

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 11th September 2016 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time HOLY FAMILY PARISH & ROCKY MOUNTAIN VILLAGE MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept 10	5:00 pm Holy Family Parish	
Sun. Sept 11	9:00 am Holy Family Parish	
Tues. Sept 13	9:00 am Holy Family Parish	RIP Donato Muraca
Wed. Sept 14	11:00 am Rocky Mountain Village	RIP Giuseppe Rino
Sat. Sept 17	5:00 pm Holy Family Parish	RIP Giuseppe & Giuseppina

September 11th to September 17th
Sanctuary Lamp burns for Gennaro & Luisa Rino
From Rino family.

From the Parish...

News From Fr. David

I have had another full week, but I did get a whole day off when I went hiking in the Welsh hills - even if it was cool and cloudy.

Exactly thirty-three years ago this week I entered seminary (the college for priestly training) at St. John's College, Womersley, England; but more importantly, this month also marks 125 years since this seminary in southern England first opened. To mark this anniversary there are many events - some of which I am trying to be part of. Sadly the most important event I couldn't fit in to my time away; it was a trip to Rome. This was the first time a whole Seminary from England had gone together on pilgrimage to Rome. The trip included an audience with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. The seminarians and staff sat together just a few feet away from the Pope as he delivered his message that, Jesus' "call to conversion was expressed not in judgment but in closeness to sinners and mercy to those in need." He reminded the group of "our own need of forgiveness and interior conversion. As an experience of unmerited love", he said, "true conversion always entails openness to others, especially the poor."

One of the most moving moments of the pilgrimage occurred when the whole seminary, carrying a cross of mercy and singing, processed half a mile up the Via del Conciliazione, through St Peter's Square and down the centre aisle of the Basilica to the tomb of St Peter. Apparently the strong male voices stopped hundreds of tourists and reminded them that St. Peter's is a place to glorify God. The group then spent a week on retreat in Italy before returning to England this week where there are a number of other events that will mark the anniversary.

So we do pray for St. John's Seminary in particular, but also generally for all those who are in formation for the priesthood and for those who give their life helping them on their journey.

This weekend I will also be presiding at my Godson's wedding, so we pray too for Jack & Emma and for all those getting married around this time.

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

Readings - Some Thoughts from Fr. David

The gospel reading is Luke's well known parable of the "Prodigal Son" - or is that, "The Father with two sons"? Many retreat givers have spent a whole week opening up the layers of this rich gospel so it is hard to know what to say about this profound reading. In my prayer space I have a big copy of Rembrandt's painting 'The Return of the Prodigal Son', a painting that inspired the great spiritual writer Henri Nouwen. He wrote in his book "The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming":

"Rembrandt is as much the elder son of the parable as he is the younger. When, during the last years of his life, he painted both sons in *Return of the Prodigal Son*, he had lived a life in which neither the lostness of the younger son nor the lostness of the elder son was alien to him. Both needed healing and forgiveness. Both needed to come home. Both needed the embrace of a forgiving father. But from the story itself, as well as from Rembrandt's painting, it is clear that the hardest conversion to go through is the conversion of the one who stayed home."

We should also note that over the next seven Sunday's we will be reading from St. Paul's letters to Timothy. These are not the easiest of St. Paul's letters, but I will quote one verse from 2 Tim2:20, "In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for special use..." In the priesthood I so often feel that I am not the golden priest or the silver priest, but the wooden one or the clay priest, but even then the Lord can still use me. For all of us in the Church, we will not all be gold or silver, but the Lord has put us in the "large house" for a reason and he still wishes to use us. So gold or wood, silver or clay, let us remember that we are God's chosen utensils that He will use to serve out his love.

Welcome Fr. David Potluck!

Please join us in welcoming Fr. David on Wednesday, September 28th at 5:30 pm. at the Fernie Family Centre.

If your last name begins with A to N bring a salad or main dish. If your last name begins with M to Z bring a veggie or dessert.

Catechism Registration

Catechism registration for 2016-2017 will be Wednesday, September 28th. Join us for the potluck supper with registration to follow.

Contact Heather Mong for info at phone number 250-423-0192.

Registration is \$40 for one child, \$60 for two children and \$75 for three or more children.

CWL Meeting

Our CWL meeting is planned for Wednesday, September 14th in the Coffee room at 1:00 pm. Please come! We will start the meeting with offering the Rosary for your intentions.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

On Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 pm there will be a Knights of Columbus meeting. All Knights please mark your calendars to remind you of this meeting.

Pilgrimage of Faith 2015/2016

The end of our current Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal campaign will be on September 30th. Thank you to those of you who have already made their donation. We have already collected \$14,058.52 Only \$541.48 left to meet our goal.

From the Diocese and Beyond...

Jubilee Mass in Nelson on Wednesday 21st September

Come join your diocesan family in celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Cathedral in Nelson on Wednesday, 21st September at 4pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to pass through the Doors of Grace and to receive the abundant blessings that comes from the Lord. Hospitality will include hot and cold appetizers after the celebration.

Ministries:

Saturday 17th September:

Eucharistic Minister:

Rob Lecavalier

Reader:

Donald Di Georgio

Greeters:

Annette Harrison

Sunday 18th September:

Eucharistic Minister:

Sharon Switzer

Readers:

Giesele Kitchen & Sandy Carter

Greeters:

Jesse Mong & family

Church Cleaning for this week:

B. Coultry, G. Kitchen, C. Sonntag
& R. Anselmo

Finance

Collections:

3rd/4th September \$2198.00

Candle money.....\$2.35

Pilgrimage of Faith (to date):

..... \$14,058.52

Our Diocesan Goal: \$14,600.00

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.devpc.org

Rachel's Vineyard:

www.rachelvineyard.org

Canadian Conference of Catholic

Bishops: www.cccb.ca