

Happy  
Easter

Celebrate the  
resurrection of  
our Lord!



## Holy Family Parish

April 16th, 2017 Easter Sunday

Happy and Blessed Easter!!!

Hitting 1 Million Hail Mary's prayed  
since Dec 5th, 2016



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*Jesus is Risen. Alleluia. Thanks be to GOD. Alleluia!!*

Happy Easter everyone! This is the most beautiful week of the year, especially for our community. This week is about family, about love, about sacrifice and about saying “yes” to all that your GOD offers and asks. Our county community said “YES” in December when we participated in the Hail Mary Prayer challenge. Many never dreamt what doing one million Hail Mary’s would look like, or what could happen. This past Tuesday our prayers reached 997,971. I think we can safely say we are at **1 MILLION Hail Mary’s prayers** this Easter, since starting these on December 5th. This is truly a county achievement, as all seven parishes participated in achieving this challenge together; as we prayed for all those who are away from their faith to return and for those without a relationship with Jesus, to have one. This has been wonderful, and we continue to see many new faces, new families and new opportunities happening for our community. GOD is Good! As for opportunities, this past week was I had the opportunity to do the 2nd Reading at the Chrism Mass with all the Deacons, Priests, Vicars, and Archbishop Mancini. To me, the Chrism Mass was something so special and so steeped in tradition and ritual, something above my “faith paygrade”, (meaning I didn’t think I was worthy as a reader at the Chrism Mass). I did agree and on Tuesday, with four passengers; Sean, Angie Landry and two confirmation students, Logan Pipes and Josh Nowlan, we headed to Halifax. It was a beautiful experience, and even better than I imagined. We were “newbies” for the experience, and we joined Linda Fraser, Christelinda, Fumairia and Quleanja Laureijs at the Basilica. Seeing everything for the first time was amazing, but watching these youth see it for their first experience, was priceless. Finally, but truly the most important of all, we began the Triduum on Holy Thursday, sharing the greatest love story of eternal life and everlasting love. LENT is over and the celebrations of LIFE begin, celebrating Jesus’ journey, from the day that his mother, Mary, said “YES” to Angel Gabriel. Mary said “YES” to taking this journey with her precious son, even knowing it would be the most painful and disturbing experience she would ever live through. Mary said “YES” when she walked every step, feeling every whip, beside Jesus until the very end. That kind of faith, that kind of love, is ours. We were reminded at the Chrism Mass, our Baptismal rite is to be “priests, prophets and Kings; living always as members of His body and sharing everlasting life.”. We are baptized with our “ears open to receive the word” and “our mouths ready to proclaim the faith of Lord Jesus”. Let’s renew the joy, the peace and the love of our Baptisms, in our words, our thoughts and our actions to others. Let us all take this Easter Season as a time to evaluate how we are doing on being “priests, prophets and Kings” in our personal lives, in our family, in our parish and in our world. Let us share the great news that Jesus is Risen, and that we all have a home with Him and GOD when we leave this world. Happy Easter Holy Family family!

**“This is the day of the Lord, let us rejoice and be glad”. Alleluia, Alleluia** :) Glenna xo



### April 23rd, 2017 Readings

2nd Sunday of EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-27

2nd Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel : John 20: 29

### 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 Keith or Deacon Howard.

Please park in  
our Holy Family  
parish spots, not



the PRIVATE parking for apartments. **Please Be Sure!**



# Being Good Stewards of Time, Talent and Treasure



Collection Weekly Update	
Weekend of April 8/9th	
Envelopes	\$2481.00
Loose	\$194.80
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$18.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2694.00</b>
<b>SV de Paul</b>	<b>\$378.86</b>



"Very early in the morning after the sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!"

- Stewardship Quotes.

## Financial Contribution Ideas:

**Have** you set up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) for your weekly contributions? This is an option if you travel a lot, away with sports teams or if you spend months in Winter away or at the beach for the Summer. The forms for PAR are in the gathering area or office, then drop in the collection when completed.



## Offering Envelopes



**If** you have past envelopes that have not been deposited, due to weather or visiting elsewhere, you can still drop them in the baskets at Mass or drop in the office Mon—Fri, 9—12noon.

**Financial** contributions can also be made

by purchasing one of the 22 "Donor Chairs" still left in the church. There are 22 red chairs in the church that can be donated in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. The "Donor Chair" is \$110.00 per chair, **and it includes** the cost of the brass plate with the inscription. Contact the office for more details or to purchase a chair for a loved one.



**Finally**, anyone who is interested in restarting their monthly financial campaign contributions, can contact the office to set up through PAR or other options.

**Thanks for your continuous support financially.**

## Meetings and Happenings—April 2017

Apr 17	Holiday—Office Closed	Holiday—Office Closed	Holiday—Office Closed
Apr 18	NO	NO Tuesday Luncheon	NO
Apr 18	10 am	VBC Work Teams	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 18	6 pm	Junior Youth Group	Landry Room
Apr 18	7pm	Ministry C&C Mtg	St.Charl/Nativ.
Apr 19	1—3pm	"Let's Talk" Together	St.Charl/Nativ.
Apr 19	7 pm	Senior Youth Group	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 20	10 am	Pastoral Planning Team	Driscoll Room
Apr 20	1:30pm	Seniors Outreach	Sr.Teresa's
Apr 20	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativi
Apr 21	7—9 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 23	6 pm	M&M Choir	Church
Apr 24	7 pm	SSVP Regular Meeting	St.Charl/Nativi
Apr 25	11 am	Final Tuesday Lunch	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 25	6 pm	Final Junior Youth Grp	Landry Room
Apr 25	6:30—8:30	Living Your Strengths 1	St.Charl/Nativ
Apr 26	10 am	Lady of Good Council	Church Mass
Apr 26	6:30 pm	Parish Pastoral Mtg	Driscoll Room
Apr 27	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativity

## Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- \* April 9th—#1476, Not Played
- \* \$1343.50 prize rolled forward
- \* Next Draw April 16th, 2017.
- \* \*\*\*\*\*
- \* **On April 22/17, all numbers that have not been played in the previous six weeks will be removed from the draw. If you have questions, please contact Vince Byrne or Dana Carr via our office 902-667-2523.**
- \* 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.



**Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm**

Jackpot approximately **\$13,000.00**

**April 21st—Drew Moore**

**April 28th—Ron, Ruth and Evange**

# In Our Parish Life



## CWL News

On **April 26th, at 10 am** the Holy Family CWL are going to be hosting our Lady of Good Counsel Mass, with CWL members from all the County coming together. This Mass is a wonderful Mass of honor of our Lady of God Counsel. Light brunch served in the Hall afterwards for those in attendance.

## Register on April 1st! VBCamp July 10—14th, 2017

**T-Shirt sponsorships on sale NOW!!** Purchase a T-shirt for a child attending Camp for \$8.00. Registrations for campers and volunteers at the table too. Questions? Call Glenna at 902-667-2523. **VOLUNTEER WORK SESSION** starts on April 18th at 10:00 am in the hall. Wear your work clothes! Thank you to all who volunteer their time.



## 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.

## Ministry of Care & Compassion: "Let's Talk" Together Apr.19th

From 1—3pm our coffee/tea pots are on, as we gather to share our stories, learn from others and be together supporting lives affected by Mental Health Challenges. Please join us!

## Knights of Columbus #2916

Looking for some fun and a little exercise? The Knights of Columbus is looking for people to join its Tuesday night fun bowling league. Teams are averaged fairly on a weekly basis. All levels of bowlers are welcomed. Cost is \$11.00/per person for 3 strings, and runs from Sept-May. If interested, contact Chris at 902-614-1558. **Deadline is August 1st, 2017**



## 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**

## FAITH FORMATION: (YOUTH)



Please pray for the students, parents, teachers and assistants of Grade 2/3 Split Class and Confirmation Class, as they prepare for their Sacramental celebrations for their class. The Grade 2/3 split class celebrate **Reconciliation on May 6th, at 10 am** and **Confirmation on June 4th, at the 11:15 am Mass**. Both celebrations have a reception afterwards, sponsored by the CWL. The cakes are donated by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you to the parents for their support of these programs.

## Liturgy Committee News:

We would like to Welcome our new Chairperson, Liturgy Committee **Chris Manuge!** Chris is replacing Frank Allen. Thank You Frank for your many years of service and look forward to still be working with you on Liturgy!! Congrats Chris!!



## ***Retreat Weekend called "New Beginnings"....***

A retreat for individuals who have, or experiencing loss through bereavement, separation or divorce from a spouse. The retreat weekend is **May 19th—21st, 2017**. For information or for an application form call Ron, New Beginnings at 902-564-0788 or our office at 902-667-2523. This is offered by the Holy Family, Ministry of Care & Compassion and Between the Hearts Renewal Center.



## **10 year pin—Louise Tower**

**Congratulations to Louise Tower for receiving her 10 years of service pin and certificate at the recent Saint Vincent de Paul Society Meeting.**

## YEAR END REPORT

Please find in the gathering area, copies of the year end letter from SSV President Veronica Richards and the Financial Report for 2016. If there are no copies left, please check with the office for one.



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Holy Week 2017

Dear friends,

In a few days we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and this year, like every other year, we will wish each other a Happy Easter. This is a good custom but what do we actually mean by this wish? What does a happy Easter look like? What is the content of the experience? And what does Happy Easter communicate to people of our time?

It seems to me that Easter like so many of our Christian holy days, has been emptied of its Christian content. As I walk around our shopping centers, drug stores and markets, Easter has been reduced to shopping for spring clothes, chocolate bunnies and Easter eggs.

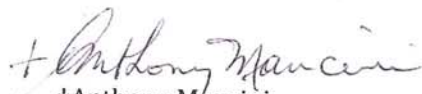
I find myself wondering how the Resurrection of the Lord, the most amazing event in history, could be reduced to a spring holiday. Christ's Resurrection turned reality upside down, death was put to death, life was given hope, because love triumphed over evil.

The Resurrection of the Lord, therefore, is what we celebrate as the foundation of our faith and the source of our joy. It is this joy and happiness that we wish each other because our friends and families, our neighbours and our world need to hear this good news. The Resurrection of our Lord is what gives Christ's disciples the hope to carry on, even in a world which, at times, seems to be lost in darkness, divisions and conflicts. If hope springs eternal, it's not because of spring, it's because of our Resurrection hope!

During this coming holy week, let us make the effort to join our Lord as he walks again the Via Crucis. Let us accompany him through his passion and death on the Cross. May the amazement, surprise and tremendous joy of Christ's Resurrection cause us to exclaim: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Yes, let us wish each other a happy Easter, but maybe we might also greet each other with the ancient Christian statement of faith: "Christ is Risen!" The appropriate response is "He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Sincerely yours,



†Anthony Mancini  
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

**Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord Weekend Mass and Lay Led Service**

**April 15th, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish**

Apr 15	6:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Easter Vigil
Apr 15	8:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Easter Vigil Mass for Margaret Holland By Yvonne Stewart
Apr 16	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 16	9:00 am	St Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass
Apr 16	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Mass
Apr 16	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Margaret Belliveau by Anita & Glen White
Apr 16	2:00 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass for Malcom MacNeil by Eileen & Sharon

**1st Sunday of Easter Weekday Mass Schedule**

Apr 17	9:30 am	Holy Family Amherst	Mass
Apr 18	OFF	OFF	OFF
Apr 19	9:30 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass
Apr 19	7:00 pm	Correctional Centre	Mass
Apr 20	2:30 pm	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
Apr 21	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass

**2nd Sunday of Easter Masses and Lay Led Services**

**April 22nd, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish**

Apr 22	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Lay Led Service
Apr 22	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Donald Landry by Bernadette Brown
Apr 22	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Apr 23	9:00 am	St Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 23	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Apr 23	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Apr 23	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for James Ryan by Madeline Ryan

**FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION:** Are you a senior, low income person or family? Maria Kirkpatrick volunteers with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and will prepare your Income Tax return free of charge. Call Maria at 902-397-0926 for appointment. All information is confidential.



**Finance Reminder:** If you have missed a weekend Mass for any reason, you can still drop past envelopes in the basket for the next Mass. Also please consider PAR (pre-authorized remittance) as a way to ensure your donations are received each week. If you spend the summer at the cottage, or are away a lot on weekends for work or personal travel, participating in the PAR ensures that your continued support is in place to help with all the regular costs of running the parish are met each week. Thank you for your continuous support!! Amen!

Thanks!  
for your  
Support!!

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

Our Parish would like to extend our sincere condolences for our parishioners who have lost a loved one in their family and to the family and friends of :

**Janet Ott  
Edna 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 Weekday Mass. There is Holy Hour prior to weekday Mass from 8:30—9:30 am. Consider joining, all are welcomed.



# In Our Cumberland County Family



## Organ & Tissue Donation Awareness:

On **April 20th at First Baptist Church at 5:30pm** (speakers at 6pm), Legacy of Life and Campbell's Funeral Home will sponsor a public awareness event in recognition of Organ/Tissue Donation Awareness Week. There will be speakers from the Kidney Foundation, Multi-Organ Transplant Program and Canadian Blood Services, as well as tables representing various other related organizations. Any questions, call Greg Wilson at 902-667-1741.

## Amherst Lioness Fundraiser : An afternoon with Arlene

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

## The Cumberland Singers—Presents "Magic Moments"

Songs from the Classics Era 60's—80's, Friday **May 5th at 7:30 pm** at Wentworth Recreation Center. Adults \$10 Children Under 12 \$5 Proceeds to Wentworth Recreation Center.



Rutharden LeBlanc Memorial Bursary—Applications are available in the gathering area or at A.R.H.S Guidance Office for a graduating student or graduate student studying in the field of music at the post-secondary level and have not already received this bursary. **DEADLINE: May 5th, 2017**

# In Our World-Wide Family!

## The Catholic Register:

- ◇ "All in the family—Alemao brothers are set to be ordained together."
- ◇ "Doctors being 'bullied' over assisted suicide, legislators told."
- ◇ "ShareLife funds help sisters spread virtues"
- ◇ "For Jesuits, love is where the conversation begins"
- ◇ "Healing Power comes in many forms"

Pick up a copy in the Gathering Area.

## Our Newest Chalice Child:

Recently we were told that our Adopted Daughter Sophie, had decided to leave the sponsor program. Like Peter our previous adopted son, a few months ago who also was moving out of the program. The Chalice Sponsorship program is a huge support to many children and families all around the world. With Sophie "graduating" from the program, we were notified that we now have a new child. This week we learned of our adopted son, joining our other child Kim Gabriel, is named ***Tobias Ezequiel Servin Rivas***. Tobias is 7 years old and lives in Valle Kare-Itaugua, in Paraguay. He is in Grade 2 and he is learning to read, add and subtract. He likes to study and to play. The site he belongs to is the Don Bosco Sponsor Site, run by the Salesian Congregation which aims to ***"promote quality education and spiritual growth for children and youth living in poverty"***. Our sponsorship ensures a better standard of life and access to health check-ups, medication and contributes to a more dignified life.

## **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!**