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30th September 2018

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish...

Chautauqua Weekend

On Saturday 15th September Holy Family Parish hosted an open house as part of the Fernie historical building tour, in conjunction with Fernie's Fall Fair and Chautauqua. The event was hosted by parishioners (and long-standing friends of the parish) who acted as guides for those coming into our church. Over 127 visitors toured our landmark building in Fernie. A big thank you to the hostesses & hosts, and thank you to everyone who helps maintain our Parish in our community.

Parish Projects

Here is a summary of some of the projects that are currently underway in the parish.

Basement Storage Area – The project is progressing, and the project is at the drywall stage. Painting will follow in the next two weeks. All work has been inspected by the building and electrical officials. The area should be ready for use before the end of October. The basement will be leased to the Fernie and District Historical Society for archive storage

Water Damage – Sadly we sustained some water damage in the north-east section of our church. This is being repaired and repainted. The cost of the work is being covered by our insurers.

Window Restoration – *Painting:* All window trim except the bell tower windows have been painted. Most wood frames are in good condition. Weather is now slowing the project and work will resume in April. One window frame, a circular window in the south west corner, will be rebuilt in the spring once the warm weather returns.

Exterior window cleaning: The maintenance company has meticulously checked and cleaned each pane on every window following the work of the painters. All exterior windows will be cleaned, except the bell tower windows – these windows will be cleaned in the spring when work resumes.

Window covers: The replacement of new window covers for the south exterior windows is being explored and investigated through glass companies and with the help of information from other churches in the Diocese that have stained glass windows. The direct sun on the south side windows has caused damage to the existing brown covers. Several covers are cracked and will require replacement.

Project budgets – All costs for work completed to date are tracking very close to the original budgets.

Mass Times

Masses for Sunday

Fernie:

5pm Saturday & 9am Sunday

Also:

Sparwood: 7pm Saturday &

11am Sunday Elkford:

4pm Sunday

Weekdays Mass

No Rocky Mountain Village Mass this week.

Ministries

Saturday 6th October **Eucharistic Minister:** Rob Lecavalier **Reader: Colin Lynch** Greeters: Nellie Dunlap & Hilda Cadorath Sunday 7th October **Eucharistic Minister:** Sharon Switzer **Reader:** Anne Majic **Greeters:** Jesse Mong & family Church cleaning week starting Monday 24th September: R. Rino, A. Harrison, A. Aylward Nally **Finance – Collections:** 15th/16th September\$751.51 **Pilgrimage of Faith**:

<u>2017/2018</u> Given to date\$12,687.75 Diocesan Goal\$10,200.00

Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Plymouth, England

On the table there are copies of a pastoral letter written by Bp. Mark, the bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. Fr. David is from the Plymouth Diocese and he thought this letter might be of interest. It addresses the dreadful abuse that has been revealed recently in parts of the United States. Feel free to take a copy.

Please Pray for the Priests of this Diocese

This week the priests of the diocese of Nelson are once more gathering with our new bishop for a week together. Their last gathering in the summer was primarily a time of prayer; this week is a week of study.

Because of this study week, there will be no Mass at Rocky Mountain Village on Wednesday.

<u> Parish Fall Tea</u>

The Parish Fall Tea will be on Saturday 20th October from 11:30am to 2pm at the Fernie Family Centre. Tickets are \$5 and children five and under are free. So mark the date as it is just under three weeks away.

Baking for the tea and bake table can be brought after 6pm on Friday night. Items for the White Elephant table and groceries for the Grocery Hamper may be brought to Marilyn at the parish office on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9:30am and 1:30pm or on the Friday night.

Fernie Family Garden News Update

The first three garden beds have almost been completed. Thank you to those who came out to help that day! We have another day of moving soil and spreading mulch. An email will be sent out to organize a time next week, so please sign up to be on the volunteer list by emailing ferniefamilygarden@gmail.com.

2018-2019 Our Pilgrimage of Faith

The 2017/2018 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal has ended and we have surpassed the Diocesan goal by \$2487.75. Thank you to all who have donated to the 2017/2018 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal.

Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose the reward." (Mark 9:41)

The 2018-2019 Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal begins next weekend. The Appeal is an opportunity for us as a community of faith to join together to support our youth and family. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Your financial support is stewardship in action for the many gifts and blessings we have received from God. This year, our parish goal is \$12,150.00.

From the Diocese...

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Thank you for your contribution and solidarity.

Following the encouragement of Pope Pius XII, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) was established in 1943 under the name Canadian Catholic Conference; it was officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948 and, following the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), became part of the worldwide network of episcopal conferences. As the CCCB President states in his message for the Collection, "Through their Episcopal Conference, the Bishops today continue to work together on doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; relations with Indigenous peoples; questions of social justice, and the development of a culture of life and family..." In addition to their national Conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB as well as the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church in Canada together with the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. Thank you for your prayers and your financial contribution.