

Holy Family Parish, Fernie

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Holy Family Parish is organised together with St. Michael's, Sparwood and St. Bernard's, Elkford.

Sunday 16th October 2016 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr David writes...

Last Monday, 10th October, my Aunty Sandra (*who liked being called Sandy*) died peacefully at home; my Uncle Jack was with her. We are not sure about funeral arrangements just yet as Jack also has various health issues at this time.

I saw them both last Wednesday and anointed them, and that was the last day that Sandy was really conscious. So please do pray for the repose of the soul of Aunty Sandra and also particularly for Uncle Jack who now has the difficult task of sorting out all Sandy's stuff.

On a happier note, on Monday 24th October one of our seminarians, Bonnie, will be ordained to the order of diaconate. This is the stage immediately before ordination to the priesthood. Bonnie is a very bright, outward going and likeable young man and he will be a real gift to the diocese both as a deacon and eventually as a priest. Please do keep him in prayers as he moves along the road to priesthood.

From the Parish...

Pictures needed

If anybody has any pictures of the opening of the Fernie Family Centre in 1988 can you please bring them to the parish office to be scanned in our computer. We would like them on file for our history archives. They will be returned to you as soon as possible.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2016/2017

Our New Diocesan Goal This Coming Year is \$11,600

With October comes the start of your new Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal. Envelopes for each household in the parish with full details of this year's appeal are at the entrance of our church. Please take a moment to find your envelope. Thank you for helping us reach our goal last year.

Church Restoration Phase 4

(Correction on Phase 3- Generosity came from Mr. Alan Cairns the uncle of Gloria Blakey)

Update from the Restoration Committee:

Mike Delich, Rob Greene, Sandy Carter, Anne Majic and Meredith Melnick

The Holy Family Church Restoration Committee in conjunction with Fr. David and Parish Council is pleased to announce the beginning of Phase 4 of the church restoration- the installation of new carpet in the church and the repair and reupholstering of the kneelers. The estimated cost is \$32,000. The committee has procured government grant money and individual donations towards this undertaking however we are in need of an additional \$7,000 from our parishioners to complete the project. As many of you know, our church restoration has been ongoing since 2003 when a fund was established in honour of George Majic, a long-time parishioner. With generous donations in his name from parishioners and friends and with government grant money, two major phases were completed- Phase 1, the cleaning of the church interior from ceiling to basement, the painting of the interior, the cleaning and restoration of the mural over the altar, the refurbishing of the gold leaf on the altars, the installation of new lights; Phase 2, the replacing of all the insulation in the upper walls and ceiling, the installation of a new roof, the painting of all exterior trim and the copula, the repair of the lighting in the bell tower, the installation of a new sound system in the church. Then Phase 3 was undertaken and accomplished through the generosity of Mr. Alan Cairns the uncle of Gloria Blakey, and it entailed the building and erection of the beautiful new sign outside the church. Any gift we can give towards Phase 4 to be completed by Christmas will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes are provided in the entrance to the church.

Donations, To date: \$300.00, Target: \$7,000

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Holy Family Church, Fernie –
9am Tuesday

Rocky Mountain Village, Fernie –
11am Wednesday

Also: (*This is the usual schedule but please check the local newsletter*)

St. Michael's, Sparwood –
9am Monday

St. Bernard's, Elkford –
11am Thursday

Lilac Terrace, Sparwood –
11am Friday

Sanctuary Lamp burns for

Mr. & Mrs. John

(*Parents of Fr. David*)

From Parishioner family of
Holy Family Parish

Sunday 9th October

to

Saturday 15th October

Syrian Refuge Family for Fernie Committee Update

Thanks to a wonderful team effort by our group of volunteers, the fundraising projects at the 2016 Chautauqua Fernie Fall Fair were a tremendous success. Fellowship, fine weather, and presentations by local authors and musicians also combined to make the Friday evening pie and ice cream social and the Saturday morning family breakfast very enjoyable occasions for all.

Altogether more than \$2,500 was raised towards sponsorship of a Syrian Refuge Family, and more than 400 happy customers enjoyed a delicious meal or desert! This amount brings the total funds raised to date to more than \$10,000

The Committee expresses our sincere appreciation to Smitty's Restaurant, Independent Grocers, McDonald's restaurant, and Save-On-Foods for corporate donations of food and coffee for the breakfast, and to the Fernie Fire Department for lending us their propane cooking grills.

A special thank you to Rob Greene for rounding up members of the Fernie, Sparwood, and Cranbrook Knights of Columbus – who helped at both events; Celia Roccamatisi for her extraordinary pies (all 35 of them!!); to other families who baked and donated more pies; Butch Coultrey for preparing specialty menu items; Larry DeMarchi and Phil Roccamatisi for wielding two mean pancake flippers; Vince Sonntag and Glen Carter for handling finances; Bobby Sumka – Head Server; Sharon Switzer and Lisa and Alan Westhaver for their quarterbacking/organizing skills; and to the CWL for lending us their kitchen. This was one energetic crew that had lots of laughs working together!

On other fronts, decisions to request a refuge family of six (up to 4 children) and to begin preparing a formal commitment asking for a Syrian family to be assigned to Fernie have been taken. Once the formal request is made the process may take about 18 months before actual arrival.

The Committee is also searching for additional volunteers and for further fund-raising ideas and opportunities. We are open to all suggestions from Parishioners.

Our next meeting will be held at the Fenie Family Centre on Thursday 27th October at 6:30pm. Please consider attending and becoming involved in extending a humanitarian hand beyond our parish boundaries. If you care to know more about the Syrian Refuge Family for Fernie initiative please contact Sharon Switzer at (250) 946-6919 or by e-mail at fernieliving@gmail.com.

Problems With Parish Website and Email.

At the moment we are having problems with our website and with our info@holymfamilyfernie.ca email address. We are hoping it will be up and running by the end of next week. Until then can you please direct e-mails to our holymfamilyfernie@shaw.ca address that does work.

Looking ahead...Next month on Wednesday 9th at 7:30 pm there will be a Knights of Columbus meetng at the Fernie Family Centre . Please mark your calendars.

Ministries:

Saturday 22nd October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Colin Lynch

Reader:

C. Sonntag

Greeters:

Annette Harrison

Sunday 23rd October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Readers:

C. Sonntag

Greeters:

Sharon Switzer

Church Cleaning for this week:

A. Majic, A. Byrne, S. Gris and
M. BeGuzman

Finance

Collections:

8th/9th October \$936.85
Candle money \$3.30

Our Pilgrimage of Faith 2016:

Our Diocesan Goal \$11,600.00
Given to date \$25.00

*To donate to the Fernie Refugee Fund
please go to our website:
www.holyfamilyfernie.ca
and there is a link on the home page.
You will receive a charitable receipt
for any donation from Canada
Helps.Org*

Suggested Websites:

Diocesan Website:

www.nelsondiocese.org

Catholic Women's League:

www.cwl.ca

Knights of Columbus:

www.kofc.org

Development & Peace:

www.dev.org

Rachel's Vineyard:

www.rachelvineyard.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca

From the Diocese and Beyond...

Vocation Live-In

On the weekend of November 4 – 6, there will be a Vocation Live-In for boys or young men interested in the priesthood or the consecrated life, at the Seminary of Christ the King, Mission, B.C. For more information call 604-826-8715.