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# All Saints Parish

CUMBERLAND COUNTY/STRONGER TOGETHER

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**November 8th, 2020**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**"Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."**  
**Matthew 25.1-13**

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

*Intention For:*

*By:*

07-Nov	4:00PM	St. Thomas Aquinas	Chris Myers	All Saints Parish
07-Nov	6:00PM	Holy Family	Geri Dolan	Louitta Gaudet
08-Nov	9:00AM	St. Brigid's	Eugene MacIsaac	All Saints Parish
08-Nov	11:15AM	Holy Family	Betty Arseneau	Dorina Arseneau
10-Nov	7:00PM	St. John the Baptist	Chris Myers	All Saints Parish
12-Nov	9:30AM	Holy Family	Evelyn Solowij	All Saints Parish
13-Nov	9:30AM	Holy Family	John Pashkoski	All Saints Parish

PRAYER REQUESTS



*We keep in our prayers those who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering in any way, especially: Brian Johnson, Veronica Richards, Shirley Ann Porter, Louitta Sears, Peter LeBlanc, Wayne Duffy, Glennda O'Quinn, Phil LeBlanc and Sharon Vriend.*

*We pray for those who have died. May God gather them into his welcoming arms, especially, Lillian Deschenes.*

## **Weekday Masses**

Holy Family Church-Amherst	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:30am
Saint John the Baptist-Springhill	Tuesdays	7pm

## **Eucharistic Adoration Schedule:**

Holy Family Church Amherst	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from 10-11am
St. Brigid's Church Parrsboro	May-October only
St. Thomas More Church Pugwash	May-October only

## **Reconciliation Schedule:**

St. John the Baptist Springhill	After 7pm mass on Tuesdays
St. Thomas More Pugwash	By appointment
St. Thomas Aquinas Joggins	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 3:30-3:50pm
Holy Family Amherst	Following the 9:30am weekday masses
St. Cornelius Streets Ridge	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 3:30pm-3:50pm
St. Paul the Apostle River Hebert	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 3:30-3:50pm
St. Brigid's Parrsboro	By Appointment

"God is good all the time. All the time, God is good." ~ Father Charles



**Prayer Line # - 902-664-9396**

*For anyone needing special prayers for themselves or for someone you love.*

**Power of Prayer:**

Since Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, our parish has prayed **3,304,736 Hail Mary's.**

\*\*\*Please remember to email, drop a note in the collection or call the office and leave a message with your Hail Mary Count. **We pray in November for all those included in the Book of Life.**



**November 15th, 2020 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- World Day of the Poor**

Reading #1      Proverbs 31.10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31  
Reading #2      1 Thessalonians 5.1-6  
GOSPEL          Matthew 25.14-30



**Development & Peace: Share Lent Campaign**

As the world faces the challenge of containing COVID-19, D&P wants to draw attention to the importance of solidarity as people all over the world take efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Let us not forget our sisters and brothers in the Global South whose struggles are multiplied by this pandemic.

Traditionally each year during Lent, Development and Peace Caritas Canada raises funds to support life-changing programs in over 35 countries in the Global South and education programs in Canada through its Share Lent Campaign. A special collection takes place annually on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. However, this was not done in 2020 due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

As means to help in their important work, Archbishops Mancini and Dunn have designated for our diocese the weekend of **November 14-15** as a time to give to D &P's Share Lent campaign.

<https://www.devp.org/en/civCRM/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=17>

## PARISH NEWS

Do you have news, meetings, fundraising events etc., that you would like to share? Please send your information (all details written out) to [office@allsaintparishcc.ca](mailto:office@allsaintparishcc.ca) to have your notice included in the weekly update. Please send along at least two weeks in advance of the event.



Each week at Holy Family, we have 30 youth who have engaged in learning to pray the Rosary through our J.A.M. (Jesus And Me) Program. Each Sunday morning the youth (along with their families), have been reporting 'Good Deeds or Acts of Kindness' which we call 'God Sightings'. These are recorded and put on the Rosary Display Panel in the gathering area. Thank you for your continued support and interest in our Youth as they too are struggling with Covid Restrictions and doing their best to attend classes online and in keeping Christ in their lives.



### *Saint Brigid Christmas Tea and Sale*



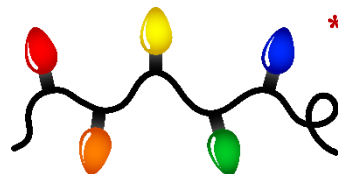
Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am-1:30 pm (all Public Health protocols in place) Tables of tasty treats and a Treasure Trove table.

\$7.00 **Take out only** - For those who cannot come, we are happy to deliver!

Questions or advance orders call: 902-254-3598



### **All Saints Parish Presents..THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ONLINE FALL FAIR (Facebook page)**



\*\*\*\*We are looking for good quality Christmas Items to sell in an upcoming Christmas themed auction. If you any items, please make arrangements with Mary for drop off to the church.

Thank you to all those who continue to support these fundraisers & to the dedicated volunteers behind the scenes.

Congratulations to the winners of the Theme Baskets: Lilly MacDonald, Ross Ward, Nancy Ripley, Pat Weatherbee, Theresa Ellis and Frank Allen!!

### **Holy Family Church.....**

As the mass numbers increase each weekend, we are reaching maximum capacity for the church. To open the hall for more seating, **volunteers are required**. We need immediate assistance with registration, ushering and cleaning. If this is something you can assist with, please call the office.

-The Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on November 26th, 2020 at 7pm, at the Knights Hall at 5 Robie St. All members are encouraged to attend. See you there!!



For those wanting to give a memorial donation to SSVP, cards are available at the Holy Family office. Did you know that we also have cards to donate in honor of someone still living? A wonderful idea for a Christmas gift.



### **HOLY FAMILY CWL NEWS:**

#### **Marguerite Burns Memorial Education Bursary (NOTE DEADLINE)**

Application forms for the Marguerite Burns Memorial Bursary can be found online on the CWL website [www.halifaxyarmouthcwl.com/resources](http://www.halifaxyarmouthcwl.com/resources)

They must be received by the Halifax Yarmouth Diocesan Education and Health chairperson by **Nov.15,2020.**

A few copies of the application form have also been placed in the gathering area at Holy Family. Applicants must be current CWL members or a child of a current CWL member in our Archdiocese.

Applications may be completed online and emailed to:

Jeanette Lidstone- Halifax-Yarmouth Diocesan -Education and Health Chairperson

[jflidstone@gmail.com](mailto:jflidstone@gmail.com)

☪ Due to Covid restrictions and our inability to proceed with our usual fundraising, we regret that we are not able to offer the Holy Family Parish Catholic Women's League Bursary this year.


Greetings! It is that time of the year when our 2021 National CWL annual dues (\$25.00) are being collected.

Due to Covid19 restrictions, our general meetings and related functions have been suspended. Therefore, collection of 2021 dues will be managed differently.


Place cash or a cheque made payable to **Holy Family CWL** in a sealed envelope. On the envelope, write **Holy Family CWL 2021 dues**. Here are several options for remitting your payment.


- 1) Place in the locked mailbox by the entrance doors at the church. **Cheques only**.
- 2) Ring the doorbell at the church between 9:00 am and noon Monday to Friday and give your envelope to Mary or Evelyn in the office.
- 3) Place in the offering basket at mass on weekends.
- 4) By mail via Canada post to: Holy Family CWL  
63 Church St., P.O. Box 1075  
Amherst NS B4H 4E2
- 5) For those who live in town and are not mobile, call Shirley Leblanc at 902-667-8848 or Diane Yarymowich at 902-667-0921 and they will pick up your dues at your home. If you have any questions or problems, please call one of the above.

**NOTE: your receipts will be mailed to you in December along with a league mailout. Thank You**

 As in years past at Holy Family, the **Book of Life** will be brought out for the month of November. Due to Covid restrictions, individuals will be unable to write in the book themselves. If you would like a name added, please leave a marked envelope (Book of Life) with the name in the collection or email the name(s) to [office@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:office@allsaintsparishcc.ca). It will be written in on your behalf.



 A reminder that for those unable to attend a mass, Holy Family Church Mass is livestreamed at 11:15am on Sunday morning. We encourage you to watch at 11:15am and join in virtually.

 **Sunday Missals 2020-2021** have been distributed to all 7 churches. Missals are available to purchase for \$5.00 each. Holy Family parishioners can contact Mary to make purchase arrangements.



The next RCIA session will be held at Holy Family Church on November 12th at 7pm at Holy Family Church. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they take this journey.



### **Christmas Cheer Program 2020**

Once again, this year, Holy Family Church is participating with the Amherst Ministerial Association, in the Christmas Cheer program. The food list calendar is now available (and included below).

October 18	Canned vegetables and juice
October 25	Canned brown beans and mayo
November 1	Canned meat/fish and canned fruit
November 8	Peanut butter and jam (not homemade)
November 15	Cereal (Rice Krispies or Corn Flakes) and cookies
November 22	Kraft Dinner and soup
November 29	White sugar and crackers
December 6	Tea and Stovetop dressing
December 13	Christmas candy and chocolate bars

Given the Covid restrictions, monetary donations (of any amount) are encouraged and gratefully accepted, but the collection of food will stay take place. The cost to sponsor a box is \$95.00 and the cost for a turkey or ham is \$20.00. Monetary donations are used to purchase perishables required to fill the boxes, (i.e. butter, oranges, turkeys, etc.). New hats, scarves & mittens are also welcomed, all sizes.

*Christmas is all about sharing and giving.*

*“Love is what’s in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.” ~ Author~a 7-year-old named Bobby*



## Financial Update: All Saints Parish –

### Ordinary Revenue October 2020

	<u>Holy Family</u>	<u>St. Brigids</u>	<u>St. Cornelius</u>	<u>St. John the Baptist</u>	<u>St. Paul the Apostle</u>	<u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u>	<u>St. Thomas More</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Envelopes	18,381.50	1,915.00	320.00	774.00	445.00	1,108.00	1,510.00	24,453.50
Loose	34.95	340.00	82.50	570.00	0.00	5.00	108.00	<u>1,140.45</u>
Total	<u>\$18,416.45</u>	<u>\$2,255.00</u>	<u>\$402.50</u>	<u>\$1,344.00</u>	<u>\$445.00</u>	<u>\$1,113.00</u>	<u>\$1,618.00</u>	<u>\$25,593.95</u>

-\*\* We are back in our churches and thankful for this time together, even in small numbers. Please remember donations can still be made during MASS or if you have not returned to attend MASS, you can make donations the following ways:

D – Dropped off at Central Office,

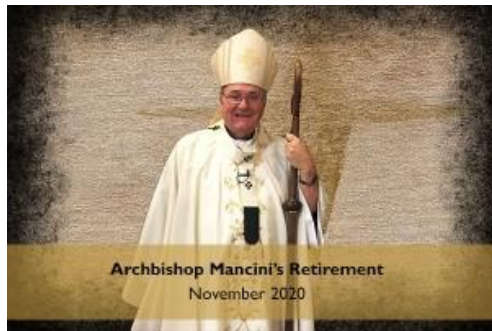
E – E-Transferred to [finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca),

M – Mailed to P.O. Box 1075, Amherst, NS B4H 4E2

P- PAR can be set up to accept your donations directly from your account.

**We thank you for your continued financial support.**

### *News from the Archdiocese*



*After 13 years as our Chief Shepherd, Archbishop Anthony Mancini will retire at the end of November. Canon law states that all bishops must submit their resignation on their 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. To mark this milestone for Archbishop Mancini and the faithful of our diocese there will be several celebrations. We invite you to mark your calendars now!*

- November 22 – Celebrant at the 10:30am Sunday Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica
- November 25 – An Evening of Prayer with the Clergy at Saint Benedict Parish
- November 27 – Celebrant at the 12:15pm Daily Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

Due to our current circumstances these liturgies are by invitation only. However, all are encouraged to join in the celebrations by livestream. Further details will be shared closer to the events.



## **Celebration of Succession: December 8**

On December 8, 2020 we will celebrate not only our 9th anniversary of becoming the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth but also celebrate and welcome Archbishop Brian Dunn as he officially takes the cathedra as the second bishop ever of our diocese.

To commemorate this day, Archbishop Dunn will celebrate a 12:15pm Mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. This will be an invite-only in-person Mass due to COVID-19. The faithful are cordially invited to join in the celebration by livestream. The link will be available on the diocesan website closer to the date.

## **Community Equip Collection**

**November 21st/22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Community is a commitment, not just an idea. It is a commitment to do good for those around you. The faith community is not the comfortable pew anymore. It is about a change in each of us if we are going to see with new faith, engage with new ardor and apply new methods to the missionary imperative of the new evangelization. **A portion of the total that your parish raises will return to the parish to help in your missionary efforts.**

There are two ways for you to give:

- Fill out the Community Collection donor card and use the included return envelope and mail it directly to the Archdiocese: Community Collection, 1559 Brunswick St, Suite 101, Halifax, NS B3J 2G1
- Make a donation online through the Archdiocesan website by visiting [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/donate).

## **ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE 2020**

### **Assembly 2020: Are You Registered??**

It is not too late for people to take part in our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Assembly of the People of God!

From 9:00am to 10:45am the Assembly is accessible to everyone via [www.livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/Assembly2020](http://www.livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/Assembly2020)

From 11:00am to 1:00pm will be workshops targeted at specific parish leaders. Archbishops Mancini and Dunn encourage anyone who is part of a Leadership Team, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, or parish catechetics to register for the workshop for their group.

The Assembly will happen on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. For more information and to register go to [www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly)

# CHALICE 2020-2021



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To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit [www.chalice.ca](http://www.chalice.ca).

## For those who are unable to attend mass:



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Reminders of Mass Protocol During Covid Restrictions

- As per the protocols put forth by the Archdiocese and developed with the NS Health Authority....  
“Communicants are instructed to remove their masks by using the straps and without touching the front of their masks and while the person ahead of them is receiving Holy Communion. You are to place one open hand upon the other to reverently receive the Sacred Host.”
- “In the present pandemic, spiritual communion will be encouraged for the sick and homebound. Thus, communion to the Sick and Homebound will NOT take place for the time being.”
- Church doors **open 30 minutes before Mass**. Covid screening is completed at the door. Hand sanitizer must be used upon entrance of the building. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home.
- Only the church itself is open during Mass. The washrooms or hall are not accessible during that time.

We thank you for adhering to these requirements that are keeping everyone safe and are allowing us to keep our doors open.