

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 4th September 2016 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Parish...

This weekend we welcome Fr. Harry Clarke to lead our Masses. Many will remember Fr. Harry from his time with us some years ago. It is great to see him again. He will be with us for three weekends.

We also welcome any other visitors who are with us for this Labour Day long weekend. We hope all our visitors will get a spiritual lift while they are with us and want to return again in the future.

Fr. David has arrived safely in the UK and says that his first week was a busy week, partly because of the traffic congestion in and around London where he has been this week.

Pancake Breakfast in September

Our pancake breakfast is postponed until October when Fr David will be here. Please watch for the date in our newsletter.

Syrian Refugee Committee Update.

Attached to our newsletter is an update from the Syrian Refugee Committee.

Knights of Columbus Meeting – In September!

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

Sparwood Telephone – 250-425-2327

The telephone number [250-425-2327](tel:250-425-2327) now rings in both the Sparwood parish office and the Sparwood rectory. So now to get hold of someone at the parish in Sparwood you only need to ring one number.

From the Diocese and Beyond...

Monsignor Charlie: We would like to express our grateful thanks to all who helped us celebrate Fr. Charlie's life among us this past week. Our thanks to Bishop John & the Clergy, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, readers, musicians, singers, pallbearers, those who brought up the gifts during Mass, those who prepared the gravesite, the Ladies of ICC - CWL, the people of Immaculate Conception Parish & those who offered Masses and cards of sympathy. May he now Rest in Peace. Thank you all.

~ Fr. Charlie's Family & Health Care team

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.

Mass Times

Sunday Masses:

Fernie:

5pm Saturday
9am Sunday

Also: Sparwood –

7pm Saturday &
11am Sunday

Elkford – 4pm Sunday

Weekday Masses:

Holy Family Church –

9 am Tuesday

Rocky Mountain Village –
11 am Wednesday

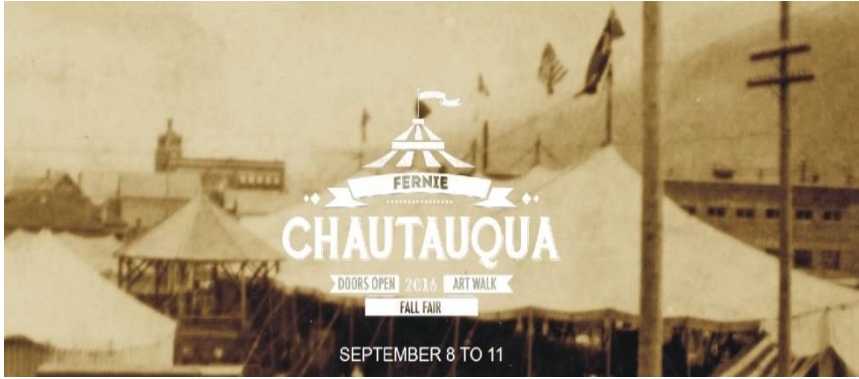
Normally (*but please see
newsletter for weekly variations*):

St. Michael's, Sparwood –
9am Monday

St. Bernard's, Elkford –
11am Thursday

Lilac Terrace, Sparwood –
11am Friday

Chautauqua and Fall Fair...



The Chautauqua and Fall Fair is being hosted from Thursday, 8th to Sunday 11th September. This fair recreates two events that were once held in Fernie. The Chautauqua, a popular travelling cultural festival, was held each June in Fernie from 1917 to 1935. The Fernie Fall Fair was a staple of the Fernie event calendar from the late 1910s to the 1960s.

The Holy Family Parish will be participating in one of the events during this four-day festival. On Saturday 10th Holy Family Parish will be opening the doors of our church to the public from 11am to 4pm. Volunteers are needed to act as hosts and tour guides to welcome both locals and tourists to our church and to provide them with a short 10 to 15 minute informal tour that provides information about the history of Holy Family. A minimum of two and a maximum of four tour hosts/guides are needed. Please sign up by calling Terri Tombosso at [\(250\) 430-1275](tel:2504301275) or by emailing her at terri@fernie.com

The organizers of the Chautauqua and Fall Fair also invite members of the Holy Family Parish to “Viva Italia, Viva Fernie: A Celebration of Fernie’s Italian Heritage”. A home-cooked spaghetti dinner hosted by Fernie's Italian community kicks off the 2016 Fernie Chautauqua and Fall Fair at the Fernie Family Centre on Thursday at 6pm to 9pm. Special guest, author Lynne Bowen, will share stories about Fernie’s early Italian community from her book, ‘Whoever Gives Us Bread: The Story of Italians in British Columbia’. Entertainment by Rosanne Anselmo, Mike Bruschetta and John Palone. Tickets are \$15 a person and are available from the Fernie Museum; no tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds support the Fernie Museum’s Community Memory Project.

Also on the Friday and Saturday, 9th & 10th, parishioners are invited to participate in a fundraising which is part of the fair. All funds raised will go to the Syrian Refugee Family for Fernie Fund. On the Friday night from 3pm to 7pm Fernie residents including Mary Menduk and Shelby Cain, will be interviewed about their stories, and there will be reading from their works of proses and poetry; this will be at the Chautauqua Tent next to the Fernie Historical Museum. From 7pm to 9pm on Friday there will be an Old Time Family Street Dance with live music Hootenanny Style. During these two events we need volunteers to help out with the bar service and also to make pies to sell by the piece at the event. Please contact Celia Roccamatisi at 250-423-8507 or Sharon Switzer at 250-946-6919 if you can help with this event. On Saturday morning the group will host a Pancake Breakfast for the community also at the Chautauqua Tent from 8:30am to 11am. Volunteers are needed to set-up, take-down and help cook and serve breakfast. Please contact Alan Westhaver at 250-423-4818 or Rob Greene at 250-423-9521 if you can help.

Ministries:

Saturday 10th September:

Eucharistic Minister:
Ewa Langer

Reader:
C. Sonntag & A.S. Khamilla

Greeters:
Willie Oryschak

Sunday 11th September:

Eucharistic Minister:
Glenn Carter

Readers:
C. Sonntag

Greeters:
Benny Mangone & Sam Caravetta

Church Cleaning for this week:
M. Gareau, I. Gareau, L. Kremen
and S. Butler

Finance

Collections:
27th/28th August \$2079.00

Pilgrimage of Faith (to date):
..... \$13,958.52
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.dev.org
- Rachel’s Vineyard: www.rachelvineyard.org
- Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.cccb.ca

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Syrian Refugee Committee Update

A small but consistent core of dedicated volunteers have filled all executive positions on the committee and are holding regular monthly meetings. Our September meeting will be held at the Catholic Hall at 6:30pm on September 15th everyone is welcome to attend.

Total funds raised to date is \$8520.00. We have established firm contact with Nelson Diocese who are the Sponsoring Agency and they have been very supportive of our efforts. The Federal Government rules have changed since we started, process is now much more lengthy, It will require patience, prayer, and persistence on our part.

We have been encouraged by our Sponsorship Holder to consider a larger family because there aren't many smaller families available. As a committee we have decided to accept a family of 6, with up to 4 children and 2 parents. With a need to be flexible we will be accepting a family of any background or religion approved by Federal Gov't. Our plan is to make a commitment in next few months, but the approval and administration processes may delay arrival of our family for 18 - 24 months

The upcoming Fall Chautauqua Event will be a great opportunity to fundraise for the project. We encourage everyone to come out to the events we are sponsoring and to bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy some local authors, beverages and homemade pie on Friday evening between 3pm to 10pm and the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday 8:30am to 10:30am on the street next to the Fernie Museum.

It is our hope that we can expand our network of refugee supporters within and outside our Catholic Church in the month ahead and welcome questions and queries about the process. We have secured commitments for medical and dental support for the incoming Fernie refugee family, have a storage unit available to accept household items and prospects for housing as well.

The atrocities and violence in Syria continues to displace more people, thousands are still held hostage in their own villages, and thousands more are warehoused temporarily in tents in the desert.

Your support and participation is still needed in order to meet the fund-raising and volunteer support levels required for Fernie to, once again, demonstrate its long-standing tradition of welcoming immigrants to our beautiful community. Remember that all donations are tax deductible and will receive a charitable donation receipt at the end of the year.

Please contact Sharon Switzer at 250-946-6919 or Mary Menduk at 250-423-6123