



Holy Family Parish

April 9th, 2017 Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord

HOLY WEEK 2017

948,006 Hail Mary's prayed since Dec 5th, 2016

1 MILLION is very close!



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Here we are at the very beginning of Holy Week. Take a look back for a second, back to March 1st when Ash Wednesday began our LENTEN journey. What has LENT been for you, your family, your faith life? On this 40 day journey, has anything changed? Have you allowed for anything to change? As we enter Holy Week, a lot is asked of us.....to spend this week aware and engaged in the sacrifice that God made of His Son Jesus, so that we shall have eternal life. What does that mean today in our life? How do we stop long enough, or at all, and truly honor this sacrifice? How much are we willing to sacrifice in our life this week, to be present during the week of beautiful symbols, signs and rituals that our Catholic faith celebrates at Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Mass. This week has meant different things in my life. As a young child it was a "goal" to be old enough to get to go to these special services during the week; as a teen my desire changed and it was a "drag" to have to be "at church" all week. As I've have gotten older, and became a mother, I have appreciated this week in other different ways. Sharing with my children the true story of a love so great; how GOD would sacrifice His own Son, so that we, all of us, His children, would be guaranteed eternal life. Now I appreciate why I didn't truly understand how truly amazing this was as a child, or as a teen, but as I have gotten older, I have a willingness to see faith from a different place. I also realized as a mother, that in order for a child to "choose faith in their lives" they have to know what faith means, what it looks like, what it can do and what it can't do, in our lives. A child learns faith, in the same way all traditions are learned, by stories, by memories and by experiencing them firsthand. Our faith has all those opportunities, with the stories of the Bible, with the memories of generations before us who centered their lives, sorrows and joys, around their faith life, and finally, by attending church each week, participating in classes, watching and listening to everything that happens. I remember very clearly the first time my son saw the "Passion Play", a play that showed the last journey Jesus made to Calvary. His words were very simple, "that is a lot of love for us". I remember when that same kid participated in the "Passion Play" himself the first time, and the entirely powerful new perspective he had from the "other side looking out". This week is full of amazing things and they stretch us from the safe zones that we choose to live mostly, to the truly terrible side of what we can be as humans, and then back to the reality that "GOD WINS!" In spite of all the horrible things, in spite of hundreds of thousands that encouraged it all, Jesus is raised from the dead and we are saved. We can't go back and change our LENTEN experience, but we can change what Holy Week means to ourselves, our families and our future days. This week we come together in a miraculous "family reunion" of faith and may it be lifechanging for us all. God Bless Glenna xo

April 16th, 2017 Readings

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 2nd Reading Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel : John 20: 1-18

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 March 25/26th	
Envelopes	\$2,637.90
Loose	\$203.75
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$46.25
Total	\$3818.30
SV de Paul	\$438.75
Devel&Peace	\$540.00



"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 with us in the St.Charles/Nativity Room

Call: 902-667-2523.

Meetings and Happenings—April 2017			
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
Apr 15	8:00pm	Easter Vigil	Church
Apr 16	11:15am	Easter Sunday Mass	Church
Apr 17	Holiday—Office Closed		
Apr 18	NO	NO Tuesday Luncheon	NO
Apr 18	6pm	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	PastoralPlanningTeam	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	10 am	Reconciliation Walk through in Church	

Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm

Jackpot approximately **\$13,000.00**

April 14th—Good Friday/ No Ace

April 21st—Drew Moore

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.

Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * April 2nd—#789, Not Played
- * \$1,253.00 prize rolled forward
- * Next Draw April 9th, 2017.
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- * **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.



In Our Parish Life



CWL News

A wonderful turnout showed up for the LENTEN reflection that was enjoyed before the Regular Meeting of the CWL. This reflection was lead by Deacon Howard Gotell. Thank you to everyone who attended. The Regular Meeting was held after the reflection.

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 Glena 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.



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.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: April 14—23rd/17



Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday and ends April 23rd, Sunday 2:30—3:30 pm with a gathering in the MacIntyre Hall for Tea/Coffee and fellowship. There are Novena prayer pamphlets on the table gathering area. For more information about the Novena, please contact Viola Corbett at 902-667-3274.

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**

FAITH FORMATION: (YOUTH)



The Sacraments

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.



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.

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.



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

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

HOLY WEEK—In Our Parish Family

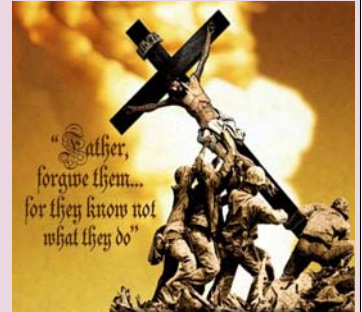


*Love one another
as I have loved you*
— Jesus (John 13:34)

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
2:00 pm Mass Streets Ridge

50 Years of Share Lent Development & Peace



"Thank you to all who have helped in supporting the Development & Peace campaign 2017 "Women at the Heart of change" www.devp.org/sharelent/videos.



WAY OF THE CROSS

◇ **April 14th 11-12pm: Service 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**". How do we respond to our mandate as baptised Christians, 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



Good Friday Collections: Collections at the services for Good Friday at Holy Family, will be collected for the Holy Land and the SSVP Society. Please consider when making your donations.

Thank you to **Father Phil Thibodeau** who will be joining Cumberland County this week to assist with the services and Masses of Holy Week. May God bless your travels and your time in Cumberland County with much love, joy and hope.

SACRED CHRISM MASS—St Mary's Basilica, April 11th HOLY WEEK



On **Tuesday, April 11th, the Chrism Mass at 12 noon** will be held at the Basilica in Halifax, with Archbishop Mancini, Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laypersons, as they celebrate the Mass of Sacred Chrism. The three oils, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism are blessed and prepared for the communities for Holy Week. There is a great article in the Discipleship Newsletter from the Archdiocese telling about the history and importance of the Chrism Mass of Holy Week @ www.halifaxyarmouth.org. Discipleship Newsletter copy on bulletin board in gathering area.



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

April 8th, 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

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Apr 10	OFF	OFF	OFF
Apr 11	Hfx	Mass of Chrism Archdiocese	Mass
Apr 12	9:30 am	Holy Family Parish, Amherst	Mass
Apr 12	2:00 pm	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass
Apr 13	6:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Holy Thursday Mass
Apr 13	7:30 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Holy Thursday Mass for Nicholas Ryan by Madeline Ryan
Apr 14	11 am	Holy Family Amherst	Good Friday Service— walking Way of Cross in Town
Apr 14	2:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Good Friday Service
Apr 14	3:00 pm	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Good Friday Service
Apr 14	3:30 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Good Friday Service

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

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 Loving Memory of.....

As we are aware this weekend is 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

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 Lions Hall—Blood Donor Clinic April 10th, Monday 1—3 pm and 5—8 pm. Tuesday, April 11th, 1—3 pm and 5—7 pm. Make your appointment online www.blood.ca or by calling 1-888-2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283)

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**

AMHERST 50+ CLUB—52 Croft St. Amherst serving Breakfast, Sat. Apr. 25th 8—11 am. Serving Bacon & Eggs, baked beans, sausage, pancakes, toast and juice, tea or coffee. Adults \$6, Children 12/under \$4.



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-



In Our World-Wide Family!

"Pope washing feet of inmates Holy Thursday" : From Vatican News Feeds Vatican Radio:

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis will wash the feet of inmates at Paliano prison, south of Rome, during the Mass of Our Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

The Vatican announced on Thursday that the pope will travel to the penitentiary on the afternoon of April 13th for a private visit and the celebration of Mass marking Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples on the day before his Crucifixion.

Pope Francis began the tradition of travelling to a prison for the traditional Last Supper Mass in March 2013, just a few days after the inauguration of his pontificate. On that occasion he travelled to Rome's **Casal del Marmo youth detention centre** where he included, for the first time, women and Muslims among the inmates whose feet he washed.

The following year, he celebrated the Last Supper Mass at Rome's **Don Gnocchi centre for the disabled**, again including women among those who had their feet washed in memory of Jesus' gesture of humility and service.

In 2015 Pope Francis travelled to Rome's **Rebibbia prison** for the Holy Thursday celebration, while last year he washed the feet of refugees, including Muslims, Hindus and Coptic Orthodox men and women at a **centre for asylum seekers in Castelnuovo di Porto**, just north of Rome.



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!