

# Holy Family Parish

**February 5th, 2017 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

~~Hail Mary Prayers totaling 400,000 since Dec 5th, 2016~~

## Face the Sun, FACE THE SON!

The first weekend of February, 2017, what does that say to you? Maybe for some (me) who have their (my) Christmas tree still up; it might be saying its time to pull down the tree for this year ("old" Christmas only ended Feb 2nd, come on!) For others it may say resolutions are going well and still on track after a month. Some will say it's a checkpoint- "just got my cheque and have to watch what I spend" or "I need medicines but will need to alternate days until my next cheque", "how much do we have left in oil/wood before warm weather". Or for those fighting health battles, (ones that can be seen, or the ones that no one can see at all), it says only "is this a good day or a bad day" based on how they are feeling. Some are saying "aloha" and packing up to head away to somewhere warm. Some it's a reminder of the stress and worry of making very difficult decisions for ailing parents. Everyone sees another day, in completely different ways. How "well" we live, in the worse or best of situations, depends a lot on how we see the world, how we see our place in the world. I imagine, if there was no GOD, then how you lived, wouldn't really matter—it is just a daily life. Knowing **there is a GOD and an Eternal life**; how we see/live each day should have a completely different impact. We might not always "hear or see" God in all we are doing or facing...that does not mean He isn't there. In the toughest of battles, the greatest of lessons are learnt. Isn't it true that during "the Test", the "Teacher" is quiet. Right now, if we look around, we could see a world facing some very difficult, very serious and deeply terrifying changes. How can we be positive, how can we be hopeful, how can we help others be positive and hopeful, with all we look at, hear, think in a world like this?? I was told once to watch a field of Sunflowers plants grow. Sunflowers are always facing the sun (not the darkness), and that is how they grow strong, tall and beautiful. In the morning they are facing the east where the sun rises, and move across the sky looking upward all day, towards the Sun, (**towards the SON?**) Which way are your thoughts facing? What way are your actions facing? The Sun or the dark? **The SON or the DARK??** There are tough things in the world today yes, but also in the Readings and Gospel. We are in a world where many are trying to suppress faith, or telling those of faith to "keep it to themselves" and so much anger against, Refugees, Muslims? Many years ago, wasn't that the "story" about Jewish people or in places in the world today, Christians being attacked and murdered. In Isaiah's Reading today, it is **very clear** where our hearts, our thoughts, our actions should be facing...**"loosening the bonds of injustice, let the oppressed go free...sharing bread with the hungry, bringing homeless to your house,....not to hide"** The Psalm, **"Light rises in the darkness for the upright"**, tells us that **LIGHT** will shine through, but we can't just sit and wait for it, we must be **"upright"**; in our prayer, in our focus on God, in our focus on being a servant to those in need here in our parish, in our town, and also in the world. If we want the LIGHT, we need to BE THE LIGHT in our own words, actions, love. What are your words telling others about where the solution will be coming from, for all the dark the world is facing? From CNN? From politicians? or from **GOD?** Today share the good of the world, of our parish, or our world. Share what others are doing to bring the love, joy, peace, we all deserve, to others....Shut off the Dark...turn away from the Dark....pray for light, speak of light and face the Sun....**face the SON!**- Glenna:)

### February 12th, 2017 Readings

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Gospel : Matthew 5:17-37

### 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!!





# Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Collection Weekly Update	
Weekend of Jan. 27th & 28th	
Envelopes	\$2,054.60
Loose	\$193.65
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364
Children	\$24.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,603.10</b>
<b>SV de Paul</b>	<b>\$319.35</b>

DIRECT DEPOSIT  
**NOW**  
AVAILABLE



Meetings and Happenings—February			
Feb 5	6 pm	M&M Choir Practise	Dairy Queen
Feb 6	6:30 pm	Teachers/Assistants	Lg Classroom
Feb 7	11 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Feb 7	6 pm	Jr Youth Group	Hall
Feb 8	6 pm	CWL 10th Anniversary Mass	
Feb 8	7 pm	CWL Annual Mtg	Hall
Feb 8	NO	NO Sr Youth Group	NO
Feb 9	1 pm	Liturgy Meeting	Board Room
Feb 9	6:30 pm	Mercy Prayer Group	Lg Classroom
Feb 10	7—9 pm	Chase the Ace	Hall
Feb 11	8—11 am	Knights Breakfast	
Feb 12	2—4 pm	LYStrengths #2	Lg Classroom
Feb 12	6 pm	M&M Choir	Church
Feb 14	11 am	Tuesday Luncheon	Hall
Feb 14	6 pm	Junior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 15	1-4 pm	"Let's Talk" Together	Hall
Feb 15	7 pm	Senior Youth Group	Hall
Feb 16	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	Lge Classroom
Feb 17	7-9pm	Chase the Ace	Hall

## "Let's Talk" Together—Mental Illness

On **February 15, 1—4pm** we are hosting our second "Let's Talk" Together, supporting the Bell Aliant "Let's Talk" initiative for awareness to the challenges and reality of Mental Illness/Depression. This event is for anyone—those suffering from, affected by or wishing to offer help or support. A coming together to share, listen and pray. Tea, Coffee and support material will be available for those looking to learn or gather more understanding.

### Next Two Dates Are:

**March 15, 1—4pm / April 19th, 1-4pm**

### NAME TAG WEEKENDS:



At Holy Family, (the last weekend of every month), is Name Tag Weekend. This is the perfect time to call each of your church family by name! Go For It!

### Stewardship Quote:

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in Heaven.



### COOKBOOKS FOR SALE—\$15.00

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



### Baptism Preparation

The Baptism of a child is a special moment in a family's life, and it is much more than a family gathering and ritual. The grace of Baptism can "transform" family and child, encountering a very real presence of Jesus Christ and from that moment onward, the family with the parish family, join to foster and deepen that initial encounter, into a personal relationship with Jesus. Engaging fully and completely in the parish's welcome, worship and witness on a weekly basis. If you would like a child baptized in this New Year, please call the parish office or Glenna O'Quinn at 902-667-2523.

# In Our Parish Life



## 10th Anniversary—CWL News

On February 8th at 6pm, Mass at Holy Family, prior to the CWL Annual meeting to celebrate their 10th Anniversary as Holy Family CWL.

### CWL February Prayer Reflection 2017

#### Prayer for a Family

Each weekend in February there will be a new part of this prayer added, and will finish by end of February.

*"O dear Jesus,*

*I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead."*

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul's

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). "



**HomeWarming:** For homeowners who qualify, the team provides comprehensive energy audit and works with you to determine the energy efficiency upgrades that make sense for your home. Pick up a form in the gathering area of Holy Family.

### -Heating Assistance Rebate 2016-17-

Deadline: March 31st, 2017. Applications are available in the gathering area on the tables. Check it out for you!!

## Faith Development Information

### (YOUTH)

**Feb 6th— 6:30 pm All Teachers/ Assistants Mtg (hall)**

**February 26th—10 am** Family Session: ALL Parish Invited

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

**M&M Choir Practice**—Sunday Nights 6 pm (Church). M&M lead music the last Saturday of a month from October—May. Next Practice Feb. 12th at 6pm at the Church.

### (ADULT)

## Little Rock Scripture Studies

This years Scripture Study during LENT 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. Dates: Tuesday classes start March 7th at 6:30 pm or Thursday classes start March 9th at 10 am. Deacon Howard Gotell and Viola Corbett (902-667-3274) are facilitating this bible study. Contact Viola with questions or to register for this year's Bible Class

### (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 gain a sense of belonging to the full church through Baptism, and Eucharist? Find out more about our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

**Contact: Sr Teresa 902-667-5611.** Ask the questions, find the answers and feel the difference.

## Knights of Columbus #2916—Service and Ministry

On Jan.29th David Gould, Grand Knight Council #2916, presented all 12 participants of the "Keeping Christ in Christmas" poster contest an award certificate and a cash prize. The following youth participated:

**(age 5-7) Aoife Byrnes #1 and Logan DiMichele #2;**

**(age 8-10) Abbie Byrnes #1, Anna Wood #2, Clare Prendergast #3, Noah Petten # 4, William Graham #5;**

**(age 11-14) Quleanja Laureijs #1, Fumairia Laureijs #2, Allison Prendergast #3, Samantha DiMichelle #4**

**We included one additional category also supported by the Knights -**

**(age 15+) Christelinda Laureijs #1**

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

**EVERYONE WELCOMED**



# 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: \$8.00 /Children & Seniors: \$6.00

### BRING IN OLD PALMS

You are invited to 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 will be a container in the gathering area.

Ash  
Wednesday

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

### 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 & FBook, emailed to Regional Meeting Team and in bulletins. Thanks!



## LENTEN PREPARATION

### Chase the Ace News

Jackpot approximately **\$8500.00**  
Next Entertainment from 7-9 pm:  
**February 10th— LP Express**  
**February 17th— RA and Jack**  
**February 24th— Peter Frenette**

In the month of February, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting a table to talk about a new Ministry. Our new Ministry will support 4 Areas of need:



**1—Mental Illness**—providing support, education, info sessions, and presentations that address Depression/ PTSD/ Postpartum, and all mental illness.

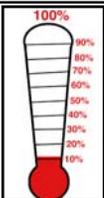
**2—Grief Committee** - formed to provide support, education, retreats and programs for all those who experience any type of loss in their lives and the suffering that it causes. Also providing care and support for spouses, families and friends, after the death of a loved one.

**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 emotionally and spiritually.

**4—Medically Assisted Dying:** Providing education, information and support to those in palliative care discussing options, providing emotional, prayer and family support. Knowing the difference between medically assisted dying and medically assisted death. Supporting the new hospice and families who choose palliative care at home.

Is this Ministry or one of the four areas of focus, something that interests you? Come to the table in the front during the month of February and find out more.

### 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!!

### Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- \* **January 29th Loonie Draw #1547**
- \* **Not played for this week**
- \* **\$466.50 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.





# Worship SCHEDULE



## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekday Mass Schedule

Feb 6		NO MASS	
Feb 7		NO MASS	
Feb 8	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Louise LeBlanc by Holy Family CWL
Feb 9	2:00 pm	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
Feb 10	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Bert VanVulpen by Brian MacKenzie
Feb 10	10:30 am	Centennial Villa	Mass

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses and Lay Led Services

### Feb 11, 2—3:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

Feb 11	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Mass
Feb 11	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Roy & Grace White by their son Ron White
Feb 12	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass for Parishioners
Feb 12	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Feb 12	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Feb 12	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Ronald Robbins by Barbara & Ian MacLeod
Feb 12	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass

### Mary the Mother of Mercy, Prayer Group

THANK-YOU for the gift of Bibles for the Grade 4 Class and the ongoing prayer and support for all our Youth programs.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELONGING?** The Prayer Group meets every Thursday 6:30 pm in large classroom. Drop in and see if this is what you are looking for in your life.

### YOUR PRAYERS—Holy Family

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



**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.

**a YEAR of Prayer** When was the last time you heard anyone, including youth, getting excited about praying the Hail Mary? In Cumberland County, it is happening everyday! This year, Father Keith has established the **YEAR of PRAYER** for all seven county parishes. Starting with the **"Hail Mary"** Challenge, (the first challenge), the purpose is to re-develop a habit and have intentional focus of 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.

### SINCERE CONDOLENCES

For all those family and friends of our parishioners that have passed away.

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

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.



**Prayer Line: Call (902) 597-8313**



# In Our Cumberland County

## 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](mailto:darlene.turnbull@von.ca)

## YMCA—Seniors Paint Day

YMCA of Cumberland is hosting a paint day for Seniors Friday, Feb. 17, 1—4 pm. No Cost but Registration is required. Information/register call 902-667-9112 email: [ashey.grace@cumberland.ymca.ca](mailto:ashey.grace@cumberland.ymca.ca)

## Valentine Dance—50 + Club!!

Valentine Dance, Feb. 11th 8—11pm with music by Stephen Ripley. A light lunch is served after the dance. A 50/50 draw at intermission. Admit: Donation at door. Everyone 50 + and older are welcomed to attend!!

## 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:

600,000 Hall Mary ‘s



# In Our WORLD— From our Adopted Children



**Our Newest Family Member:** “Hi, my name is Kim Gabriel! I am a **9 year** old boy who lives in Manila, Philippines. I live with my parents, 1 brother and 1 sister in a 1 room house with plywood canvas walls, plywood floors and plywood canvas roofing. I attend General Vicente Lim Elementary School in grade 3 and my best subject is Mathematics. My favorite activities are reading and playing basketball. At home I am responsible for house cleaning. I want to be a policeman for those in need. My father collects garbage but doesn't earn enough to support our needs. I want to finish my studies to serve my country at my Sponsor Site, Tondo, sponsorship provides me with educational support, proper nutrition and medical care. The site assists and cares for the malnourished, orphaned and abused children of the community.”

“Hi My name is Sofia Vera Duarte (18 yrs) I send many hugs and kisses to all of you. I want to say Thank You for all the help that you always give to me and I’d like to wish you happiness and joy. I am doing well here. Happy because I passed all my subjects. There are some computer classes I am taking and also I’d like to learn about cooking, which is something I always liked since I was a little girl. The summer break was great with my siblings, mom and son who is four months already. His name is Angelo Adrian. I decided to raise him myself, so that makes me a single mother but my mom and sibling help and support me with this. Also I help my younger siblings do their homework. At night I spend time with my baby and during the day I spend time studying. I say goodbye for now with a tight hug and lots of love.”



**Peter Candelaria Ceriales** who has been with us for a very long time, is from the Philippines and has left the program because he relocated and is now working. He still has hopes to become a policeman. He and the Sponsor Site are very grateful for all the support give to Peter during his years with us. There will be a letter directly from Peter in the mail, and we will be sure to get it in the bulletin.

## **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**