

Lent



Holy Family Parish

March 26th, 2017 4th Sunday of LENT

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

842,230 Hail Mary Prayed since Dec 5th/16

a YEAR of Prayer

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WE ARE HAVING A BABY!! AND ITS TWINS— A Boy and A Girl!!! (let's be clear.....

it's not me having the baby!!) Sultana Alchhades, our Syrian Mom is coming very close to the twins birthdate and we are going to host a small shower here for her and her family. If you are interested in providing the family with a Baby Shower gift, there is a bassinet in the Gathering Area to drop off your items. If you are dropping off gift cards or cash, please bring them to the office, as they are easier to misplace if

left out in the bassinet. There will be a small shower held at the end of April or first of May depending on Sultana, the baby and when it works out best. It is thought that a small event would prove to not be overwhelming for Sultana, at this time in her language development and her baby/body development. **Please join our community in praying for and celebrating these new Canadian babies to our growing family.** This week brought lots of moving and shaking here at the church with meetings for our "Ring the Bell" project and the team that will be making this happen; there was a session to teach a new way to develop a relationship, or building on the one that you already have, with God through Christian Meditation sessions and then there were our more traditional ways to build faith and a relationship through the Way of the Cross, Little Rock Scripture Studies and the Archbishop's Lenten Video series. This past week with the LENTEN video series, Archbishop Mancini asked if we "knew the difference between an individual and a person?" Now my original thought was that I would put that question in the bulletin this week and then tell you the answer next week...your goal would be to think of an answer, or find some of the people attending the series to tell you or lastly, you could go online to find the answer by watching the video.....and although I think I should still go with that LOL!...the answer is; an **Individual** is the "*characteristics, qualities that make us who we are....our eye color, if a boy or a girl, height, our careers, what makes us unique*". A **Person** however, is someone who "*has the capacity and willingness to go beyond yourself and love someone else.*" Being a person, has nothing to do with us at all....it has to do with others. How we love others, or our lack of loving others, determines our abilities to be a "real" person. I would almost take it one more level though, because I believe it is about loving someone else, but it also means, I believe, "someone else" can't just be our immediate loves...spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, siblings, etc., it must also include the **risk** of loving someone else who is not in our circle, who might not want our love, who is without any social graces, who is broken, who is homeless, who is ill, who is alone.....Loving "someone else", I believe, means we are to love everyone else outside ourselves to be a better "person", with the more we love, making us better and better!! Now lets think about that. What if everyone we met, we talked about, we thought about, we share time with, we visited....we went out of our way to LOVE them....in spite of everything? How would that change you as a person? How would that change us as people coming together to share Eucharist each week? How would that change others? How could that change our lives, our parish, our county, our country, our world? It starts and ends with love in our words, our thoughts, actions, what we say and what we don't say. The bible uses LOVE up to 551 times, and it makes it clear that our love is for everyone. Let's be a community of amazing "people" sharing our love to



April 2nd, 2017 Readings

5th Sunday of LENT

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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 18/19th	
Envelopes	\$2217.75
Loose	\$163.85
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$17.90
Total	\$3763.50
SV de Paul	\$320.80



4th LENT—*"The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?"*

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

The 1st meeting for our new Ministry of Care & Compassion will be **April 18th at 7pm in the St. Charles/Nativity Room**. For all 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 develop this ministry. If you have questions please call the Office at 902-667-2523.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Meetings and Happenings—March/April 2017

Mar 26	7 pm	Knights BINGO	Robie St Hall
Mar 27	1—2 pm	LENTEN VIDEO #3	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 27	7:00 pm	SSVP Mtg	St.Charl/Nativ
Mar 27	7:00 pm	Knights BINGO	Robie St. Hall
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 #4	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 #4	St.Charl/Nativi
Mar 30	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativi
Mar 31	6:00 pm	Way of the Cross	Church
Mar 31	7-9 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 2	6:00 pm	M&M Choir Practise	Church
Apr 2	7:00 pm	Knights BINGO	Robie St Hall
Apr 3	1—2 pm	Lenten Video #4	St.Charl/Nativ
Apr 3	7:00 pm	Gr 3 ReconciliationMtg	St.Charl/Nativ
Apr 3	7:00 pm	Knights BINGO	Robie St Hall
Apr 4	7:00 pm	Little Rock #5	St.Charl/Nativi
Apr 4	6:00 pm	Junior Youth Group	Landry Room
Apr 5	7:00 pm	CWL Regular Mtg	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 5	7:00 pm	NO Senior Group	NO
Apr 6	10:30 am	Little Rock #5	St.Charl/Nativi
Apr 6	7:00 pm	RCIA Lenten Night	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 6	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativi

Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * March 19th #1309, Not Played
- * \$1070.00 prize rolled forward
- * Next Draw March 26th, 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.



POTLUCK THANK-YOU!!

A huge thank you to our Parish Life Team for a fabulous and delicious Potluck on Sunday evening. Thank you to those who attended and made it a truly wonderful event! We are so grateful for the love of this community!



Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm

Jackpot approximately **\$12,000.00**

March 31st—"Slim Pickins"

April 7th— Steve Wells



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

Mass of Healing will be on April 6th at 11 am with light lunch afterwards in the MacIntyre Hall, please join us in healing.

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.**

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.



Liturgy Committee Chairperson:

At the end of April, Frank Allen will be stepping down as Chair of the Liturgy

Committee having serviced this position for many years.

This position is a volunteer position, responsibilities: working with Liturgy Committee building Liturgy plans with Father for all Liturgical Seasons, Special Masses and workshops and leading meetings. **Contact Frank Allen for information and copy of position at 902-545-2886.**

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

(Due to changes in responsibilities, Glenna will be stepping down from this position in the Fall. We hope to keep our youth groups going with this new position. Please consider.)

- * 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 the 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

CUMBERLAND COUNTY EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday:

6:00pm Mass Joggins / 7:30 pm Mass Amherst

Good Friday:

11:00am Service/Way of the Cross around Town Amherst
2:00 pm Service Joggins / 3:30 pm Service Amherst

EASTER VIGIL Saturday:

6:00 pm Mass Joggins/ 8:00 pm Mass Amherst

EASTER SUNDAY:

9:00 am Mass Pugwash / 9:00 am Mass Parrsboro
11:00 am Mass Springhill / 11:15 am Amherst
6:30 pm Mass Streets Ridge

50 Years of Share Lent Development & Peace



“Did you know that in 1982, Development & Peace— Caritas Canada launched its first three-year mobilization and education campaign, entitled “Military: Obstacle to Development?” Take time to go online and hear personal stories of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how D&P is helping to change the female workforce and financial autonomy of women in her region. www.devp.org/sharelent/videos to see videos.



WAY OF THE CROSS LENT SCHEDULE

6 pm Friday Nights at Holy Family

Groups Leading Below:

March 31st:

CWL

April 7th:

Knights

April 14th 11-12pm Service with Walk of the Cross:

Saint Vincent de Paul and the Faith Development Youth Program invite everyone to join us in the church at 11 am on Good Friday for “Way of Cross through town”. This idea came out of the ‘Walk Against Poverty’ done in September, connecting the reality of poverty right here around us, with the stereotypes of poverty. The Way of the Cross will connect the suffering and pain of the journey of Jesus and His crucifixion to the stress, pain and suffering many do right around us and how do we respond to our mandate to help those in need? Tea/Coffee in hall afterwards.



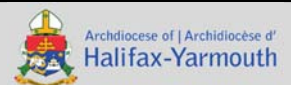
LENTEN FOLDERS — Basket at Back of

Church to drop off Lenten Folder offerings!

New Folders are available in Gathering Area.



In Our Archdiocese Family



PART 3—LENTEN VIDEO SERIES— Holy Family Parish

Monday, March 27th, 1—2pm, we are hosting the third part of the Archdiocese Lenten Video Series. You may still join the group, even if you missed the other ones, 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 in 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



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 Drosbeck

4th Sunday of LENT Weekday Mass Schedule

Mar 27	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass
Mar 27	1:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Mar 28	2:00 pm	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass
Mar 29	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by Barbara McLeod
Mar 31	9:30 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Ambroise Boyle by Doris Boyle and Family

5th Sunday of LENT Masses and Lay Led Services

April 2nd, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

Apr 1	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Lay Led Service
Apr 1	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Victor Francis by Bertha DesBarres
Apr 2	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
Apr 2	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 2	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Apr 2	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for John Paul by Aiden
Apr 2	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass

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 the 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.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

**Karen Compagnon, sister of Eddie Arsenault
And Mary Haley, mother of Kathleen Baxter**

"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.

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.



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

The last session will be held at **St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert on March 27th, Mon at 1:45pm.**

FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP

Amherst: Spring Auction & Taste Tester on Wednesday March 29th, at 7:00 pm Tickets are \$10.00 each available at the church office or by phone 902-667-2001.



Trinity United Church will be hosting the 70 Voice-Mount Allison Choral Society Choir for a concert on Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00 pm. There is no charge for this concert, donations are appreciated. For more information please contact Trinity United Church tssuc@eastlink.ca

Amherst Lioness Fundraiser Paint—An afternoon with Arlene Collins at the Lions Club 9 Electric St. Sunday April 23rd from 2—4 pm. \$40 /person includes lunch/ refreshments/ door prizes and all supplies. Wine available to purchase. Contact: Shirley Leblanc 902-667-8848 or Linda Johnson 902-274-2006 for more details.

In Our World-Wide Family!

The Catholic Register:

- * "The Woman who Corresponds with Condemned Prisoners"
- * "Pope to Visit Colombia in aftermath of Peace Deal"
- * "Collins, Crosby condemn Trudeau abortion Policy"
- * "Recognizing our blindness"

Copies in gathering area for your enjoyment!

"Pope gives Life to Married Priests debate" : From News Feeds Internet

"Pope Francis said he is open to the possibility of permitting married men to become priests to address the serious shortage of Catholic priests in some countries. The pope raised the idea in an interview with the German newspaper *Die Zeit*. He ruled out the prospect of allowing single men who are already priests to marry but was open to the idea of allowing unmarried laymen or men already married to be ordained. The pope raised the prospect in the context of allowing "viri probati," Latin for "tested men," to be ordained in places with a scarcity of priests. He told the newspaper the lack of Catholic priests was an "enormous problem" for the church. "We need to think about whether 'viri probati' could be a possibility," he told the German weekly. "If so, we would need to determine what duties they could undertake, for example, in remote communities." Francis said allowing priests in training to choose whether or not to be celibate was "not the solution". The idea of permitting married priests has been simmering at lower levels in the church in recent years." Check out more on this discussion, with the article by Bob Brehl in the Catholic Register.



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.

Our Welcome Committee will be in touch with you!