

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 8th October 2016 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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On Thursday my family celebrated our parents 60th wedding anniversary. It was a quiet but very nice celebration. Also this week I have been with an aunty who is very unwell; she is not able to eat and now is barely able to take liquids so things are not good, but she recognised me and was pleased to see me. Please do keep my Aunty Sandra in your prayers.

Slightly belatedly I would like to thank those who turned out for our potluck supper ten days ago. Obviously a mid-week doesn't suit everyone, but those who did turn up seemed to enjoy themselves, and it was wonderful to have live music - what a treat!

I do hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.

From the Parish...

Problems with Parish website and info@holymfamilyfernie.ca email.

At the moment we are having problems with our website and info@holymfamilyfernie.ca email. We are hoping it will be up and running by the end of next week. Our holymfamilyfernie@shaw.ca does work.

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2016/2017

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

With October comes the start of you 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 12 noon 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' and please bring groceries for the Grocery Hamper after 6pm on Friday night. Items for the White Elephant Table and groceries for the Grocery Hamper 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.

CWL Meeting

Our CWL meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 12th in the Coffee room at 1:00 pm. Please come! We will be discussing the tea that is on Saturday, October 15th.

Pictures needed

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

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

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

Sanctuary Lamp burns for

Mr. & Mrs. John

(Parents of Fr. David)

From Parishioner family of
Holy Family Parish

Sunday, October 9th

to

Saturday, October 15th

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

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 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 ferneliving@gmail.com

Church Restoration Phase 4 –

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 going on 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 one parish family, the Blakeys, 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. Blessings.

Ministries:

Saturday 15th October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Rob Lecavalier

Reader:

Colin Lynch

Greeters:

Willie Oryschak

Sunday 16th October:

Eucharistic Minister:

Glenn Carter

Readers:

A. Minto and Billie-Anne Kowalski

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & Family

Church Cleaning for this week:

G. Hughes and R. Vinge

Finance

Collections:

1st/2nd October \$1141.95

Candle money \$4.25

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

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