

# Lent



## Holy Family Parish

April 2nd, 2017 5th Sunday of LENT

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

850,348 Hail Mary Prayed since Dec 5th/16

a YEAR of Prayer

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Things are changing around us. This LENTEN Journey is (hopefully), starting to wake us up "inside ourselves", and we also are starting to see things changing "outside ourselves"; in the weather, length of daylight, the first break of flowers through the ground or the warmth of the sun shining on us. Some of the things that are changing we can have some control over; the time spent in prayer, Hail Marys' being said, fasting, quiet

time, adding weekday mass once a week or more. However, most of what happens during this LENTEN journey, (and in life too), we have no control over and that is the most difficult part. We have no control over what happens in the world around us, the people around us, situations or history about us. We know there is a great deal that we can't control, so I wonder, is the purpose of all this to see how we ACT when we have no control? What is our response? Do we have a failure attitude? ("doesn't matter anyway"), or do we look at others to change ("not my fault!"), or do we ignore reality ("it's all good, really") or do we react with faith? ("God's got this and I need to learn something about myself through this experience"). This is similar to our Gospel reading today, where Mary and Martha had no control over Lazarus dying, nor over Jesus' decision to delay his travel for 2 days before returning to them. How did Mary and Martha choose to ACT in this emotional situation? They acted with faithfulness in spite of the loss of their brother Lazarus. They acted with reverence to Jesus' arrival by meeting him, first Martha and then Mary, as he arrived. They acted, in spite of their loss and their hurt, and responded with trust in the Lord, by removing the stone after Jesus asks them to "Take Away the Stone". There is an "older" hymn that is one of my favorites **They'll Know We Are Christians**". It talks about how others will see us, as we act to experiences in our lives. **"By our Love, by our Love"** is the rest of that verse. It says we'll **"walk hand in hand...work side by side...one in the spirit"**. So question? At this part of the LENTEN Journey, will the world around us **KNOW** that we are Christians by our Love? By our "Walk"? By our "Work"? By our "Way we show others"? We can't be Christians to our 'church family' and then treat another religion with impatience or disrespect. We can't be Christians if we get involved with gossip about others or about situations, instead of lifting up those around us. We must be love to all, in all situations. Those dressed in good clothes or those with clothes that haven't been washed in a very long time. Those who can do something for us, and those who could never do anything for us in return. Change will always be a part of our lives, from the littlest of changes to the drastic ones. Change that we can affect, and change that is thrown on us...sometimes when we think we don't have much strength left. Change is good or bad, depending on how you look at it personally. Let us be more like Martha and Mary, in our response to change that happens to us and even more the changes that we are experiencing this LENT. Let us be faithful in spite of loss; let us be reverent in spite of pain; let us be trusting in spite of the unknown and let us be in love with the possibilities that Jesus has for us, as we journey through this LENT and Easter season, honoring and loving God. Let us "show we are Christians, by our love, by our love!!" <3 Glenna xo



### April 9th, 2017 Readings

Palm Sunday: Passion of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11  
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

### 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. Welcome to our faith "family" home!

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	
<b>Weekend of March 25/26th</b>	
Envelopes	\$2,231.00
Loose	\$223.30
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3818.30</b>
<b>SV de Paul</b>	<b>\$442.11</b>



**"Let's Talk" Together**  
**April 19th from 1—3pm.**  
 Opportunity to share, listen and connect. For those searching for ways to find Mental Health and Wellness. Come enjoy tea, coffee Questions?  
 Call: 902-667-2523.

Meetings and Happenings—April 2017			
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/Nativi
Apr 3	7:00 pm	Gr 3 ReconciliationMtg	St.Charl/Nativi
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
Apr 7	11:00 am	Liturgy Meeting	Driscoll Room
Apr 7	2:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting	Driscoll Room
Apr 7	6:00 pm	Way of the Cross	Church
Apr 7	7—9 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 8	8—11 am	Knights Breakfast	5 Robie St Hall
Apr 8/9	12-12pm	THINKfast Overnight	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 9	6:00 pm	M&M choir practise	Church
Apr 11	11:00 am	Tuesday Luncheon	MacIntyre Hall
Apr 11	6:00 pm	NO Jr Youth Group	NO
Apr 12	7—9 pm	NO Sr Youth Group	NO
Apr 13	7:30 pm	Holy Thursday Mass	Church
Apr 14	11:00 am	Walk through Town for Way of the Cross Service	Start at Holy Family
Apr 14	3:30 pm	Good Friday Service	Church

## 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, plus 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.**

## Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- \* **March 26th #1295, Not Played**
- \* **\$1160.50 prize rolled forward**
- \* **Next Draw April 2nd, 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.



## Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm

Jackpot approximately **\$12,700.00**

**April 7th— Steve Wells**

**April 14th—Good Friday No Chase the Ace**

# In Our Parish Life

## CWL News



Mass and Anointing of the Sick on Thursday, April 6th at 11 am in the church, with light lunch afterwards in the MacIntyre Hall.

**CWL Reg. Meeting April 5th:** The CWL evening starts at 6pm with a reflection "My Journey into Holy Week", facilitated by Deacon Gotell. All are invited to attend the reflection. The regular meeting follows at 7pm.

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



**T-Shirt sponsorships on sale April 1st!!**  
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.

**WELCOME TWINS!** The Alchehades are very close to welcoming their new daughter and son to their family. So we are having a "shower" for the family. If you have a gift for the twins, there is a bassinet in the gathering area, to drop them off. Please bring gift cards or money donations to the office to include them. There is need for two cribs for the babies. Questions? Call the office at 902-667-2523.



## Liturgy Committee Chairperson:



Looking for a Chair or Co-Chair, for our faithful Liturgy Committee. This position is a volunteer position, with responsibilities including: working with Liturgy Committee building Liturgy plans with Father for all Liturgical Seasons, Special Masses, facilitating workshops and meetings. A fulfilling experience within the Liturgy of our faith experience. **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 ourselves 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 1992, Rigoberta Menchu, a friend of D&P—Caritas Canada, received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work defending the rights of the indigenous peoples?”* To learn more about this inspiring woman, visit [www.devop.org/sharelent/videos](http://www.devop.org/sharelent/videos).

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS** — If you would like to make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one, pick up an envelope in gathering area or in the office.



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

### WAY OF THE CROSS LENT SCHEDULE



◇ April 7th 6pm : Knights of Columbus

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

Saint Vincent de Paul and the Faith

Development Youth Program invite everyone to join them in the church at 11 am on Good Friday for **“Way of Cross through town”**. This idea came from the ‘Walk Against Poverty’ 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 to challenge us how do we respond to our mandate as baptism Christians, to help those in need? Tea/Coffee in hall afterwards.



# In Our Archdiocese Family



## PART 4—LENTEN VIDEO SERIES— Holy Family Parish

**Monday, April 3rd, 1—2pm**, we are hosting the last 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](http://www.newevangelization.ca) or check out at St. Joseph's Parish, Kentville, NS [www.stjosephskentville.org](http://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](mailto:www.renewmarriage@gmail.com).

**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

**5th Sunday of LENT Weekday Mass Schedule**

Apr 3	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass
Apr 3	2:00 pm	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Apr 4	OFF	OFF	NO MASS
Apr 5	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Anna Doucette by Friend
Apr 6	11:00 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for with Anointing of the Sick
Apr 6	2:00 pm	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
Apr 7	9:30 am	Holy Family Amherst	Mass

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Masses and Lay Led Services**

***April 9th, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish***

Apr 8	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Mass
Apr 8	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Stanley Gould by Sean & Glenna O'Quinn
Apr 8	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
Apr 9	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
Apr 9	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass for Parishioners
Apr 9	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
Apr 9	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Fr. Vernon Driscoll by Sean & Glenna O'Quinn



**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 Weekday Mass. There is **Holy Hour** prior to weekday mass from 8:30-9:30. Consider joining, all are welcome.

**In Loving Memory of.....**



As we draw closer to the 1st Anniversary of Father Vernon Driscoll's passing, let our prayer be that each of us take the love, joy and passion Father Vernon had for his life and for God; and use it in our lives, showing others our love, joy and passion for life and our faith. Sharing the Gospel, caring for others, loving our families in spite of differences and being the Bible for others. Thankful for his time with us.

***RIP Father Vernon Driscoll April 9th, 2016***

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

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

***"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.

# In Our Cumberland County Family

**Annual General Meeting:** Cumberland County Hospice Palliative Care Society Annual General Mtg is Wed. April 5th, at 7:00 pm at the NS Community College Amherst Campus, S. Albion St. Immediately following the meeting, the NSCC Amherst second year business administration students will present CCHPCS's new strategic plan. All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

## 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.

**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.



**Trinity United Church** will be hosting the 70 Voice Mount Allison Choral Society Choir for a concert this 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](mailto:tssuc@eastlink.ca).

# In Our World-Wide Family!

**National Catholic Mission 2017: " Our Final Gift and the Promise of Life Everlasting"** Based on the writings of Fr. Henri Nouwen, one of the best known spiritual writers of the last 100 years, with Sister Sue Mosterller and Fr. Ron Rolheiser. In these works, Fr Henri, began to speak of how the final task in life is to give one's death to others. "We are meant to give our lives for others, but we are also meant, to give our deaths for them." Check out: **Vision TV : Part 1—Apr 10, 8pm, Part 2—Apr 11, 8pm or Salt & Light TV: Part 1- Apr.11 , 9 pm, Part 2– Apr12, 9pm. ( National Catholic Broadcasting Council)**



## The Catholic Register:

- \* " A Pilgrimage to Rome to meet Pope Francis for 10 Atlantic Bishops"
- \* "Doctor' rights guaranteed under Charter, says lawyer"
- \* "Search goes on for answers to abuse"
- \* "A man of the cloth, a priest of the rink"
- \* "Raising motherhood to its rightful place"

Copies in gathering area!

## "Make confession more available" : From Vatican News Feeds Internet

"Hear confessions every time someone asks," Pope Francis says, and don't ever put limited hours on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "Please, let there never be those signs that say, 'Confessions: Mondays and Wednesdays from this time to that time,'" he told hundreds of confessors and other participants attending an annual course sponsored by the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court that handles issues related to the absolution of sin. "Hear confession every time someone asks you. And if you are sitting there, praying, leave the confessional open because God's heart is open," he said March 17. Confession "is a pastoral priority," and is a daily call to head to the "peripheries of evil and sin, and this is an ugly periphery," he said. "I'll confess," he told his audience, that the Apostolic Penitentiary "is the tribunal that I really like because it is a 'tribunal of mercy,' where one goes to get that indispensable medicine for our souls, which is divine mercy." Be ready to use confession as an opportunity to evangelize and remind people of the basic, essential truth of faith and morality, he told them.



## 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!**