

Holy Family Parish

May 28th, 2017 6th Sunday of Easter

**Cumberland County Catholic Churches have prayed
1,220,748 Million Hail Mary's since Dec 5th, 2017
Heading to 2 MILLION Prayers!!**



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This weekend we are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord; Jesus returning to His Father, Our Father, and be at His right hand. God had a purpose for Jesus here with us. He was to do a specific job and then move on. His work here was to propose GOD to everyone to share, to teach them about Love as part of the two greatest commandments and to die; so that we could live, in GOD. I am sure that even with the knowledge that Jesus was in Heaven with GOD, it didn't help the disciples with their feelings of the unknown and the work that they were being asked to continue. Like the disciples, we are embarking on a new journey as well, with it's own unknown's. After both Masses this weekend, we will gather to celebrate the year we have had with Father Keith and to send him off to his new faith family. We can thank him for the difference he made, in the people in Cumberland County with his gifts, his faith and his visits out in our community. Father Keith has done the work that he was meant to do with us in Cumberland County, sharing his love of celebrating Mass, bringing more awareness of daily prayer and scripture in our lives and many other things. Now our work, like the disciples, is to use the things that Father Keith gave to us, welcome joyfully and supporting our new priest and be ready to create the "next chapter" for our entire Cumberland County family. This weekend on Saturday morning, 5 more youth experienced their Reconciliation Sacrament. One of these young men, **Josh Nowlan**, was Baptized and received his 1st Eucharist here at Holy Family two years ago, Reconciliation on Saturday and will be receiving his Confirmation next weekend. Josh joined us when his family moved to Amherst, and has been a treasure in our parish life. He is one of the many youth in their teens and pre-teens, who have shared their gifts in our community, and one of four receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit on June 3rd. **Jessica Grant** joined our faith community with her family back some time ago, and what a joy they have been. Even with every obstacle that popped up, Jessica was committed to her faith. **Logan Pipes**, has shared many of his gifts, as a reader, musician and more. He always says yes, when asked to share his gifts! Finally, **Sabastian diMichelle**, the forth receiving Confirmation, has been here in our community, growing up with us since he was born. Sabastian has been a part of many of the activities we have here at Holy Family with his family, as a reader, alter server and more. What a blessing it is for our community to be in the faith journey of all our youth from their baptism, through their Sacraments, marriage and when they start their own families. It is a gift for our community when we celebrate all the milestones in a family's life, and becoming Seniors, that we celebrate all the gifts of experience, life wisdom and faith, that they bring to our community. We have had a wonderful year of celebrations in our community and that is a blessing to be able to say this, when many communities are struggling without families, youth and even a large number of active Seniors. Over the next few weeks, when summer and cottage time really picks up, we asked that you continue to pray for our families, our youth, our seniors and our community of faith. We ask that you continue to pray for Father Keith and his new community and for Father Craig. Pray also for our community with all it's blessings, that we continue and increase our support for the daily works done here in God's name, and in all the parishes in Cumberland County. Pray that together as the Catholics of Cumberland County, we know our purpose here on earth and that we continue to be guided by this purpose, in all the works we done together and individually in each parish. The truth is that all we do here in this place, at this time, is not about us.....it never was about us. All the work we do is for the future, it is to build and strengthen, the faith foundation in our lives, so that we are an example of Jesus to others, and that they then can be that for others too. It is all about the youth, the family's and the future. So when we start to think it is about us, remember that Jesus asked the disciples to "do this in remembrance of me" :) Glenna xo

June 4th, 2017 Readings

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11
2nd Reading: Corinthians 12:3b-7/12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

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



Meetings and Happenings—MAY / JUNE 2017

May 28	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.
May 29	6:45 pm	Knights Bingo/Hall	5 Robie St.
May 30	10 am	VBCamp Play/ Workshop	MacIntyre Hall
May 30	7 pm	Fall Fair Meeting	St.Charl/Nativi
June 2	10:30 am	Liturgy Meeting	Driscoll Room
June 2	2 pm	Stewardship Meeting	Driscoll Room
June 2	7-9 pm	Chase the Ace	MacIntyre Hall
June 4	11:15 am	Confirmation/Reception	MacIntyre Hall
June 5	7 pm	Ministry Care & Comp	St.Charl/Nativi
June 6	7 pm	Finance Council Mtg	Driscoll Room

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

* Can we be Good Steward's of God in the Summer? How could we help and care for others in the Summer?

- Contact Food Bank if you have a surplus of garden vegetables that they could put to use when families are in to pick up their groceries.

- Invite a Senior, or Couple who have no family around here, to supper or barbeque that you are having. It can make a huge difference, if you are lonely.

- Check on elderly neighbors when it is getting hot, making sure they are okay and are not in need of care or further help.

Collection Weekly Update

Weekend of May 20/21st

Envelopes	\$1,627.00
Loose	\$85.95
Pre-Authorized	\$1,364.00
Children	\$5.05
Total	\$3082.00
<i>SV de Paul</i>	<i>\$313.85</i>

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!

Financial Contribution Ideas:

Have You Considered PAR? 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 **14 "Donor Chairs"** (from 30), in the church. There are 14 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.



June 4th—Archdiocese Collection MISSION



On June 3/4th weekend, a second collection will be done at both Masses for the Archdiocese: MISSION. Our support, helps maintain, grow and promote archdiocesan pastoral projects to churches. No amount is too small and a portion of every donation is returned back to our Parish. Use the donor cards sent to you, or any envelope. Cheques to Holy Family Parish.

Holy Family Parish Loonie Draw

- * **May 21st —#210, Not Played!!**
- * **Prize of \$95.00 rolled into next week**
- * **Prize will roll forward, Next Draw May 28th, 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.



Chase the Ace Fridays from 7—9 pm

Pam Cormier was last weeks 20% Winner of \$692.00 at Chase the Ace. **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. **\$19,000.00**

Entertainers Line-Up

June 2nd—Jerry Metz and Friends

June 9th— Drew Polegato



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 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. No counselling here, just comforting each other! Please join us!



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! Please help us assist others to enjoy Mass each weekend. God please bless us.



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

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**.



Faith Development Classes for 2017-18 Year:

September 10th—10 am 1st Regular Class with Teachers

September 17th— 10 am in classroom

September 24th will be a Family Session in the Hall and all parishioners are invited to join us for Tea/Coffee too.

We only require to register your child, if you are new to the parish or if any information has changed for your family. Last year students are moved forward automatically each year to their next grade. Have a great summer!!

Prayer for Students - "Father God, we thank you for all students. We pray that you will give them direction, purpose, and perseverance as they enter the next phase of their lives. Give them clearness of mind to move forward into the plans and purposes that You have for them. May these young people gain wisdom from You and have discernment for proper behavior. Raise up Christian mentors for these students so they have someone who holds them accountable for their actions. We pray that they will rise above ungodly behaviors and have the boldness to stand up for what is right wherever they work, study, or socialize. Give them wisdom to spend their time and money wisely. Grant them success for their efforts at every turn and guide their feet to follow Your ways. May they be eager to do good and not evil all the days of their lives. Use them in mighty ways, dear Father.

In Jesus name, AMEN.



Holy Family Fall Fair 2017

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

We have had 86 books sold and returned already for the Fall Fair Raffle. THANK YOU!!

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**

44DAYS

Registration is over May 31st!

VOLUNTEER WORK SESSION :

May 30th 10 am MacIntyre Hall

June 6th 10 am MacIntyre Hall

Things we Need in May:

- ◇ 1 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.

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

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.



Bell Ringing—June Timelines:

During the first few weeks of June, you will probably notice a great deal of work out front of our church land. We are preparing for the final stages of our “Make it Ring” project with the Knights of Columbus. The VERDIN Company and Raytech Electrical Systems will be on site to complete the work on our Bell so that we can enjoy our bell ringing for many years to come. This is a gift we pay forward to our children, our grand children and our great grand children. They will be hearing this bell ring, and know that there is a God, that He loves us all and that we are a family, here at church and everywhere.

“Let your song be sung from mountains high!”



In Our Archdiocese Family



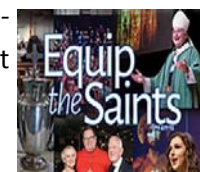
2017 Assembly of the People of God

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 4th**. 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. Please make sure you designate our parish when completing a donation online. For more information, visit www.halifaxyarmouth.org/collections. Thank you for your continued support.



Prayer Line Call:
902-597-8313

Worship SCHEDULE

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902-597-8313

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

Ascension of the Lord Weekday Mass Schedule

May 29	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for special intentions by Plassey Rodrigues
May 30	2 pm	St Thomas More, Pugwash	Mass
May 31	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Carol LeBlanc by Germaine Perry
June 2	9:30 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Margaret Belliveau by Harold & Pauline Pettigrew

Pentecost Sunday Masses and Lay Led Services

June 3rd, 2:30—3:00 pm Confession at Holy Family Parish

June 3	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas	Lay Led Service
June 3	6:00 pm	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Philip Stevens by John & Juanita Boyle
June 4	9:00 am	St. Brigid's, Parrsboro	Mass for Parishioners
June 4	9:00 am	St. Thomas More, Pugwash	Lay Led Service
June 4	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist, Springhill	Lay Led Service
June 4	11:15 am	Holy Family, Amherst	Mass for Wayne Blanchard by Gary & Eileen Babineau
June 4	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	Mass

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

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

QUINLAN O'BLENIS—grandson of Ivy Legere

NORMAN HARRISON—husband of Margaret

“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.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

HOLY MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
PRAY FOR US



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 haven't seen, and were thinking of them. Fill in a card, put their name on the envelope and we will address it and mail it to them on your behalf.

Ministry of Care & Compassion

prayer warriors
NEEDED



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.

**LUCILLE GILLIS RITA DAVISON
JOANNE HURLEY TERRI GAUTREAU
JENNIE MacRAE ISABEL JACKSON**

In Our Cumberland County Family



E.B.Chandler and Amherst Regional High School Band and Choir Parents Association invite the public to two upcoming performances. ARHS will be having a concert on Sunday, June 4th at 2pm. E.B. Chandler will hold their concert on Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm. Come out and enjoy two nights of music, provided by a great band program. FREE WILL offering at door.

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.



CHURCH BAZAAR

St Thomas Aquinas Ladies Council— SPRING BAZAAR

On **Saturday, June 3rd from 11am—1pm**, St. Thomas Aquinas Ladies Council, Joggins will be hosting their Spring Bazaar. There will be bake tables, yard sale table, fudge table, 50/50 tickets and canteen. Come along and enjoy a time of fellowship and enjoy a lunch. All are welcomed.

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 21st

- ◇ "Rallying for Life, pro-life supporters go to Ottawa"
- ◇ "One Journey ended, another begun for new priests"
- ◇ "Tragic euthanasia law must be fought: Muller"
- ◇ "Syrian war seen through children's eyes"
- ◇ "Light still shines in darkest moments of despair"

Pick up a copy in Gathering Area.

A Vision of Courage: May 10th

Dear Brothers and Sisters; In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now turn to Mary, Mother of Hope. Our Lady's experience of motherhood models that of so many mothers in our world. Hers is a witness of courage in accepting her vocation and welcoming the new life entrusted to her. It is also a witness of quiet yet trusting obedience to God's will amid the trials of life. The gospels speak of a certain "eclipse" of Mary during the public ministry of Jesus. She follows her Son in silence, yet in His passion, when most of the disciples flee, she remains with Him to the very end. The image of Mary standing at the foot of the cross and grieving the death of her innocent Son has inspired artists of every age to present her as a model of persevering hope in God's promises. That hope was the fruit of a life of prayer and daily effort to be conformed to God's will, and was fulfilled in Jesus' rising to new life. As mother of Hope, may Our Lady remain at our side, sustain us by her prayers and guide our steps as we seek to follow her Son everyday of our lives.

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!