

# Holy Family Parish

May 21st, 2017 5th Sunday of Easter

Cumberland County Catholic Churches have prayed  
1, 300,000+ Million Hail Mary's since Dec 5th, 2017  
Heading to 2 MILLION Prayers!!



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I have been reading bulletins from other churches collected by parishioners on their travels. When I get these, I hear about the other church and how large/small the number of parishioners at Mass and how long/short the Mass was that day. After doing a little research this past year, as a result of hearing feedback about how "long" our Masses are each week and the "desire to have them shorter", I wanted to find out if we were "abnormal or normal" compared to other communities. What I noticed was this; the communities with Masses that were "no more than 30 mins, in and out!" or "our priest combines things in the Mass to make it shorter", also were communities that couldn't boast about CWL, Knights of Columbus, Parish Life, Youth Groups, Vacation Bible Camp, Sunday School, etc. in their parishes. I was told, "we don't have those things in our parish", or "we are too small for that" or "we do not have young families with children in our parish". So is there something to learn from this for us here? Could it be that Shorter Mass = may also be a sign of having a small number of parishioners, no young family's or youth either, and not much for Parish Life. Longer Mass =is reflective of larger numbers of parishioners, young families, active youth, lots of parish life and faith building activities, and active CWL & Knights. What I do know is that the one reason our Masses have been busy, is because we have great things happening here to share with our faith family. Lets look at our parish over the past 3 years; we have had **85 new parishioners** join our community made up of seniors, families with children, single individuals and empty nest couples. We have had **25 Baptisms** as young as 2 weeks old, to adults reconnecting through RCIA. We have had **38 1st Eucharist, 14 Confirmations and 3 Weddings**. Our Faith Development program has **21 teachers and assistants**, to teach approximately **65 youth attending faith classes** and we are the only classroom program in Cumberland County and most everywhere. We have as many different ministries and activities, as there are many differences of our parishioners. We are a multi-cultural parish with Dutch, Lithuanian, Acadian, Aboriginal, Philippines, Chinese, Korean, Newfoundlanders, African Canadian, Irish, British, Lebanese, Polish, German, Ecuadorian, Chilean, Jewish and many more heritages. Yes, sometimes our Family Mass Sunday can stretch out a bit longer, as our youth are learning, growing and trying new things for the first time. Or a bit longer when we have a Baptism, or celebrate Sacraments. Some have been stretched to share great achievements with our ministries, or a presentation of something important. But this is reflective of an engaged parish of parishioners, it also reflects the work of God being done. These are all blessings! A friends husband, was at our wedding, was "born Catholic" but not active. He asked how "long" our wedding would be, as he couldn't "stand being in the church as long as Catholic Masses are!" At the time, I never really said anything however a couple of years later, we were with friends talking about religion. My friend's husband made a crack about Catholic Masses, and he "thanked the heavens" that our wedding wasn't a typical Catholic "marathon of standing up, sitting down and kneeling". I was intrigued and asked, "what do you mean typical?" and he said "your wedding was in and out, not a long drawn out service". I broke up laughing and said to him, "you do know that our wedding was like High Mass with every part being sung, with 275 people in attendance and by the end of everything, with many family members involved, it was almost 2 hours long?? And he said, "no it wasn't....I would have remembered that!". The good news he remembered what was the most important part of that Mass, the love, the hope, the couple and the future being created, versus "how long the Mass was?" We need to remember at Mass and it has become a bit longer, the amazing faith family we have created here (look around). We come together **as a family** at Mass once a week, and it is a time to celebrate, share what's happening here and share the hope for the future of this parish. Every Mass, we are creating a wider spread to reach others when we welcome new parishioners, new baptized babies, encourage students in class and be open to the Holy Spirit, even if the Holy Spirit is a little late arriving. :) Glenna xo

### May 28th, 2017 Readings The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11  
2nd Reading Ephesians 1:17-23  
Gospel : Matthew 28:16-20

### 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	
<b>Weekend of May 6/7th</b>	
Envelopes	\$2,197.00
Loose	\$144.35
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$13.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,719.10</b>
<b>SV de Paul</b>	<b>\$356.70</b>

Copies of the 2016 Holy Family Financial Report are available on the tables in gathering area.

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.

## 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.



**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.**

Meetings and Happenings—MAY 2017			
May 21	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.
May 22	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.
May 23	10 am	VBC Workshop Team	MacIntyre Hall
May 23	7 pm	Finance Council Mtg.	Driscoll Room
May 24	6:30 pm	Pastoral Parish Council	St.Charl/Nativity
May 25	6:30 pm	Prayer Group	St.Charl/Nativity
May 26	7 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall
May 27	9 am	Kitchen Krew	Kitchen
May 28	11:15 am	Family Mass	Church
May 28	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.

**THANK YOU - HOLY FAMILY** - Over the past two months while dealing with some health issues, I have been so blessed to have the support of my church family. Please know how much your prayers and visits meant to me and contributed to my recovery. A special thank you to Father Keith for his unremitting support, and many visits. I want everyone to know how much both my family and I deeply appreciated your support during this difficult time. With gratitude, Anne Melanson



## Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm

**Ian Carr** was last weeks 20% Winner of \$567.00 at Chase the Ace. Congratulations Ian! **Next Winner could be YOU!** Music, snacks, refreshments, pizza and great friendships. Buy a Ticket for a chance at 20% and the Jackpot at approx. **\$18,000.00**

## Entertainers Line-Up

May 26th—Peter Frenette  
June 2nd—Jerry Metz and Friends



## Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- \* **May 14th —#601, WINNER!!**
- \* **Lucky winner Betty Ann Pettigrew, for a check of \$94.00**
- \* **Next Draw May 21st, 2017.**
- \* \*\*\*\*\*
- \* 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: Consider being a part of.....

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

This Prayer Group is a very active group who come together in prayer and friendship every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the St. Charles/Nativity Classroom. Open to Everyone! **PRAYER LINE**—Are you, or a friend/family member in need of prayer support? Call the Prayer Line to start a prayer chain of love and support **902-597-8313**.

## Ministry Care & Compassion: "Let's Talk" Together JUNE 21st

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

## A HUGE THANK-YOU : Teachers & Assistants

As we come to the close of another year of Faith Development classes and youth activities, it is very important that we all take the time to thank our teachers and assistants who have committed their time and love to our youth. We are extremely grateful to these individuals, and we pray that they have a wonderful, rested and relaxed Summer! **Leanne Byrnes, Susan Gotell, Connie LeBlanc, Linda Cole, Mike Landry, Angie Landry, John & Juanita Boyle, Sammi & Shae Fage, Shirley-Ann & Richard Porter and Sean O'Quinn** and our committee **Matthew Prendergast, Mary Comeau, Sonja Power & Chris Pipes**.



## CONFIRMATION: June 4th, 11:15 am Mass

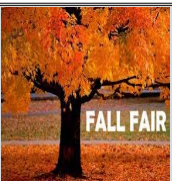
Please pray for our Confirmation Class **Jessica Grant, Josh Nowlan, Sabastian diMichelle and Logan Pipes** and their teacher **Sean O'Quinn**.

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



## Count Down to Vacation Bible Camp

July 10—14th

**56 DAYS UNTIL CAMP DAY 1**

### VOLUNTEER WORK SESSION :

May 23 10 am MacIntyre Hall

May 30 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:

- ◇ 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
- ◇ Empty with covers, 16 oz water bottles

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

## “What do I say/ do for Confession?”

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:

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

- 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 starting 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 smaller ad’s, 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 it be the goal of all parishes in Cumberland County to have 2—3 from each parish attend this gathering in Halifax, with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*** Contact the office!



**Equip the Saints:** The call of the Gospel is clear. Our sacrificial gift, given in the spirit of joy , proves our willingness to care because we are prepared to share. Please consider donating to the upcoming Mission Collection on June 4<sup>th</sup>. There is no amount that is too small and a portion of every donation is returned back to the parish. Submit your donor card, to be received in the mail, during regular Sunday collections or donate online at [www.halifaxyarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org) . Please make sure you designate our parish when completing a donation online. For more information, visit [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/collections](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/collections). Thank you for your continued support.



Prayer Line Call:  
902-597-8313

# Worship SCHEDULE

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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

## 6th Sunday of Easter Weekday Mass Schedule

May 22-24	OFF	Father Keith on Vacation	OFF
May 25	2:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Mass
May 26	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Personal Intentions by Anne Pereira

## Ascension of the Lord Masses and Lay Led Services

*May 27th, 2:30—3:00 pm Confession at Holy Family Parish*

May 27	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert	Mass
May 27	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Orphir Frenette by his wife Pat Frenette
May 27	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass for Janet Ott by Eileen & Sharon
May 28	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Lay Led Service
May 28	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass for Parishioners
May 28	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Mass
May 28	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Barton Remington by his Mom & Dad

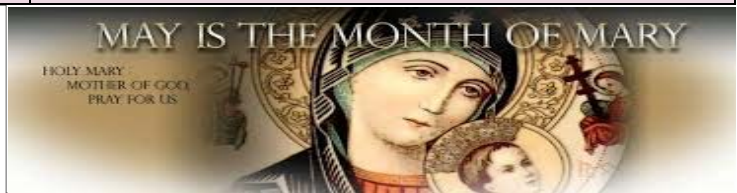
### SINCERE CONDOLENCES

Our Parish would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family & friends of;

**QUINLAN O'BLENIS**

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

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!



Please take one of the free cards at the Wishing Well in the gathering area, and send a card from your family to those in our parish who are sick, dealing with the loss of a loved one or just you haven't seen and were thinking of them. Please fill in the card, put their name on the envelope and we will put their address on it and mail it to them on your behalf. Thank you!

Ministry of 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.

**PAT FRENETTE    LUCILLE GILLIS    RITA DAVISON**  
**ANNE MELANSON    JOANNE HURLEY**  
**MICHELLE (GOULD) LEBLANC    TERRI GAUTREAU**  
**JENNIE MacRAE    ISABEL JACKSON**

# 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](mailto: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 Shoes 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.

## KOREAN CULTURE CELEBRATION



Come join us at Maggie’s place with Hee Yeon Son (a parishioner of Holy Family) as we celebrate Korean culture by playing games, creating crafts and enjoying story time. **Tuesday, May 30th from 2:45—4:15 pm** at Maggie’s Place, 11 Elmwood Dr., Amherst, and it is for ages 5—12 yrs. This is a free program. Call Maggie’s Place at 902-667-7250 to register.

## On **June 11th, 9 am, Drew and Trent Ferdinand**



, will receive their 1st Eucharist at St. Thomas More Parish with Father Craig Christenson, our new pastor, and the Pugwash parishioners. Please pray for these two youth, their families and for all the parishioners of St. Thomas More as they celebrate on June 11th.

# In Our World-Wide Family!

## The Catholic Register: May 14th

- ◇ “Child of Holocaust found safety in Nun’s arms”
- ◇ “‘Perfect storm’ has led to porn addiction.”
- ◇ “Fatima at 100—The story of Fatima”
- ◇ “Judge’s faith plays its part in delivering justice”
- ◇ “Jackie’s priest finds delicate pastoral balance”

Pick up a copy in Gathering Area.

## Pope offers advice for new priest: May 7th

A priest who does not willingly embrace Christ’s cross and who does not try to lighten the burdens of his people is not worthy of the name, Pope Francis told 10 men he was about to ordain. “A priest who perhaps has studied a lot of theology and has one, two or three degrees, but has not learned to carry the cross of Christ is useless. He might be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest.” To the admonition that priests nourish their people with sound doctrine, Pope Francis added a request that they speak simply and clearly and asked the new priests to be particularly merciful with penitents in the confessional. “Don’t lay on the shoulders of the faithful burdens that they cannot carry and that you couldn’t either. That is the reason Jesus rebuked the doctors of the law and called them hypocrites.” **Pope Francis, Catholic News Service**

Pick up the **Catholic Register** in the gathering area, and drop it back when you are done, back on the table 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 in the collection and If you have any questions call us at (902) 667-2523.

**Our Welcome Committee will be in touch with you!**