

All Saints Parish

CUMBERLAND COUNTY/STRONGER TOGETHER

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November 29th, 2020

First Sunday in Advent

“Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.”

Mass Intentions for the Week

Intention For:

By:

28-Nov	4:00PM	St.Thomas Aquinas	No intentions	No intentions
28-Nov	6:00PM	Holy Family	Carol Moore	Mickey Huey
29-Nov	9:00AM	St.Thomas More	All Souls in Purgatory	All Saints Parish
29-Nov	11:15AM	Holy Family	Noel Arab	Daughter Diane Salah
01-Dec	7pm	St. John the Baptist	No Intentions	No Intentions
02-Dec	9:30am	Holy Family	No Intentions	No Intentions
03-Dec	9:30am	Holy Family	No Intentions	No Intentions
04-Dec	9:30am	Holy Family	No Intentions	No Intentions

PRAYER REQUESTS



We keep in our prayers those who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering in any way, especially: Veronica Richards, Louitta Sears, Peter LeBlanc, Wayne Duffy, Glenna O'Quinn and Sharon Vriend.

We pray for those who have died. May God gather them into his welcoming arms, especially, Brian Johnson and Phil LeBlanc.

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 st 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 nd Saturday of each month from 3:30-3:50pm
Holy Family Amherst	Following the 9:30am weekday masses
St. Cornelius Streets Ridge	1 st Saturday of the month from 3:30pm-3:50pm
St. Paul the Apostle River Hebert	3 rd 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

Advent Reconciliation Schedule for All Saints Parish

Saint Cornelius-Streets Ridge	December 5 th	3:15pm-3:45pm
Saint Paul the Apostle-River Hebert	December 9 th	2:00pm-3:00pm
Saint Brigid's-Parrsboro	December 10 th	2:00pm-3:00pm
Saint Thomas More-Pugwash	December 11 th	1:00pm-2:00pm
Holy Family-Amherst	December 16 th	4:00pm-5:00pm
Saint John the Baptist-Springhill	December 17 th	6:00pm-7:00pm

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS SCHEDULE *December 24th*

Holy Family - Amherst	Mass	4:00pm
Saint Thomas More-Pugwash <i>(note change in time)</i>	Liturgy	4:00pm
Saint Cornelius-Streets Ridge	Lay Service	6:30pm
Saint Brigid's-Parrsboro	Liturgy	7:00pm
Holy Family -Amherst	Mass	7:30pm
Saint John the Baptist-Springhill	Mass	9:30pm

Christmas Day Mass Schedule *December 25th*

Saint Thomas Aquinas-Joggins	Mass	11:00am
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New Year's Day- Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1st, 2021

Holy Family Church	Mass	9:30am
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NOTE: Pre-registration is required for both masses at **Holy Family Church** on December 24th.

PHONE ONLY (667-2523), from 9-12pm, Monday-Friday.

Prayer Line # - 902-664-9396

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

Power of Prayer:

Since Dec 6th, 2016, our parish has prayed [3,322,386 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.

In December, as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, we pray for all families in our Parish and the world.



December 6th, 2020 2nd Advent in Sunday

Reading #1 Isaiah 40.1-5,9-11
Reading #2 2 Peter 3.8-14
GOSPEL Mark 1.1-8

PARISH NEWS



A few important reminders.....

- 1) Sanitize your hands when you enter the buildings in ASP.
- 2) As soon as you have completed your screening (for mass), follow usher directly to your seat. Do not linger in the entrance.
- 3) As soon as mass is over and the usher has indicated it is your turn to leave your seat, leave the building immediately. Do not linger in the gathering area. (We seat front to back and dismiss back to front.)

Effective immediately, the Covid Screening questions as you enter a church in All Saints Parish, will now include a question asking you whether you have been to New Brunswick or Halifax Regional Municipality. If you answer yes, we will make a note of that on our registration sheet and suggest that you continue to self-monitor and phone 811 if necessary. You may still enter the building. This question will simply assist the tracking if there is an exposure concern. *Thank you for your continued co-operation in assisting us to keep everyone safe and our buildings open.*

Bishop's Visit to All Saints Parish

We are blessed that as part of a regional "tour", Archbishop Dunn will celebrate mass for All Saints Parishioners, on **Tuesday, December 15th at 6pm.** Doors will open at 5:30pm. The mass will be held at Holy Family Church and all Covid protocols will be in place. There is limited seating due to Covid restrictions. **Pre-Registration for this mass is required** and will begin on Monday, November 16th by **PHONE ONLY.** Please call 902-667-2523, between the hours of 9am-12pm, Monday -Friday. Registration deadline is December 8th at 12 noon. **This mass will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.** <https://livestream.com/accounts/15325304>

This past Sunday at Holy Family Church.....



4 youth (Ty Beed, Burke Beed, Lauren Beed and Nate Campbell) all received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Sean O'Quinn who has been their teacher and thank you also to Connie LeBlanc, Rachelle Dow and Dianne Gillis, for designing and sewing the beautiful stoles they wore, on such short notice.



Saint Brigid Christmas Tea and Sale

*Saturday, November 28th, 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!*

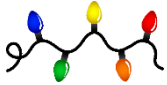
Questions or advance orders call: 902-254-3598

Missals 2020-2021

There are still a limited number of missals for sale at Holy Family. We also have missals for Young Catholics for sale. Please call Mary to get a copy.



Holy Family Church Auctions & More (All Saints Parish)



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



Stay tuned for another baking online auction!!



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.



Fundraiser

Double sided painted reclaimed barn board. \$35.00 and can be delivered in Amherst.

Call the church office to place your order
902 667 2523

Put your payment in an envelope marked 'Scarecrow/Snowman with your Name, Address & Phone Number and drop in the Church Mailbox or e-transfer

finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca

Please add a note in the e-transfer memo what it is for.

Financial Update: All Saints Parish

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,

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.

Ordinary Revenue October 2020

	Holy Family	St. Brigids	St. Cornelius	St. John the Baptist	St. Paul the Apostle	St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Thomas More	TOTAL
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>	\$25,593.95



HOLY FAMILY CWL NEWS:

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



The next RCIA session will be held at Holy Family Church on December 3rd at 7pm at Holy Family Church. Please keep our candidates and their families in your prayers as they take this journey.

CHALICE 2020-2021

Chalice (a Catholic charity) invites you to share the blessings of Christmas with children in the



developing world. Our Christmas Gift Catalogue allows you to purchase a gift for someone in need in honour of a friend or a loved one. A beautiful handwritten card will be sent to the recipient, telling them of the gift that has been given. Any gift purchased through the catalogue will receive an official tax receipt.

To order gifts, please call 1-800-776-6855 or visit www.chalice.ca.

Christmas Cheer Program 2020

November 29

White sugar and crackers

December 6

Tea and Stovetop dressing

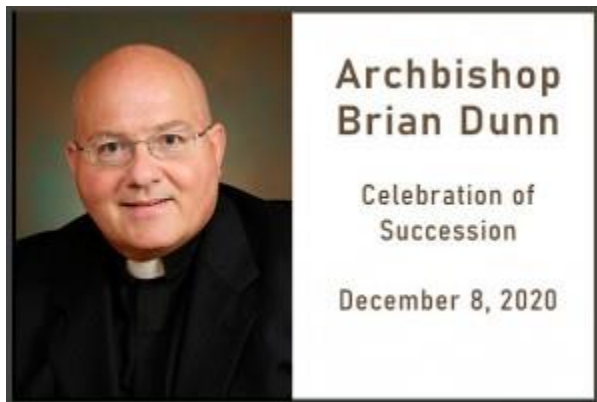
December 13

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.

News from the Archdiocese

Celebration of Succession



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.

Covid Protocols

Effective November 29th, 2020, the responsorial psalm can be sung in churches of All Saints Parish, where there is sufficient space to meet the provincial distance requirement of 4 meters from the congregation and there is the capability to sing the psalm.

- 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**.



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.