bulletin reaches over 400 households every week! Email : office@holymfamilyamherst.ca

St. John the Baptist **Online Auction**



Accepting donations (no clothing) for online auction. All proceeds will go towards oil, insurance, and upkeep of the church. The pick up and drop off locations -1428 Fisher Road in Springhill Junction or at the Church.

YMCA—Seniors Paint Day

YMCA of Cumberland, is hosting a fun day for Seniors on Friday, Feb. 17 from 1—4 pm a Paint Day. There is No Cost but Registration is required. For more information or to register please call 902-667-9112 or email: ashley.grace@cumberland.ymca.ca

Year of Prayer— Cumberland County



The challenge is to pray a million **Hail Mary's** during the year. Please count the number of **Hail Mary's** said each week and put the number of **Hail Mary's/Rosaries** recited on a slip of paper and place in the container marked "Year of Prayer" at the entrance of the churches.

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou amongst women and Blessed is
the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of death. Amen**

LEFT TO GO:

675,320 Hall Mary 's



Valentine Dance— 50 + Club!!

Valentine Dance, February 11th 8—11pm with music provided by Steve Ripley. There will be a light lunch served after the dance as well a 50/50 draw at intermission. Admission—donation at the door. Everyone 50 + and older are welcomed to attend!!

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 it in the collection and If you have any questions call us at (902) 667-2523.

Blessings to You