

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 2nd October 2016 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr David writes...

Firstly we congratulate the two couples who got married in our church here in Fernie this Saturday. We pray for Alex & Gina McCormick who live in Alberta but are regular visitors here. And for Justin & Kayla Bogen who live locally. It is so good to have young couples coming to our church to solemnise their love for one another. We do promise them our prayers, especially this weekend.

I am delighted to say that this week my Mum & Dad are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. My family are having a fairly low-key celebration. Ten years ago at their 50th anniversary they renewed their vows in church and various family members came over from Britain for the celebration, but this time it will be just the immediate family who will be having a quiet day with them. I am very conscious that since arriving in May I have had to be away a lot; hopefully after next week I will be here right up to Christmas. But because of this celebration it means that from Monday to Friday this coming week I will be away so there will not be any weekday Masses this week.

From the Parish...

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.

Parish Fall Tea

The Parish Fall Tea will be on Saturday 15th October from 12noon to 2:30pm at the Fernie Family Centre. Tickets are \$5 and children five and under are free. Please bring baking for the tea and items for the 'White Elephant Table' after 6pm on Friday night. Items for the White Elephant Table also may be brought to Marilyn at the parish office in the Fernie Family Centre on Tuesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

From the Diocese and Beyond...

The deadline for submitting articles and photos for the next Catholic Mountain Star is Monday 12th October. Please email them to corpuschristikelowna@shaw.ca

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

No weekday Masses this week - See notice to the left.

Normally (but please see local newsletters for weekly variations):

St. Michael's, Sparwood –
9am Monday

Holy Family Church, Fernie –
9 am Tuesday

Rocky Mountain Village,
Fernie –

11 am Wednesday

St. Bernard's, Elkford –
11am Thursday

Lilac Terrace, Sparwood –
11am Friday

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 Coultry 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 Catholic Parish Hall 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

Church Restoration Phase 4 – and update from Anne Majic

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. Phase 1 being the interior cleaning, painting and new lighting; Phase 2 being the new roof, painting of exterior trim and copula, and new sound system; Phase 3 being the new exterior sign. Phase 4 will be the installation of new carpet in the church and the restoration of the kneelers at a total cost of \$32,000. The committee has procured government grant money and private donations towards this undertaking however we are in need of an additional \$7,000 from our parishioners to complete the project. Please give what you can in an envelope marked "Church Restoration" and be a part of our faith community endeavor. Blessings.

Ministries:

Saturday 8th October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Ewa Langer

Reader:

Cathleen Sonntag

Greeters:

Rob Lecavalier

Sunday 9th October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Eunice Peterson

Readers:

Gisele Kitchen and Sandy Carter

Greeters:

Benny Mangone and Sam Caravetta

Church Cleaning for this week:

S. Carter and L. & A. Westhaver

Finance

Collections:

24th/25th September \$1773.60

Candle money \$4.00

Needs of the Church in Canada

..... \$169.00

Pilgrimage of Faith 2015.....

We have met our goal

Our 2016 Diocesan Goal \$11,600

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

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