

Holy Family Parish

May 14th, 2017 4th Sunday of Easter

Cumberland County Catholic Churches have prayed
1, 211,087 Million Hail Mary's since Dec 5th, 2017
Heading to 2 MILLION Prayers!!



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I once was told that *“there will be people come into your life; some for a minute, some for a moment and some for a lifetime. The most important part is that everyone that comes into your life, is there to teach you something about yourself. They are there to teach you something you need to change or something you need to grow! Make sure you learn “their” lesson when they are with you.”* With the announcement last weekend by Fr. Keith I would suggest that he is in the category of *“here for a minute”* in Cumberland County. Father came to us during a very difficult year, following the loss of our long term priests, Father Vernon and Father David. I believe Father was here to teach everyone (young and old), a new appreciation and a renewed love for praying and daily prayer. Father Keith taught us, through his beautiful way to preside over Mass, a deeper love and appreciation for the time we are at Mass with Christ. Finally, he was here to teach us lots of jokes (good ones and bad ones!) LOL. This coming year will be is a transition year for us again, as we continue to move in the direction that the Lord has for us here in Cumberland County. We are truly grateful for all the lessons we have learned with Father Keith and we wish him many blessings in his new faith family. The staff at Holy Family are a perfect example of those who have been *“here for a moment.”* Maria, who retired April 1st, 2016 after serving the community for 27 years, came back to assist with transition this past year and we are very grateful. Joanne has been with us a very short time, however she has made a huge impact (especially correcting all my errors in the bulletin :) and her strengths made her a great fit with us. Both Maria and Joanne are moving on over the next few months; Joanne finishes at the end of May and Maria will be taking her “real” retirement sometime between now and November, depending on the hiring of a new Office Administrator. As well, Linda’s role as Finance Manager is being redesigned over the next few months, to fit our needs at Holy Family better, blending with the new position, and also support the commitments in her life more effectively. Bill, our caretaker, is working on the last year of his 17 years employment here, as he prepares for retirement in March. He is very excited about this next stage of his life and we are very excited for him too. Last fall, Gary, our Cemetery Caretaker, retired from his 17 years as caretaker due to health concerns. We are thankful for the way Gary represented Holy Family at the Cemetery with his gentle and quiet ways. We are in discussions about this position and what we need going forward. So...you ask, “is there anyone staying?”, which brings us to *“here for a lifetime.”* Our summer student, Kashmire St. Peter is re-joining us this summer. This position was no cost to our parish and we plan to continue to apply for this grant. It was an excellent experience and made a “lifetime” of difference for us. Our new Priest, arriving on June 1st, hopefully will be “here for a lifetime”, in person or through the life learning experiences we have with him. I hope, that our Cumberland County family will gain a lifetime of spiritual experiences, wonderful memories and be filled with hope, joy and love from our new Priest and the strengths that he brings to us. Lastly, I am staying here; however my role has changed a great deal these past 2 years. I am committed to Holy Family as Parish Coordinator, and to Cumberland County as, Executive to the Moderator (and hoping you see that as good news! :) We will share this new journey together. So, now I must say....please be patient with us. Please be patient with errors, mistakes, forgotten items, and everything that may or may not happen over the next 6—8 months, as all these changes are made. These changes will impact a lot of what we do for everyone, until all our new people learn our communities and our parishioners. Thank you for all the support, love and thoughtful gestures that each of you have shown to us, especially this past week, and thank you in advance for your continued support. God’s Got This, and as much as my grey hair might say otherwise (LOL), I totally believe we are going to be just fine and great things will continue to come. Today, let us bless Mom’s and “just like Mom” in our lives and thank them, praise them and love them. Happy Mothers Day! Glenna xo

May 21st, 2017 Readings 6th Sunday of EASTER

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17
2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel : John 14:15-21

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS

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

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 May 6/7th	
Envelopes	\$2,565.75
Loose	\$234.00
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$15.65
Total	\$4,179.40
SV de Paul	\$372.31

"Donors do not give to organizations because organizations have needs; they give because organizations meet needs."
- Kay Sprinkel Grace

Thank you for helping us meet the needs of others!

Be a "Steward" of God and Put Prayer into Action!

- Starting today, why not do 1 nice, kind and thoughtful thing for someone else—friend, family or a stranger. What would happen if you did this for the next month? 30 days of conscious attention on kindness being done for someone else, without wanting anything in return! Ideas might be;

- * buy a coffee for the car behind you in the drive-thru.
- * Drop a notecard in the "Wishing Well" for someone in the parish
- * Make a phone call vs Facebook or email to a friend.

Meetings and Happenings—MAY 2017

May 14	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/ Hall	5 Robie St.
May 14	NO	M&M Choir Practice	NO
May 15	7:00 pm	Kitchen Mtg (as per email)	Kitchen/Clean
May 15	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St
May 16	10 am	VBC Workshop team	MacIntyre Hall
May 17	1-3 pm	"Let's Talk" Chat	St.Charl/Nativity
May 18	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativity
May 19	7-9 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall
May 21	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.
May 22	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.

Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm

Shirley Brooks was last weeks 20% Winner of \$601.00 at Chase the Ace. Congratulations Shirley! Next Winner could be YOU! Come for the music, snacks, refreshments, pizza and the great friendships. Buy a Ticket and chance at 20% and the Jackpot at approx. **\$17,000.00**

Entertainers Line-Up
May 19th—Newfie Night/ Andrew Melanson
Come experience Newfie Treats and HAVE FUN!!



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 **15 "Donor Chairs"** (from 30), in the church. There are 15 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 financial support.

 **"In todays Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples—and us—a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time an talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment."**

Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * **May 7th —#62, WINNER!!**
- * **Lucky winner Dorritt Amos, \$96.00**
- * **New Prize will roll forward**
- * **Next Draw May 14th, 2017.**
- * **Have you picked up your Loonie Number and played? Check with Office for details, and get yours!**



- * Numbers sold before/after Sat/Sun Mass.
- * Once you have purchased your number, 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: Our Lady of Good Counsel

Are you a woman of the parish and interested in serving God through the many works of the CWL? You don't need a special invitation to join. Or would you be interested in providing sandwiches and sweets for funerals or events in the Parish. If you could see yourself helping please call the office 902-667-2523.



Mary the Mother of Mercy, Prayer Group

The "Mary, the Mother of Mercy" Prayer Group is a very active group who come together in prayer and friendship. They meet every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the St. Charles/Nativity Classroom. Drop in and see if this is what you are looking for in life.

Ministry Care & Compassion: "Let's Talk" Together May 17th

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!



Introduction to Christian Meditation

As a way to enhance your spiritual practice, a short how-to information session on Christian mediation will be on Thursday May 25th at 1:00pm in the St.Charles/Nativity Room. For more information contact Frank Allen 902-545-2886 or frallen@hotmail.com.

Drives and Drivers Wanted! - Do you know someone who is unable to attend Mass because they don't drive at night or don't have a car? Are you someone who has room for 1 or more passengers for Saturday or Sunday Mass? Please contact the office for both, and the Ministry of Care & Compassion will make arrangements!



Knights of Columbus #2916

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. Contact Chris at 902-614-1558. **Deadline is August 1st, 2017**

Next Knights Breakfast is June 10th from 8-11 am Eggs, toast, bacon, hash browns, beans, juice/tea/coffee BEST service in town. \$6 / pp



YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: RECONCILIATION

Congratulation to the Reconciliation youth and their teachers, Linda Cole, Susan Gotell and Connie LeBlanc! Thank you to CWL and the Knights of Columbus for assisting to create a special day for our students and their families, with reception and the cake! **CONFIRMATION: June 4th, at the 11:15 am Mass**



Please pray for ***Jessica Grant, Josh Nowlan, Sebastian diMichelle and Logan Pipes and their teacher, Sean O'Quinn our Confirmation Class.***

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is supporting a **BIG idea**. **BIG** is for **Basic Income Guarantee**. A basic income would ensure that people have an income sufficient to meet their basic needs. In her book Better Now: 6 Big Ideas to Improve Health Care for All Canadians, Dr Danielle Martin, (2017) states that ***"the biggest disease that needs to be cured in Canada is the disease of poverty. A part of the cure is to implement a basic income guarantee."*** (Ontario has just started 3 pilot projects). Information about BIG is available in the gathering area and one, is a commentary provided by Geoff de Gannes. For more info search: *Basic Income Canada Network*, and *Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN)*. In addition, we have received from BIG-Nova Scotia, a petition for your consideration. If you chose to sign the petition, you join with us and many others, in asking the NS House of Assembly to **conduct a feasibility study for implementing a basic income guarantee** in Nova Scotia. Read, reflect, pray for wisdom and ask God how you can respond to the idea of **Basic Income Guarantee** in NS.



Holy Family Fall Fair 2017

FALL FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE: May 30th, at 7pm in St.Charles/Nativity Room.



The Fall Fair will be hosted on **September 29/30 & Oct 1st**. Thank you to all who have returned their sold tickets and money already! . You are asked to return your raffle tickets (in the collection or bring to Office). Please place sold tickets and money in an envelope with your name and "Quilt Raffle" written on the outside. Thank you for helping us with our largest fundraiser for the parish!! Here's to a great Fall Fair 2017!

In Our Parish Life



**Register now for Vacation Bible Camp
July 10—14th**

Support a child with a \$8.00 T-Shirt sponsorship. Check at office.

VOLUNTEER WORK SESSION :

May 16 10 am MacIntyre Hall

May 23 10 am MacIntyre Hall

Things we Need: Drop off in Hall and let Bill know , thanks....

Donation Items Bible Camp is looking for in May:

- ◇ **Egg Cartons (cardboard ones)**
- ◇ **Large shells like clam shells for clay inside**
- ◇ 2 kiddie pools needed and pool noodles (all colors)
- ◇ Old Mixed colors of Paint, all colors and white
- ◇ Any sea items: nets, shellfish, fish things, whales, etc.
- ◇ Glue sticks for small and large glue guns
- ◇ Duct Tape and Painters Tape
- ◇ Empty Kleenex boxes, toilet papers, paper towel rolls

Thank you to everyone who has started dropping off items for Vacation Bible Camp!! YIPPEE!

“What do I say/ do for Confession?”

YOU CAN'T START
THE NEXT CHAPTER
OF YOUR LIFE
IF YOU KEEP
RE-READING
THE LAST ONE

When was your last confession? Based on our Baptism, our confession are to be once a year and during the Advent and Easter. (minimum). If it has been a long time, here's some idea of what to say, after you have made an examination of conscience:

- 1 Enter confession and make a Sign of the Cross. Say “Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been ___ since my last confession and these are my sins....”
- 2 If you have any mortal sin(s) you forgot to confess last time; begin there and then all the venial sin(s). After confessing, if you have situations in your life that you are dealing with, you might want to bring them up (for example trouble with a child, parent, spouse doing ___)
- 3 Finish with “For these sins, and all my sins, I am sorry”
- 4 The priest will possibly give you some advice on your struggles, prescribe a penance, have you say the Act of Contrition and then give you absolution.
- 5 At the end, you can say “Thank you Father” or “Thanks be to God!”

Advertising that Gives Back: We have begun confirming Advertisers for the 2017-18 church year bulletins that starts on the August 26/27th weekend. Thank you to advertisers who have supported this fundraiser for Youth Programs, VBC and Faith Development Classes. ***This bulletin reaches 7 parishes in Cumberland County weekly, which includes approx. 400 each weekend here at Holy Family!*** We are going to expand spaces this year, with options for small, medium and large ads and includes supporters ad's on our overhead at Mass, and FaceBook. Please contact Glenna for the package details , **before June 15th,** and say **YES** to supporting our Youth and providing an excellent communication vehicle to our communities.



In Our Archdiocese Family



2017 Assembly of the People of God

When: November 3rd/4th 2017. Save the date for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and formation!



Our theme this year, Equip the Saints, will focus on the tools and training we need to live the New Evangelization in our faith communities and beyond. Details about presenters, workshops, and registration will be revealed soon.

This year, let is be the goal of all parishes in Cumberland County committing to having 2—3 from each parish attend this gathering in Halifax, with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact the office!



“Heavenly Father. Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you and thereby to find and to fulfill myself. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. But of them all there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me; into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind and with all my strength right to the end. Amen”

5th Sunday of Easter Masses and Lay Led Services

May 13th, 2:30—3 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

May 13	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins	Lay Led Service
May 13	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Lay Led Service
May 13	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
May 14	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
May 14	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
May 14	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
May 14	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Lay Led Service

5th Sunday of Easter Weekday Mass Schedule

May 15-19	OFF	Father Keith on Vacation	OFF
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6th Sunday of Easter Masses and Lay Led Services

May 20	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Lay Led Service
May 20	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Lay Led Service
May 20	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Lay Led Service
May 21	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
May 21	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
May 21	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
May 21	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Lay Led Service

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

SHIRLEY BROWN—JOGGINS



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

Light a votive candle as a prayerful reminder of a loved one or a special intention. The 75c offering supports the youth activities and to purchase candles.



YOUR PRAYERS—Holy Family



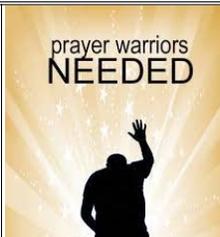
Post your intentions on the Prayer Wall or in the Prayer Box in gathering area. All intentions are offered during adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Weekday Mass. Holy Hour is prior to weekday Mass 8:30—9:30 am. All are welcomed.

WISHING WELL for WELL WISHES!



In the gathering area you will find a number of different cards available, a pen and a Wishing Well to put them in. Our hopes is that you will fill in a card from your family to the ones we mention at Mass or in the bulletin, having been sick or for those who have lost a loved

one. There are different cards to choose from, even a simple one that might be sent to someone who hasn't been here for a while to say "thinking of you". Please fill in the card, and put their name on the otherside, we will put their address on it and then mail it to them on your behalf. Care & Compassion



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS

We asked that you keep these individuals, and parishioners, and their families, in your prayers this week. We pray that each person is able to find healing, peace and comfort from the Lord, at this time.

ANNE MELANSON

JOANNE HURLEY

MICHELLE (GOULD) LEBLANC

TERRI GAUTREAU

JENNIE MACRAE

In Our Cumberland County Family

Oct 25—Nov 3: Pilgrimage Holy Land



Cost is \$3634, includes airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from Maritimes, transfers, superior tourist hotels based on double occupation, daily buffet breakfast & dinner, all tours by deluxe motor coach, English speaking professional guides and all entrance fees to places of interest. Contact Marie Desjardins mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com or 207-868-5027.

First Baptist Church, Amherst—Fellowship Tours

Join us on a five day tour **Sept 1st—5th, of PEI** and the Iles de la Magdalene. Includes: Island Preserve Company, Dunes Artist/Gift shop, Dinner at Red Shores Race Track, Homburg Theatre prime seating for “Million Dollar Quartet”, five hour ferry to Magdalene, Museum of the Seas and much more. 10 meals included. Pick up your brochure at First Baptist Church Office. Limited to 30 people.

Lobster Rolls, Potato Salad, Dessert, Tea & Coffee:

First Baptist Church (Amherst) will be having a Lobster Roll Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 17th from 11:30 am—1:30 pm**. Tickets \$18.00, available at the church office at 902-667-2001, and limited to 100 people served. Come enjoy a taste of Summer in the Maritimes!

Personal Care Directives—If you can’t make your healthcare decisions, who will? On Monday May 15th, Margaret MacDonald, Continuing Care Coordinator, will have a workshop and information session from 10—Noon at the Village Hall, Water St. Pugwash. Contact: Marilyn Horton 902-243-3210 or Joyce Gray 902-243-3326.

MOTHER’S DAY TURKEY DINNER—May 14th from 4—6pm Adults \$15/Children under 12 \$7. Christ Church Parish Hall. Delivery Take-outs available from 3:30—4pm by calling : 902-667-2415 or 902-660-3018 www.christchurchamherst.ns.ca

In Our World-Wide Family!

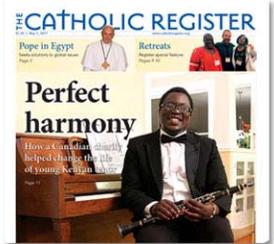
The Catholic Register: April 30

- ◇ “Pope makes a push for solutions to global issues—Egypt visit”
- ◇ “Focus on life, not suicide, - Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada.”
- ◇ “Catholic bishops to re-consecrate Canada to Mary on July 1st”
- ◇ “March for Life ready to send a powerful message”

Pick up a copy in Gathering Area.

“Brotherhood must be focus:” “A society only concerned with people’s needs, not their value, is a sad and disheartened society. The point is that a participatory society cannot settle for...pure solidarity and welfare spending, because a society that is solely based on solidary and assistance, and not brotherhood, would be a society of unhappy and hopeless people from whom everyone would try to escape” Among the ways of fostering a more inclusive society, the Pope said, is “to ensure the respect of the dignity of human labor” and that work is not viewed as “ a mere factor of production.” The social doctrine of the church affirms that importance of brotherhood as the “regulatory principle of economic order, “ which is lacking today.—**Pope Francis, Catholic News Service**

The **Catholic Register** can be picked up in the gathering area. When you are done with your copy, drop it back on the table in the gathering area and someone else can enjoy too.



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!