



Holy Family Parish

March 19th, 2017 3rd Sunday of LENT

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

796,410 Hail Mary Prayed since Dec 5th/16



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We have all “been there!” That moment when what we do or what we say, shows who we are or how we see ourselves as Christians. Recently I faced one of those moments and it made me wonder how Jesus must of felt when the Disciples looked at him with the Samaritan women, with (I’m sure) questioningly and accusingly looks. We assisted some individuals in need of help but not from the area. Based on a number of different factors, we felt that we could provide help. We had to access help from another organization, but the most important part was that we showed the “face of GOD” to these individuals. We might be the ONLY Bible that they ever “read,” through our actions and prayers with them. Later that day, I came in contact with a person that assisted us from the outside organization and they bel-lowed to me from a distance “Glenna, you “guys” should never have done what you did for “those people”! They really took you guys for a run!! They were here and they did... and they said...and they acted...” I was shocked, horrified, embarrassed and so many other things in the span of about 10 secs. However, gratefully I didn’t react as I might once have. Very simply...there were times I would have loved this and would have joined in the “gossip” **OR** if I was offend-ed by what they had said, I might have shut them down for embarrassing me, with a very sharp reply. Neither options I am proud of, however this time my reaction was much more Divine and I take **NO credit** for what came out of my mouth. I heard myself say, **“thank you for all your help with that, it really assisted us and we are very appreciative. If they deserved it or not? Who knows?.....I’m not the Judge... I leave that for the Lord to do at the pearly gates! I’ll just keep doing what I think is right down here and hope I make it through those gates too! HA HA”** I was surprised at what they said (and honestly, what I said) but when I got home and thought more about it I realized that this is the same sort of thing as many stories of Jesus and who he spent time with in his journey. Also it is why the Passion of Je-sus’ and His Resurrection, is as important...(if not more important) for others to hear, experience and live today as when it first happened on that 1st Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday Morning. We know the story from many years of sharing the LENTEN journey. Yet, even knowing the price paid, the sacrifice and the promise of eternal life, we still have this stuff happening. I looked at this situation from the eyes of the work being done here at Holy Family with the Ministry of Care & Compassion, Saint Vincent de Paul, Tuesday Luncheon, Christmas Cheer, etc. If we only served those “who deserved it” or those “ we know need help”.....well, we wouldn’t be serving anyone or doing any of these amaz-ing things here! **Honestly, I’m not sure if any of us would be there.** We all know how difficult it is to ask for help....for anything. All of us have been deeply hurt at some point because we have been judged incorrectly or with ill-will from someone. So how do we keep experiencing this attitude in the world? In the Gospel, Jesus talked to the Samaritan Women, someone who “certainly didn’t deserve” his attention, kindness or even be associated with her. He knew what others said about her and her personal situation, and he chose acceptance, kindness and love. He knew that peo-ple **“don’t care how much you know, that can help change their lives, until they know if you care about their lives.”** We don’t know anyone else’s story, and no one truly knows our story....except GOD. The judgement is not for us to make, that is GOD’s job. Our job is **“love the Lord God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second, You shalt love your neighbor as yourself.”** This week “listen to the voice of the Lord” and “harden not our hearts” to our brothers and sisters needing help. :) Glenna

March 26th, 2017 Readings

4th Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13

2nd Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel : John 9:1-41

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS

If you are at Mass today and not of the Catholic faith, please feel free to come up at Communion, cross your arms and receive a blessing from Father or Deacon. Welcome!



Prayer Line:

Call

(902) 597-8313



Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Collection Weekly Update	
Weekend of March 11/12th	
Envelopes	\$2,064.85
Loose	\$211.40
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$12.10
Total	\$3,652.35
SV de Paul	\$304.27



3rd LENT—"When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives?"

Ministry of Care & Compassion: Meeting April 18th at 7 pm

The first meeting for our new Ministry of Care & Compassion will be on **April 18th at 7pm in the St. Charles/Nativity Room**. This is for all those who signed up to learn more or for those who are interested and didn't get a chance to sign up at the table. Please pray for this group as they work on this important ministry. If you have questions please call the Office at 902-667-2523.

Meetings and Happenings—March 2017

Mar 19	6 pm	M&M Choir Practise	Church
Mar 20	1—2 pm	LENTEN VIDEO #2	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 20	6:30 pm	ReconciliationService	Church
Mar 21	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	MacIntyre Hall
Mar 21	6 pm	Junior Youth Group	Landry Room
Mar 21	7 pm	Little Rock #2	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 22	10:30 am	VacationBibleCamp Voluteer Mtg	St.Charl/Nativi
Mar 22	7—9 pm	Senior Youth Group	MacIntrye Hall
Mar 22	6:30 pm	Pastoral Parish Coun	Driscoll Room
Mar 23	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 23	10:30 am	Little Rock #2	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 24	6:00 pm	Way of the Cross	Church
Mar 24	7-9 pm	Chase The Ace	MacIntyre Hall
Mar 26	10 am	Family Session	MacIntyre Hall
Mar 26	11:15 am	Family Mass	Church
Mar 27	1—2 pm	LENTEN VIDEO #2	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 27	7:00 pm	SSVP Mtg	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 28	11:30 am	Tuesday Luncheon	MacIntyre Hall
Mar 28	6:00 pm	Junior Youth Group	MacIntyre Hall
Mar 28	7:00 pm	Little Rock #3	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 29	10:15 am	CWL Exec Mtg	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 29	7:00 pm	Senior Youth Group	MacIntyre Hall
Mar 30	10:30 am	Little Rock #3	St.Charl/Nativi
Mar 31	6:00 pm	Way of the Cross	Church
Mar 31	7-9 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall

Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * **March 12th #1797, Not Played**
- * **\$985.00 prize rolled forward**
- * **Next Draw March 19th, 2017.**
- * Numbers sold before/after Mass each weekend.
- * 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.



March 19th POTLUCK

This Sunday from 4—6 pm, join the Parish Life Team for a LENTEN POTLUCK. Doors open at 4 pm, meal begins at 5pm!!



POTLUCK DINNER

Chase the Ace News

Jackpot approximately **\$11,000.00** Time: 7-9 pm:

March 24th—R.A. and Jack

March 31st—Drew Moore



Please park **ONLY** in our Holy Family parish spots, not the PRIVATE parking for the apartments.

Please Be Sure!

In Our Parish Life

CWL News

CWL Executive Meeting: On March 29th at 10:15 am in the St. Charles/Nativity Room.

CWL Reg. Meeting: April 5th, 7pm in MacIntyre Hall.



It's Soon Time to BOOK Your Spot!

Vacation Bible Camp—July 10—14th, 2017

We are ready to make an “Ocean Commotion-Diving into Noah’s Flood” with our 7th Year of Bible Camp.

Registration Starts on

April 1st—May 1st,

online and at a table in the gathering area.

We will also have Camp T-Shirts going

on sale on April 1st



and you can purchase a T-shirt to Sponsor a child at Camp. T-shirts cost \$8.00 each.

VOLUNTEERS FOR VBC—There will be a meeting of our Adult Volunteers on **March 22nd at 10:30 am** in the St. Charles/Nativity Rooms. We hope that all our regular volunteers are rejoining us again, and hope that new faces join in the fun too! On April 1st, you can register as a volunteer online or at the table in the gathering area. Please pray for our VBC, our volunteers, our leaders, our campers and all who help make camp awesome!



If you have questions, call Glenna at 902-667-2523.

Camp July 10th—14th!

See you then!!

Knights of Columbus #2916—SCHOLARSHIP

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

NEXT—KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

Saturday April 8th 8—11am \$6.00

Toast, Eggs, Bacon, Hash Browns, Tea/Coffee and GREAT FUN!!



FAITH FORMATION: (ADULT)

RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On **April 6th at 7 pm**, Sr. Teresa invites all past RCIA candidates to join for a night of LENTEN REFLECTION combined with tea/coffee/ light snacks and fellowship. **Interested?** This is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the RCIA process. During Lent, it is a good time to renew our faith commitment to yourself and to God. Contact: **Sr Teresa 902-667-5611** to RSVP.



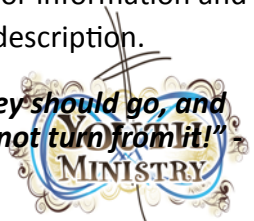
(YOUTH)

Youth Ministry Leader Volunteer Position!!

- * Volunteer (individual or couple) position.
- * Responsible for planning, preparing and executing youth nights on weekly basis. Junior (Grade 4-6), Senior Youth Groups (Grade 7—12)
- * A rewarding and fulfilling position assisting in the life, fun and development of spiritual growth.
- * Fundraising activities for Youth will be responsibility of Glenna with support/assistance from Youth Ministry Leader.
- * Starts now, to gain experience and awareness of our program and youth, taking over September.
- * Contact Glenna 902-667-2523 for information and for copy of this Youth position description.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it!”

Proverbs 22:6



When you don't know where to turn...**211** is your province-wide connection to thousands of services and programs offered by non-profits,

local community groups and government departments. This call will connect you to thousands of programs and services supporting; Seniors, Newcomers & Immigrants, Parents & Families, Housing—permanent & temporary, food, clothing and furniture needs, mental health & addictions and much, much more!

LENT — In Our Parish Family

LENTEN PREPARATION

Flowers for EASTER VIGIL



Anyone interested in making a donation for Easter flowers can do it in memory (or in honor) of a loved one. If you are interested in making a donation, there are special envelopes in the gathering area or contact the Office at 902-667-2523.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER Schedules:

TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!
We will have a calendar in bulletin & Facebook for all to see. Thanks for your patience!



WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE



50 Years of Share Lent Development & Peace

"In 2004, a Tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3, 500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations."

WAY OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

6 pm Friday Nights at Holy Family

Way of the Cross schedule with the group leading prayers.

March 24th: Youth Groups

March 31st: CWL

April 7th: Knights of Columbus

April 14th 11-12pm Service with Walk: Faith Development/SSVP (Service is a Way of the Cross around town) See Posters Up Around!



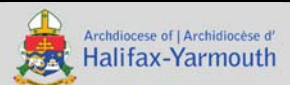
LENTEN FOLDERS — Basket at Back of Church to drop off Lenten Folder offerings!
New Folders are available in Gathering Area.



Christian Meditation: Still struggling to find a way to help you find personal connection with Jesus during this LENTEN Journey? Why not come out and experience and enhance your spiritual practice for Lent and beyond, through Christian Meditation. Come for a short how-to information session on this topic on Monday 20th, 11:15 am in St. Charles /Nativity room. Contact Frank Allen 902-545-2886 or frallen@hotmail.com.



In Our Archdiocese Family



PART 2—LENTEN VIDEO SERIES— Holy Family Parish

Monday, March 20th, 1—2pm, we are hosting the second part of the Archdiocese Lenten Video Series. You may still join the group, even if you missed the first one, to listen to Archbishop Mancini on video regarding FORMATION and then discuss in small groups what we heard and our thoughts.



New Evangelization Summit

The New Evangelization

This year, the Summit will be broadcasted in Berwick, NS, Friday, May 12—13. Take part of this event for \$45 which includes lunch on Saturday. Speakers will lead participants through inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how we can effectively evangelize others. Contact www.newevangelization.ca or check out at St. Joseph's Parish, Kentville, NS www.stjosephskentville.org.



WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This encounter offers married couples the opportunity to spend time together, away from the busyness of the world to focus on each other. It offers tools for building and maintaining a strong Christian marriage in today's world. **April 7—9th is the Next** Marriage Encounter Weekend at Our Lady of Hope, Hope River, PEI. To register contact 902-314-8541 or www.renewmarriage@gmail.com.



Worship SCHEDULE



3rd Sunday of LENT Masses and Lay Led Services

March 19th, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

Mar 18	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Lay Led Service
Mar 18	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Eugenie & Paul Lamarre by Helen Bernard
Mar 18	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass for Malcolm MacNeil by Barbara Gordon
Mar 19	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
Mar 19	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass for Parishioners
Mar 19	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Mass for Ralphena Bancks by Eleanor Thyret
Mar 19	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Lillian Ward by Frank and Joan Allen

3rd Sunday of LENT Weekday Mass Schedule

Mar 20	2:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass
Mar 21	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass
Mar 22	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass
Mar 23	2:00 pm	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
Mar 24	9:30 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by a Friend

4th Sunday of LENT Masses and Lay Led Services

March 26th, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

Mar 25	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Mass
Mar 25	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Wilma White by Dan White
Mar 25	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Mar 26	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass for Parishioners
Mar 26	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Mar 26	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Mar 26	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by Carolyn Driesback

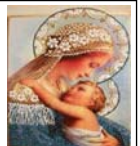
Finance Reminder: Should extreme weather prevent you from attending Mass, you can deposit your envelope in the collection the following weekend. Also you might consider PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance) as a way to ensure your donations are received consistently "rain or shine". PAR forms are in the gathering area or office, then drop in collection when completed. THANK YOU!!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Are you a senior, low income person or family? Maria Kirkpatrick is a volunteer with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and will prepare your Income Tax return free of charge. Contact Maria, at 902-397-0926 to set up an appointment. All information is confidential.

Mary the Mother of Mercy, 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 St. Charles/Nativity Classroom. Drop in and see if this is what you are looking for in life.



SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Our Parish would like to extend our sincere condolences for the family and or friends of :

Thelma Pond

Emmerson DesBarres

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

Light a votive candle as a prayerful reminder of loved one or a special intention. The 75c offering 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.



In Our Cumberland County Family

Retreat Weekend—Loss of Spouse

Between the Hearts Renewal Center, Amherst, NS is the place for a Retreat Weekend called "New Beginnings".

The weekend is for individuals who have, or are experiencing loss through bereavement, separation or divorce from a spouse. The next weekend is being offered on **May 19th—21st, 2017**. For more information or to obtain an application form, please call Ron, New Beginnings Coordinator, at 902-564-0788 or Glenna at the Holy Family Office, 902-667-2523.

This weekend has been offered by the new formed Holy Family, Ministry of Care & Compassion.



The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible

There are two sessions remaining. This study untangles the complex Biblical narrative and helps us to grasp the "big picture" of Scripture. The video program will be held at **St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert on Wednesdays at 11:00am. The next two sessions are on March 22 and 29th.**



Change of Address

If you have had a change of address, please contact your parish office to have the addresses updated for proper mailing to you.

Mental Wellness Expo: Saturday March 25th The Cumberland CAST (Communities Addressing Suicide Together) Coalition is proud to offer a Wellness Expo from 10—4 pm. **Morning Sessions (10—12pm)** at the Four Fathers Library, Acadia St. include four talks (TED Talk Style): Mindfulness, Grief/Loss, Volunteerism and Mental Wellness and Self—Care. **Afternoon (1—4pm)** choice between: SafeTalk Training or Wellness Practice. Bring lunch or order a lunch at Holy Cow Café in Maritime Mosaic! Contact **Janice Melanson at 902-661-0108 or Janice.Melanson@Horizonnb.ca**.

In Our World-Wide Family!

Catholic Register Articles:

- * "Toronto family returns to Italy to share their story with Pope"
- * "Pro-lifers aghast at plan to 'export abortions'"
- * "Vandalism and Hate speech prompts calls to renew faith dialogue"
- * "Seven stories of human rights that aim to inspire"

Get your copy in gathering area!

Holy Father: "Pope warns of a hypocritical charity!" Vatican Mar. 15th

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, today we consider the joy that hope brings to our daily exercise of charity. We know how difficult it is to love as our Lord commands us, and how often our love can be tainted by self-interest. It is important to remember that love – charity – is a grace, the fruit of our saving encounter with God's own love. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord's grace forgives our sins, heals our hearts and enables us to become channels of his own unconditional love. Our efforts to love our brothers and sisters with a pure and disinterested love are really our response to the love we have been shown in Christ. Conscious of our human weakness, let us ask our Lord daily to renew the gift of his love within us and to enable us to be witnesses of that love to others, especially those in greatest need. In this way, we will fulfil the Apostle's command to "rejoice in hope" (*Rom 12:12*), as we strive to grow in the life of charity and to draw others to the merciful love of the Father. I greet the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, particularly the groups from England, Sweden, Canada and the United States of America. I offer a special welcome to the many student groups present. With prayerful good wishes that this Lent will be a time of grace and spiritual renewal for you and your families, I invoke upon all of you joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all! - **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 in the collection and If you have any questions call us at (902) 667-2523.

Our Welcome Committee will be in touch with you!