

Holy Family Parish

January 8th, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord

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

~Hail Mary Prayers totaling 147,000 since Dec 5th, 2016~

Our Syrian Family

Our family, the Alchegade Family, sponsored through the Amherst Rotary Club settlement Project is settling in well in their 5th month in Canada. By their 3rd month, Mazen (Dad) had been hired by Fundy Landscaping and a valued employee. As this job came to an end, he is full time shift work at Oxford Frozen Foods. Mazen is securing his NS driver's license, having passed the written test last month. Kawthar (7yrs) is in school, and a dedicated student doing well. All are being instructed in English as a second language. The children are happy learning English quickly and have been sledding and skating on for the first time.

Sultana (Mom) taught a cooking class in Syrian dishes through the local YMCA and is adapting well to Canadian living. With four children, child care is a significant challenge, especially when Mom and Dad have appointments (medical, employment, language training, etc.)

Last month it was confirmed that Sultana (Mom) is three months pregnant and are expecting twins; Canadian-Syrian babies in May/June. They are very joyful with this news, in spite of challenges.

Holy Family volunteers have been involved in setting up the home, translation, visiting, contributing financially and materially toward the family. The Alchegades enjoy visitors and are very grateful for the welcome they have received. Our involvement with this family will go beyond the 12 months for which we are financially responsible. A special THANK YOU goes to the Knights of Columbus who donated supplies and labour, building a storage shed for the family. Keep this family, and all the Syrian families, in your prayers and support. For information on volunteering call Frank Allen. 902-545-2886.



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!

To all for the gifts, cards, baking, prayers and other items for the Staff for Christmas. This was truly appreciated and we are so thankful to serve this community. It is our hope that everyone has a blessed and spiritually rewarding 2017.

January 15th, 2017 Readings

Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading	Isaiah	49:3,5-6
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians	1:1-3
Gospel	John	1:29-34



Congratulations!

**Emmitt Smith, Gillian Moore
and Makenzie O'Quinn**

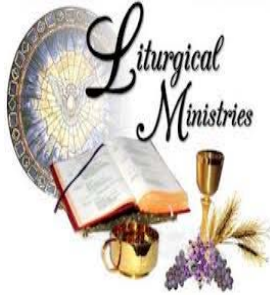
for earning a CWL Bursary for this school from our Holy Family CWL. These youth have been active in our parish community and we are very happy with their achievements. Have a Great Year!

Liturgy Committee Workshop for All Parish Ministries

- Who:** For **ALL** ministries of service for our masses - Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers and Hospitality
- When:** on **Saturday, January 14th from 10 – 12pm** in the Hall
- What:** This workshop is for all parishioners who are interested in serving in any of these ministries, as well as for those currently serving in these ministries.
- Next:** Re-commissioning all the ministers at Masses on the weekend of January 21/22.
- You:** Contact the Office to reserve seating for this Workshop. 902-667-2523

Ministry Months - Liturgy Committee

On the Weekend's of Jan 7/8th and 14/15th the Liturgy Committee (and all it encompasses), will be hosting a table in the Gathering Area for parishioners to check out more about what this committee does for our parish community. If you are looking to share an hour or two of your time each month, this might be just the volunteering option for you. Hope you will stop by !



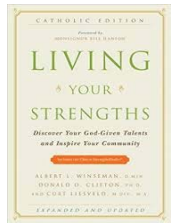
CWL News

It's that time of year for new beginnings and new resolutions. It's time to renew our membership with CWL. Dues are \$25.00 Members can place their dues in the collection and write "CWL Dues" on the envelope as well as their name. Is this the year you have decided to do something extraordinary...why not try the CWL!! For women 18 yrs and older to be part of this wonderful group.

No General Meeting in January, next one is Feb 8th.



Stewardship—"Living Your Strengths"



February 5, 12 and 19th, 2017, 2—4pm, is the next 3 part session for "Living Your Strengths" at Holy Family. StrengthsFinders helps parishioners learn and develop their God-given talents. When people discover and develop their talents, (*rather than trying to fix their weaknesses*), they find a new and powerful sense of purpose for lives: their relationships are strengthened, their everyday lives are transformed; they find themselves being drawn out toward the needs of others, and they report being more patient, collaborative, and forgiving. To participate, copies of Living your Strengths booklet are available at the office. It's a New Year !!

Knights of Columbus #2916 News Thank you to the participants of "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. Awarding the winners and acknowledging participants will be on January 29th at Family Mass.

BREAKFAST—January 14th—8 –11am Breakfast Saturday, Jan 14th Come and enjoy \$6.00/adults.

Knights in Service and Ministry On Jan. 21/22nd and 28/29th the Knights will be hosting a Ministry Table in the Gathering Area. Find out more about these faithful disciples and their work for the church. This Christmas the Knights were doing many things, including out delivering gifts to widows of past Knights. Knight Gordon Goodwin delivers to Madeleine Vautour. It was well received from all.





Worship SCHEDULE



1st Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday Mass Schedule

Jan 9	9:30 am	Holy Family Amherst	Mass for Louise LeBlanc by Ted & Joanne Carroll
Jan 10	2:00 pm	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
Jan 11		No Mass	
Jan 12		No Mass	
Jan 13		No Mass	

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services

Jan 14	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Mass for Parishioners
Jan 14	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Larry White by his brother Ron White
Jan 14	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Jan 15	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass Roland & Frances Willigar by Joan Thompson
Jan 15	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Jan 15	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Jan 15	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Bert Van Vulpen by Joan & John Vogels

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 make 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 **Harry Noiles** and the friends and family of **Ronald Robbins** on their passing.

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



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			
Jan 10	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Jan 10	6:00 pm	Jr Youth Group	Hall
Jan 11	1:30 pm	CWL Executive	Board Room
Jan 11	7:00 pm	Sr Youth Group	Hall
Jan 12	1:00 pm	Liturgy Committee	Board Room
Jan 12	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	Lge Classroom
Jan 14	8-11 am	Knights Breakfast	Robie St.
Jan 14	10—12	Ministry Workshop	Hall
Jan 17	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Jan 17	6:30 pm	Jr Youth Group	Hall
Jan 18	7:00 pm	Sr Youth Group	Hall
Jan 18	6:30 pm	Pastoral Council	Board Room
Jan 21 /22	Masses	Commissioning Ministers at Masses.	
Jan 23	7:00 pm	SSVP Mtg	Lge Classroom
Jan 26	7:00 pm	Knights Reg. Mtg	Knights Hall
Jan 28	10—12	Regional Cty Mtg	Hall

Offertory Envelopes Now Available

Offertory envelopes for 2017 are available to pick up. If you have not used envelopes in the past, and would like to begin using them now, contact the Office.

Income Tax Receipts

Donations received after December 31st, 2016 can not be included in the charitable tax receipts issued for 2016. This includes cheques dated in 2016, or cash in a church envelope dated 2016, but received on January 1, 2017 or later. Tax law requires these be treated as 2017 donations.

We are Grateful for You!
Thank You!!

Collection Update	
Weekend of December 24/25	
Envelopes	\$2,836.00
Loose	\$153.21
Pre-Authorized	\$1,330.00
Children	\$8.50
Total	\$4,327.71
SV de Paul	\$342.05
Collection Update	
Weekend of December 31/ Jan 1	
Envelopes	\$1,697.00
Loose	\$227.45
Pre-Authorized	\$1,330.00
Children	\$1.50
Total	\$3,255.95
SV de Paul	\$384.35

Have You Considered This?

There are a good number of parishioners who support the parish financially by using the pre-authorized method.

We have Pre-authorized remittance forms (PAR) available on the table in the gathering area. You can have donations automatically withdrawn from your account, and it can be changed or cancelled at any time by contacting the office.



Parishioners are more mobile today and find this method helps them be faithful to their commitment to supporting the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Chase the Ace News

January 6th was the restart of Chase the Ace with Drew Moore. Lots of fun. Jackpot at \$6900.00 approximately.



January 13th, the square dancing group, *The Cumberland Twirlers* (Bill Meehan, our caretaker, is a member of the group) are headlining the evening's entertainment. Come join the fun!

Has Your Contact Info Changed?



If you have changed your contact information (telephone, email, mailing address) please supply the office with this information so we can make sure all your information is correct.

Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * December 25th and Jan 1st Loonie Draw numbers were # 431 and #308 respectively.
- * Not played for either weeks
- * \$165.00 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 when open and before/after Mass.
- * 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



Our current fundraising drive to raise funds to erect the bell (on the Church Street side) and add an electronic sign below it, continues!

While the bell is installed, there is more to do! Your donations toward this project would be gratefully received. Please visit the office or drop it in one of the weekend collections. Thank you for your support for this project.

WE NEED YOU!!

HELP WANTED!



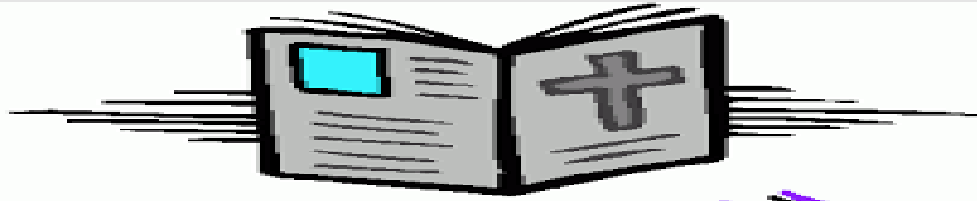
Audio-Visual:

We are seriously in need of a volunteer to assist us with our Audio-Visual needs for Masses (slides), hall activities and to work with our groups on their needs from Audio-Visual perspective. **Linda Fraser** has been running this ministry for us and we are truly grateful for the amazing distance we have come in being a more "connected" community through our Audio-Visual tools and Linda's leadership. Linda has decided to step down from these two different roles in our parish.

It requires approximately 2 hours a week, outside of the mass times. We have added a couple new helpers to work with each Mass, but in order for this very valuable service to be used to the fullness of its ability, we need YOU to assist, say "YES" and work together to maximize this service for everyone.

Website Site—we also have a new website ready to launch that is more updated, eye catching and in tune with our community. We are looking for someone who could work with us to get this website launched and updated as we go forward. Please think about helping, with one or both of these opportunities to be of service in your church.

"Is there any reason why you couldn't share some time helping us out?"



Church News

From Cumberland County Parishes

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 your info to:

office@holyfamilyamherst.ca

(just until Janice returns on Jan 16th, 2017)

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 are 1428 Fisher Road in Springhill Junction or at the Church.

Thank you for your support.

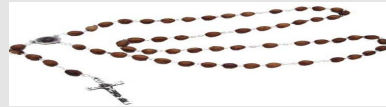
Watch Sunday Mass Live!

Can't make it to a weekend Mass? Sunday Mass with Fr. Billard is livestreamed every Sunday at 11:15am. The video is usually available to watch on demand, later in the day. Follow the link to the livestream posted on the Holy Family website.

www.holyfamilyamherst.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 to put the number of **Hail Mary's** or Rosaries recited on a slip of paper and place the papers in a 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



Holy Family New Parishioner Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Phone _____

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