

Holy Family Parish

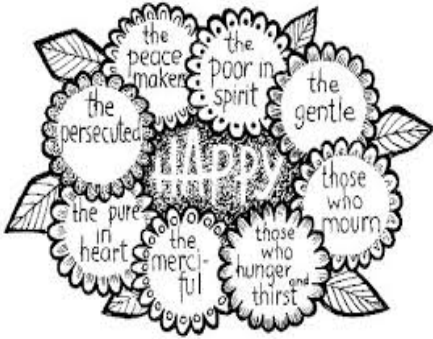
a **YEAR** of
Prayer

February 12th, 2017 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

~~Hail Mary Prayers **514,723** since Dec 5th, 2016~~

Over Half Way There!!



Matthew 5: 3—12 Beatitudes— Does anyone remember where to find the Beatitudes in the BIBLE? After witnessing (and participating) in Father Keith's "little dance" from last weekend, ("**Matt hew 5...3 to 12**"- **hip hip hip hip**), I am POSITIVE, those who were at Mass, will remember where the 8 Beatitudes of Jesus are in the BIBLE, **forever!!** (For future "tests" at Mass, the commandments are below, to start your "lessons"!) LOL!! 😊

Truth is, we all get a bit off-guard when we are asked about our prayer habits or what scripture verses we know from the Bible. It's not been a regular practise for Catholics to memorize verses in the Bible, or even to

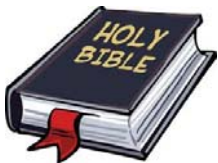
use a Bible "regularly" as an active tool—marking in it, highlighting specific items to remember, taking it to Mass to refer to during the readings, etc. As a child, our BIBLE was huge, in a box on the top of our piano, and was brought down for every Birth, Death, Wedding and Special Occasions that needed to be recorded.

For us kids it was a bit of a "scary" book, when you looked at the pictures they used in that version! One important thing about learning the well known verses in the Bible, is that it can provide great comfort at difficult times in our lives. It isn't just a test of faith knowledge, but really helps us pause in a busy life, we stop and bring GOD closer with the words. When life seems to go "upside down", not making sense anymore, or just feeling completely empty on the inside, many people return to church and reading the BIBLE. It is said that the rituals of Mass, it's tradition, and remembering familiar scripture verses, can bring a sense of deep joy, peace and calm.



What would it be like if we started doing both of these things on a more consistent basis? Spending more time with Jesus in prayer or learning the BIBLE. When we come to Eucharist at Mass each weekend, one gift we also receive is the knowledge that **we are not in control** and although we have the choice in our lives to make better decisions to assist, our life story, we are NOT in control. We are not "the End Game", GOD is, and we are not going "to succeed" without putting GOD first in our thoughts, words, actions, treasure, talent and time. We need to be "all in" for God's ways to become our ways. This can be very difficult. In the Gospel today, Jesus says to the disciples; "**whoever murders shall be liable to judgement, but I say to you that the one who is angry with their brother or sister, will be liable to judgement.**" Let's focus on this one part

of the Gospel. Who are you angry with? Who is angry at you? What have you done to fix it? What can you do when it can't be fixed by you? Pray, Pray, Pray and offer up your intentions at Mass. If we focus on the good and healing that can be done in forgiveness of others, and ourselves...then we can let GOD's will be done. - Glenna:)



February 19th, 2017 Readings

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3;16-23
Gospel : Matthew 5:38-48

Holy Family Clergy :

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Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Collection Weekly Update	
Weekend of Feb 4th & 5th	
Envelopes	\$2,341.00
Loose	\$137.85
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$19.80
Total	\$3,862.65
SV de Paul	\$378.17

DIRECT DEPOSIT
NOW
AVAILABLE



Meetings and Happenings—February			
Mark Your Calendar!			
Feb 12	6 pm	M&M Choir	Church
Feb 14	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Feb 14	6 pm	Junior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 15	1-4 pm	"Let's Talk" Together	
Feb 15	7 pm	Senior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 16	1:30 pm	Senior's Outreach	Sr Teresa's
Feb 16	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	Lge Classroom
Feb 17	7-9 pm	Chase the Ace	Hall
Feb 19	6 pm	M&M Choir	Church
Feb 19	6:45 pm	BINGO—Knights	5 Robie St
Feb 20	6:45 pm	BINGO Knights	5 Robie St.
Feb 21	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Feb 21	6:00 pm	Junior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 22	6:30 pm	PPastoral Council	B.Room
Feb 22	7pm	Senior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 23	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	Lg Classroom
Feb 24	7 pm	Chase The Ace	Hall
Feb 25	4-6:00	Youth Think Fast Plan	Hall
Feb 26	10 am	Family Session ALL	Hall



Stewardship Quote:

"Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable."



1—Mental Health looking to develop a team to gather support, education, info sessions, and presentations that address Mental Health. One project we have....

"Let's Talk" Together—Mental Health

February 15, 1-4pm our next Mental Health Support Session here at Holy Family. If you were to attend a session about Mental Health and Support, what would you want to see, hear, learn, share? What is it you or your family member/friend, needs to feel supported in their Mental Health. Tell us what is needed!! Share your ideas!! Join the Mental Health Team that we are developing. **Next Two Dates Are: March 15, 1-4pm / April 19th, 1-4pm**

2—Grief Committee - developing a support group for those who've experienced any type of loss in their lives and the suffering that it causes. Also providing care and support for spouses, families and friends, after the death of a loved one.



3—Outreach: Supporting and developing new volunteers for our Seniors Outreach Ministry, addressing the needs of those homebound, in nursing homes or at the hospital. Also providing outreach support for families.

4—Medically Assisted Dying: What does this all mean to us as Catholics, for those experiencing palliative care at home, hospice or hospital? Help us develop this group.

Go to the Gathering Area for the Month of February to sign up for any of these new ministries we are creating.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE—\$15.00

Pre-order your cookbook with over 200 recipes (from our community) before/after Mass at table.



In Our Parish Life



10th Anniversary—CWL News

Congratulations to our CWL for a wonderful Mass and celebration for their 10th Anniversary as Holy Family CWL!! Thank you and God Bless You All!

CWL February Week 2 Prayer Reflection 2017

A Prayer for Family: Let's us join in prayer.

"O MARY,

Loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, and for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the school's of the young and their vocations."



Faith Development Information



YOUTH/CHILDREN) Baptism Preparation



The Baptism of a child is a special moment in a family's life, and it is much more than just a family gathering or a ritual. The grace of Baptism can "transform" family and child, encountering a very real presence of Jesus Christ from that moment onward. It is through Baptism that we foster and begin to deepen a personal relationship with Jesus. Engaging fully and completely in the parish's welcome, worship and witness on a weekly basis, provides the support for the family and the growth of the newly Baptized. If you would like a child baptized in this year, please call Glenna O'Quinn at the office at 902-667-2523.

(YOUTH)

M&M Youth Choir

February 26th—10 am Family Session for ALL Parish

February 26th—11:15 am Family Mass with M&M Youth Choir and Youth Servers

M&M Choir Practice—Feb.12th 6 pm (Church). M&M Youth Choir leads music the last Saturday of the month from Sept—May. It's a Blast, so come join the fun and learning!

(ADULT)



This years LENTEN scripture study, is a 6 week program studying *"The Eucharist in Scripture" emphasizing the importance of meals shared in faithful fellowship as part of our covenant with God.*

Contact: Deacon Howard Gotell (902-667-9598) or Viola Corbett (902-667-3274) with questions or register.

Dates: Start: Tues. classes, 6:30 pm March 7th or Thursday classes, 10 am March 9th.

(ADULT)

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Do you have questions about what is required to "become Catholic"? Have you wanted something more from your faith, and to gain a sense of belonging to the full church through Baptism, and Eucharist? Find out more about our RCIA. **Contact: Sr Teresa 902-667-5611.** Ask the questions, find the answers and feel the difference.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Heating Assistance Rebate 2016-17 **Deadline: March 31st, 2017.** Applications are available in the gathering area on the tables! This is something to check out.

Welcome to New Member: Ray Gallant was installed by President Veronica Richards, as a new member of SSVP at the Jan.23rd Regular Mtg.



President Veronica Richards, as a new member of SSVP at the Jan.23rd Regular Mtg.

Our SSVP Mission:

"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). "

Knights of Columbus #2916—SCHOLARSHIP

*Application Forms for the Knights of Columbus, Simon Khattar Scholarship, are now available in the gathering area or the Guidance Office at ARHS. The scholarship is a provincial one for \$1000.00 for a Cumberland County Catholic Student pursuing secondary education after High School. **Deadline: MARCH 10th, 2017.**

Applications for two awards from Council #2916 for individuals graduating from any of the Cumberland County High Schools. Pick applications up here or at any of the High Schools. **Deadline : MAY 5th, 2017



**The Next Knights Breakfast March 11th
8—11 am, 5 Robie St!**

Thank You for Your Support!

LENT — In Our Parish Life

LENTEN PREPARATION

Shrove
Tuesday



CWL Shrove Tuesday 4-6 pm

CWL Pancake, Beans & Sausage Supper:
February 28th, 2017 (Holy Family Amherst)
Adults: \$7.00 /Children (under 12): \$3.00

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES Cumberland County:

11 am—Holy Family, Amherst
2 pm—St. Thomas More, Pugwash
4 pm—St. Brigid's, Parrsboro
6:30 pm—Holy Family, Amherst



Youth Campaign Begins—LENT

The Youth at Holy Family invite all teens in Cumberland County, from gr. 7—12, to join us as we participate in THINKfast 2017 with Development & Peace and the "Women at the Heart of Change" campaign for LENT. Dates for events:

February 25th, 4—6pm we will begin our campaign and determine our group Fundraising Goal. Pledge sheets will be provided to start collecting pledges for our overnight fasting event. Supper provided this night, as we make plans for success!

ThinkFast Overnight, April 8th—9th, 12noon—12 noon. We spend 24 hrs fasting and learning about experiences of others in the world around us. Pizza Party at 12 noon after Mass.

BRING IN OLD PALMS

Please bring last year's palm to the church over the next few weekends. The ashes that we bless and distribute on Ash Wednesday are the ashes from the burned palm. There is a wooden box in the gathering area to put them in

HOLY WEEK and EASTER Schedules:

Father Keith is preparing the Holy Week Mass Schedule. As soon as it is ready it will be posted on HF Website & Facebook, emailed to Regional Meeting Team and in bulletins. Thanks!



Flowers for EASTER VIGIL



For our Easter Vigil, a number of potted flowers are used to dress the altar and sanctuary as we celebrate the Risen Christ. Any parishioners who would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the Easter flowers; your donation can be made in memory (or in honor) of a loved one. We will have the flowers labeled with your loved ones name. We will be purchasing synthetic Lilies due to Father Keith's allergy. If you are interested in making a donation, there are special envelopes in the gathering area or contact the Office at 902-667-2523 to make arrangements.



LENTEN PREPARATION

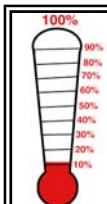
Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * **February 5th Loonie Draw #1525**
- * **Not played for this week**
- * **\$549.50 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.



Chase the Ace News

Jackpot approximately **\$9000.00**
Next Entertainment from 7-9 pm:
February 17th— RA and Jack
February 24th— Peter Frenette
Why Not Join The Team? Come Friday Night!



Campaign for Bell/ Sign Tower

Donations can be made at the office during work hours from 9—12 pm, Mon.—Fri. Consider making a donation in memory of a loved one! **We have received 35% of our target for the bell tower/ digital sign board.** Thanks for all your support!!



Worship SCHEDULE



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday Mass Schedule

Feb 13	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Louise LeBlanc by Helen & Wensey Bernard
Feb 14	2:00 pm	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass
Feb 15	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Bert VanVulpen by Donald & Pauline Furlong
Feb 15	6:00 pm	Correctional Center, Springhill	Mass
Feb 16	2:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Mass
Feb 17	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Intentions and Health of Shirley Grabka by Blanche & Andy Andrews.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services

Feb 18, 2—3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

Feb 18	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Lay Led Service
Feb 18	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Margo Anderson by Barry Anderson
Feb 18	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Feb 19	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
Feb 19	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass for Parishioners
Feb 19	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Feb 19	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by Alda Robichaud

Mary the Mother of Mercy, Prayer Group



Are you interested in belonging to a prayer group? Our "Mary, the Mother of Mercy" Prayer Group is a very active group who come together to share in prayer and friendship. They meet every Thursday 6:30 pm in the large classroom. Drop in and see if this is what you are looking for in your life.



Family in Hospital: Please inform the Parish Office of family who were admitted to hospital. This ensures all parishioners will receive a Pastoral Team visit.

Due to privacy laws, we need the individual or immediate family's permission to include anyone in prayers at Mass.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Our Parish would like to extend our sincere condolences for all the family and friends of **Jeffrey Mullins** who passed away suddenly.



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

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

YOUR PRAYERS—Holy Family

Post your intentions on the **Prayer Wall** or in the **Prayer Box**. All intentions will be offered during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Week-day Mass. There is **Holy Hour** prior to weekday mass from 8:30-9:30. Consider joining, all are welcome.



a **YEAR** of Prayer

All Cumberland County Catholic Parishes are working together this year focusing on the **YEAR of PRAYER** under the lead of Father Keith Billard. Starting with the "**Hail Mary**" Challenge, (the first challenge), the purpose is to re-develop a habit and have intentional focus on prayer in our daily lives. We will be learning/re-learning some of the prayers that have shaped our spiritual lives and past generations, and hope to find ourselves closer and stronger in our relationship with God. Together in prayer, our entire parish communities, and our surrounding communities will become stronger too.

Prayer Line: Call (902) 597-8313



In Our Cumberland County Family

VON—Meals On Wheels Volunteers Needed!

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

YMCA—Seniors Paint Day

YMCA of Cumberland - a paint day for Seniors Friday, Feb. 17, 1—4 pm. No Cost but Registration is required. at 902-667-9112 email: ashey.grace@cumberland.ymca.ca

HERITAGE DAY 2017 Joggins Fossil Center

Monday, Feb 20th, start at 11:00am. Aboriginal Elders, Emile Gautreau & Lousie Goodwin, present a ceremony, speak about aboriginal peoples and create music. **FREE** for all ages. Refreshments served. Contact Laurie at 902-251-2727 ext 224 or at education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net

PUGWASH "Open Hamper"

Food Bank Promotion:

Friday, Feb 24th, 2017 at Pugwash Co-op Store, 11—2 pm. The "Johnny Cash Birthday" Food Bank promotion. Cash's song "Man in Black-I wear black for the poor and the beaten down, living in the hopeless HUNGRY side of town." Cash loved bologna, so shoppers will be offered a **FREE** fried or plain bologna sandwich, and piece of Black Icing Birthday Cake! Everyone is encouraged to wear black and donate a non-perishable item for the Food Bank. Johnny Cash's birthday is actually on Feb. 26th.

LEFT TO GO:

485,277 Hail Mary 's



In Our WORLD FAMILY!

Catholic Register Articles:

- * "Meet Fear and Hatred with Love"
- * "Funeral business stays true to its principles"
- * "A review of the new "The Young Pope" movie."
- * "US refugee ban roundly condemned"
- * "Catholics express grief, solidarity after Quebec mosque attack."

Get your copy in the gathering area and find out about these topics and more in this week's issue!

From our Holy Father: "Judith inspires courage to do God's will":

(Text from Pope Francis' general audience : Vatican Jan. 25th, 2017)

Dear Brothers and Sisters; In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we turn today to the story of Judith. The Old Testament Book of Judith tells how, during the siege of the city of Bethulia by the Assyrian general Holofernes, the people were on the verge of surrendering . In an apparently hopeless situation, the leaders of the city determined to hold off for five days, trusting that the Lord would come to their aid. At that point, Judith appeared to reinforce their wavering hope in the face of fear and to propose a plan that led to victory over the enemy. The example of this woman of great wisdom and courage teaches us to trust in the Lord's providential care, but also, in prayer and obedience, to discern His will and to do everything in our power to respond to the challenges that come our way. Judith's faith inspires us to commend ourselves to the Father with the same obedience that led Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, to pray: "Not my will, but yours be done". —**Pope Francis**



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