



"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

All Saints Parish, Cumberland County N.S.

In the Archdiocese of Halifax Yarmouth

APRIL 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

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St. John the Baptist, Springhill

St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert

St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins

St. Thomas More, Pugwash

St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge

Holy Family Church, Amherst

St. Brigid's, Parrsboro

All Saints Parish Central Office (902) 667- 5244

Office Hours Mon.—Fri. 9 - 12 p.m Noon

Father Craig Christenson Parish Pastor
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Holy Family Office—Mary Comeau Office Manager

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Holy Family Office (902)-667-2523

Weekday Prayers

We are asking parishioners to gather at 7:00 p.m. from Monday – Friday in a quiet area at home, light a candle and pray. At this time we ask, at a minimum everyone pray our Parish Prayer at this time, so we are in communion throughout Cumberland County.

Archbishop Anthony Mancini is celebrating Mass from the chapel at the Pastoral Diocesan Office at 8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. It is being live streamed at https://livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/events/9047466?origin=stream_live&mixpanel_id=13c05962d4828-01b694ebe5d9ec-7d6b1035-ff00-13c05962d49a9&acc_id=15405655&medium=email

Father Paul Morris, is offering Mass on FaceBook "Live" <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCathedralBasilica/> at 5:15 p.m. daily from the chapel in St Mary's Glebe.

Pray As You Go prayer site can be used as well. The link is <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Mass

At your "normal" time to attend Mass (i.e.: 4:00 p.m. on Saturday for River Hebert/ Joggins community) we ask that you "attend Mass" at home. Go through the readings of the Sunday Liturgy and then all of us are gathered together in our normal time throughout the county. You may want to do the Rosary at this time or the Novena. We hope you end with the Parish Prayer to complete.

Funerals

Funerals will include immediate family only and consist of Liturgy of the Word. We will not be supporting any visiting hours for a person who has died and there will be no receptions offered from our communities.

Buildings

Central Office and all Churches in Cumberland County are closed. Our phones lines are still open if you have questions or concerns.

Social Media

Updates weekly, or as necessary. Central Office will do all communicating of information which then can be passed along appropriately to ensure as much as possible, consistency of message. Central Office will have an update on FaceBook and our Website every Tuesday and Friday.

Telephone Tree

Established for our most vulnerable in the Parish.

We are asking all of our churches to set up a telephone tree with their parishioners to ensure everyone has a link to someone during this time. Hopefully those with email can be buddied up with someone who does not have computer access. If you plan to do this, can you please email the office to let us know and we can add to our action plan.

Financial

Parishioners can set up a weekly e-transfer to our office for their contributions. The email to use is allsaintsparish@holymfamilyamherst.ca or office@holymfamilyamherst.ca. Please ensure that you put your envelope # in the message portion of the transfer, so it is credited appropriately. If your account is in a name that might not be recognized by Evelyn, please put the name of the person sending the transfer.

PAR Form—A digital Form has been created and attached with this newsletter.

Envelopes can be mailed to All Saints Parish, 63 Church Street, Amherst, Nova Scotia , B4H 4E2.

Easter Basket tickets are still available. You can e-transfer money or mail cheques directly to the address above.

Hail Mary's —3,192,711. Please continue to email or call with your prayer count by Wednesday of each week.

Prayers for the sick—Phil LeBlanc, Jim Nelson, Shae Fage, Joan Farrow, Aileen Brown, Shawna Black, Marcel-la Landry and Roy McInnis.

Prayers for those that have died—Evelyn Smith (mother of Greg Smith)

Community Support

Given the current needs of our local community and the increase of food insecurity for so many, on behalf of Holy Family Church, two donations have recently been made. One to the Amherst Food Bank and another to the efforts of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which has been initiated at this critical time through the Homelessness Outreach program of the Amherst YMCA.



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Holy Week Schedule 2020

All Masses for Holy Week will be livestreamed from St. Mary's Basilica, Halifax.
Times are as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 11:00 a.m.

Link to connect: <https://livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/events/9047466>

Zoom Chat

You are invited to a Zoom Chat with Father Craig and Glenna every two weeks on Thursday's at 7:00 p.m.

April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

April 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

May 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

May 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

June 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

June 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

July 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Go to www.ZOOM.us

- Go to the link for "Join A Meeting" ,
- Enter code —390 834 096
- Password — together
- Activate your video and your audio to join in and let us know you are there.

Easter Sunday

Join your All Saints Parish family in celebrating the Risen Christ on Easter Morning and for the Easter Season (April 12—May 31, 2020 Pentecost).

We are asking parishioners who would like to support this initiative to:

- o draw/build/paint a cross that can be seen by the public (in a window, on the lawn, etc.)
- o Easter Morning attach a sign to the cross which says "Jesus is Risen, Alleluia" or " He Has Risen" to recognize the sacrifice he made for us.
- o Take a picture and post on our Facebook page or email to glenna@holyfamilyamherst.ca

As well, Easter Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m., we ask that parishioners find bells, instruments, pots and pans, any beautiful noise makers and ring or play them loud and proud to celebrate. If you take a video or your family participating, post it as well.

"They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love."

To the people of All Saints Parish

It is a very strange world today, so many full of worry, so many unsure what to do. There are people on the front line, people who never dreamt that a whole world would be lifting them up one day in their roles, jobs and specific skills. We have been separated from friends, family and our faith family, at a time when we need each other to keep us sane. We need to stay away from each other for safety and yet we are learning what it looks like when we alienate ourselves from the world, from people. If you look very closely there are two kinds of people birthing out of this pandemic.....those who complain, fight, whine, argue, blame, hate, etc. on everyone and everything; and then there are those who are lifting up, celebrating their gifts and sharing them with others singing and playing music, there are those who are doing nighttime stories to share with their daycare children, others that are delivering medicine, food, groceries to those who are unable to go out due to being at risk. Which one am I? Let us be the ones who are lifting up, supporting, helping, picking up the phone to check on others. Let us be the ones who trust those in charge and be the ones showing how our faith helps us through the fear. Let us choose FAITH over fear and helps us to show others this trust and love. - goq