



Holy Family Parish

February 19th, 2017 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

~~Hail Mary Prayers **536,239** since Dec 5th, 2016~~

a **YEAR** of
Prayer

Recently I received a phone call from my sister-in-law in Toronto, saying she had “the best medicine for anything that ails me” and then shared the funniest story I have heard about one of her (and Sean’s) brothers. The whole story is too long and too much sharing, but one part really hit me about how daily, we get to choose, to be in our “human state” or our “divine state”. Live the life GOD plans for us, or choose our own path. My retired brother-in-law got a membership for the gym in January like many of us, feeling the need to get in better health. Some back story, this brother is lovingly referred to as the “runt of the litter”; where his other 7 brothers (older and younger) are over 6 ft, this guy might be 5’4” and is always getting into the most funny situations. No matter the situation, he laughs, about the things that he does and the many lessons he has learnt the hard way. Instead of admitting this was his first time at a gym (human mistake #1), he arrived “ready to roll” and started going around using equipment like he was an “expert” (human mistake #2). At one point he was on the treadmill, running for everything he was worth. He was pushing himself (and the treadmill) like it was life or death, and yet trying to look at ease, like everyone around him. Exhausted after what seemed like forever, he thought “there must be something wrong with this machine, (human mistake #3), this is way too hard, I better ask for help (divine moment #1)”. The next employee passed and my brother-in-law asked, “is there something wrong with this machine, is it broken?” The response, “**no sir, you need to turn the machine ON for it to work!!**” Isn’t that so typically human? Pushing hard for our own way, doing the same thing over and over expecting different results and pushing against Jesus and his plan for us. To “just turn on” the treadmill is similar to us “just turning on” our action to do things we know are better for us; daily prayer, exercise, healthy eating, reconciliation, learning the bible and the commandments. The easy part is knowing what to do, the hard part is asking others for help, asking GOD for help and then actually doing it! The human mistakes, 1) we never want to show weakness, 2) pretending we got it all figured out and everyone else needs the direction/help and 3) when we realize something is not quite right with what we are doing, we look to blame someone/something for what has happened. Sound familiar? Needless to say, the other experiences my brother-in-law had that day just magnified the fact that his intentions were great, his choices, not so great! In the second reading from Corinthians today it says; “**if you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise**”. Now my brother-in-law did accomplish one part of that (the fool) and we can hope that his wise self was making different choices at his next gym appointment! This weekend the Liturgy focus is on “extravagant” behaviours God requires of us to live, but it also shows us in return the “Extravagant Behaviour” God is offering to us and the rich merciful love that He has for us. Could all this in life be easier if we stop pushing against something, and run with it? How? Being at Eucharist every weekend, daily prayer, quiet time to listen to what Jesus asks of you and then taking one step at a time, on the life “treadmill”.. Just remember to turn it on! - Glenna



February 26th, 2017 Readings 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Holy Family Clergy :	Holy Family Staff (902) 667-2523
1st Reading:	Isaiah 49:14-15	Father Keith Billard	Maria Kirkpatrick Office Administration
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Deacon Howard Gotell	Joanne Morrissey Office Administration
Gospel :	Matthew 6:24-34	Sister Teresa Currie	Bill Meehan Caretaker
			Linda Fraser Finance Manager
			Glenna O’Quinn Parish Coordinator



Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Collection Weekly Update	
Weekend of Feb 11th & 12th	
Envelopes	\$2,473.00
Loose	\$162.20
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$14.45
Total	\$4,013.65
SV de Paul	\$337.50

If you want to feel rich just count all the things you have that money cannot buy.

Meetings and Happenings—Feb./March			
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	
Feb 21	6:00 pm	Junior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 22	6:30 pm	P.Pastoral Council	B.Room
Feb 22	7pm	Senior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 23	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	Lg Classroom
Feb 24	10:30—12 pm	World Day of Prayer Excum. Service CWL	Church
Feb 24	7 pm	Chase The Ace	Hall
Feb 25	4—6:00	YouthThink Fast Plan	Hall
Feb 26	10 am	Family Session ALL	Hall
Feb 27	7 pm	SSVincent de Paul	Lg Classroom
Feb 28	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Feb 28	NO	Junior Youth Group	Cancelled
Feb 28	4—6 pm	CWL Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Hall
Mar 1	11 am	Ash Wed. Mass	Church
Mar 1	6:30 pm	Ash Wed. Mass #2	Church
Mar 1	NO	Senior Youth Group	Cancelled
Mar 2	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	Lge Classroom



Stewardship Quote:

"In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that—to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow."

What does the Stewardship Committee do in our Parish? What could you do that would be sharing your strengths by joining the Stewardship Committee, and being more engaged in your parish?

-Stewardship a *"spiritual attitude about who we are and what we have. It begins with the realization that everything we are and everything we own are gifts, freely given to us by a God who loves us and calls us into a relationship with Himself. We have nothing—not even life itself—which is not a gift from God. And with that understanding comes both a desire to somehow "give back" in thanksgiving some part of all we've been given and a growing awareness of our responsibility to use those gifts wisely. Stewardship is this attitude of responsive and responsible gratitude"*

-"Stewardship by the Book : Sharon Hueckel"

Our Stewardship Committee helps to provide opportunities with different ministries in our community and assist in helping build their volunteer teams through Ministry Tables, Talks and Fairs. We look at needs of this community and work with parishioners, to develop or help evolve the ministries that we have to meet today's need and volunteer time limitations. We help create the door, with which others can see themselves in a role, or a new role in the parish and therefore become a more engaged member of the life of the Parish and their spiritual journey together.

COOKBOOKS FOR SALE—\$15.00

HAVE YOU ORDERED YOURS TODAY?



In Our Parish Life



10th Anniversary—CWL News

Congrats New Executive for 2017—2019

President: Francine Robichaud, **President Elect:** Pauline Pettigrew, **VPresident:** Dianne Yarymovich, **Recording Secretary:** Diane Gillis, **Corresponding Secretary:** Debbie Frenette, **Treasurer:** Maria Kirkpatrick, **Convenors:** Pat Frenette, Pat Weatherbee, Pauline Kelligrew, Mary Lynn Chapman and Linda Harrison **Spiritual Advisor:** Deacon

Howard Gotell.

Our new executive (left) and CWL Maria Kirkpatrick lighting a candle (below).



The 10th anniversary had a beautiful candle-light ceremony recognizing all those who died in the past year with a rose, a lighted candle and prayer.

(ADULT)



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

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.

(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.



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

KNIGHTS AWARD to Taylor Ripley



Pictured is Rick d'Entremont, Deputy Grand Knight making a financial donation, on behalf of Council 2916, to second year business student, Taylor Ripley. Taylor is travelling to Peru in April to assist females at a catholic school, who are working towards setting up their own business. We wish her every success!

"WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY"



WELCOME Shayla and Declan O'Blenis to GOD'S family with their beautiful baptism on Sunday, Feb 12th. Their Mom Lacy and

their brother Tristan were very proud of the way both of these children experienced their baptism!

(YOUTH)

M&M Youth Choir

February 26th—10 am Family Session for ALL Parish . Tea/ Coffee and snacks are available! Coffee Time starts at 10 am.

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

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 - MARCH 1st, 2017 **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, 12pm—12pm. We spend 24 hours 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, you can have it done 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

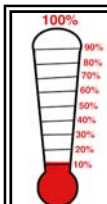
Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * **February 12th Loonie Draw #961**
- * **Not played for this week**
- * **\$634.50 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 **\$9100.00**
Next Entertainment from 7-9 pm:
February 24th— Peter Frenette
March 3—Jerry Metz and Friends
March 10th—Basil Hicks and Steve LeBlanc



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



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday Mass Schedule

Feb 20		No Mass	
Feb 21		No Mass	
Feb 22	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by Connie LeBlanc
Feb 23	10:30 am	Cumberland Lodge, Pugwash	Mass
Feb 24	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Ron Robbins by Glen & Anita White
Feb 24	10:30 am	Gables Lodge, Amherst	Mass

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services

Feb 25, 2—3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

Feb 25	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Mass
Feb 25	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by friend
Feb 25	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass
Feb 26	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass for Parishioners
Feb 26	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Feb 26	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Mass for Ralphena Bancks by Eleanor Thyret
Feb 26	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Alice Melanson by Nancy Ralston

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 Mullans** 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

Thank you to all those who work in the weather:

First Responders, Firefighters, Police, Hospital Staff, Snowplow Drivers, Power Employees, Emergency Measures Volunteers. We know that you do this for all of us, thank you!

Archdiocese Collection: On Feb 28/29th weekend there is the 1st Collection of 2017 "Formation" which includes "Sharing the Care, Theological Education, Vocations and Adult Faith Formation" collections from previous years. Please give generously and support our Archdiocese.

WARM UP! POTLUCK! - Multicultural Association of Cumberland's Second Gathering. Feb 19th, 11 am—1 pm at the YMCA Community Room. Bring your friends and favorite warm dish to share! Nut Free Facility.

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.



In Our WORLD FAMILY!



World Day of Prayer 2017 Service: www.wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer

"Am I Being Unfair to You?" Before the World Wide Web, there was the World Day of Prayer, an international event that has been connecting people in a meaningful way for almost a century. Despite being planned years in advance, World Day of Prayer services have a remarkable record for anticipating major events, like the refugee crisis (France 2013), the Arab Spring (Egypt 2014) and the winding down of the U.S. embargo against Cuba (Cuba 2016). The secret to this depth and insight is the women who plan and write each World Day of Prayer service. Too often, women have the most intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice, and human rights violations. What might Canadians learn from women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of climate change, foreign mining and resources interests, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, "Am I being unfair to you?" On March 3, 2017, Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of The Philippines through the World Day of Prayer. **Please join the Holy Family CWL, invite friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer 2017 Service here at Holy Family on Feb 24th at 10:30—12pm .**

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