

All Saints Parish

CUMBERLAND COUNTY/STRONGER TOGETHER

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December 6th, 2020
Second Sunday in Advent
"Make Straight the Paths of the Lord"

*Mass  for the
 Intentions  Week*

Intention For: By:

05-Dec	4:00pm	Streets Ridge	No Intentions	
05-Dec	6:00pm	Holy Family	Elbert White	Glen & Anita White
06-Dec	9:00am	St. Brigid's	No Intentions	
06-Dec	11:15am	Holy Family	George Fairfax	Sharon & family
08-Dec	7:00pm	St. John the Baptist	No Intentions	
09-Dec	9:30am	Holy Family	No Intentions	
10-Dec	9:30am	Holy Family	No Intentions	
11-Dec	9:30am	Holy Family	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 and Glenna O'Quinn

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

COVID TRAVEL UPDATE

Based on revised COVID travel requirements in New Brunswick (Nov. 28th) and government recommendations in Nova Scotia due to increasing cases of COVID in both provinces, we are reminding all parishioners of the current guidelines:

“Travel into New Brunswick: Does the Atlantic bubble still exist? Exceptions that allowed travelers to enter New Brunswick from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador without the need to register their travel or self-isolate for 14 days **have been suspended.**”

“Do I need to register my travel into New Brunswick? Registration for cross-border travel into New Brunswick from Nova Scotia, PEI or Newfoundland and Labrador **is now mandatory**. Register your travel through www.gnb.ca/travelregistration. Failure to register can result in penalties. Registration is required even for those who are exempt from self-isolation.”

All Nova Scotians have been advised to stay within their own communities and to **avoid Halifax Regional Municipality and Hants County**.

In the spirit of compassion and care for others, we are trusting that those seeking access to our buildings have adhered to all these requirements.

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	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 (note change in time)	Mass	10:00am
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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 [3,329,650 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 13th, 2020 3rd Sunday in Advent

Reading #1 Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
Reading #2 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
GOSPEL John 1.6-8, 19-28

[PARISH NEWS](#)

Bishop's Visit to All Saints Parish



In light of increasing Covid numbers and at the urging of the NS government to stay within your own communities, the visit to All Saints Parish by Bishop Dunn has been postponed until the new year. We will update as information is received.



Holy Family Church Auctions & More (All Saints Parish)



Be sure to keep checking the online auction page for wonderful Christmas items and more!! Stay tuned for a Christmas Treats/Baking Sale in two weeks!! Fill your freezer (and tummies) & support our parish at the same time! As always, thank you to all the volunteers who generously give of their time & talents!! Thank you to all those who have donated all these wonderful items as well!!



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:

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

Financial Update: All Saints Parish 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>	<u>\$25,593.95</u>

We are back in our churches and thankful for this time together, even in smaller 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.

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

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



A Transition of Bishops

On Friday, November 27, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Archbishop Anthony Mancini from the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. At the same time, Coadjutor Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn immediately succeeded Archbishop Mancini as head of the Archdiocese.

The transition from a former bishop to a new bishop happened more quickly than we have been accustomed to in the past and during this time of global pandemic, it has also been a quiet transition. However, we recognize the 13 years of ministry of now Archbishop Emeritus Anthony Mancini. We also acknowledge the beginning of a new ministry for our new Chief Shepherd, Archbishop Brian Joseph Dunn.

Both bishops reflected on endings and beginnings in the recent days. Recordings of Archbishop Emeritus Mancini's homily from the Mass on Friday, November 27 and Archbishop Dunn's first Sunday homily as our new bishop can be found at www.livestream.com/halifaxyarmouth/cathedral

Thank you, Archbishop Emeritus Mancini, for your ministry! Congratulations Archbishop Dunn! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us through these transitions.

December 12: National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples



On 12 December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council).

This year, the reflection by the Council draws on theme of the United Nations 2019 year of Indigenous Languages. "We all like to be spoken to in our mother tongue. So too in the faith, we like to be spoken to in our "mother culture", our native language (cf. 2 Maccabees 7:21,27), and as a result our hearts become better disposed to hear the Word of God."

To recognize this day the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) offered a statement Message for this national day. You can find the text of this message by [clicking here \(pdf\)](#).