
All Saints Parish

CUMBERLAND COUNTY/STRONGER TOGETHER

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December 27th, 2020
"The child grew, filled with wisdom."
Luke 2.22-40

Mass  *for the*
Intentions  *Week*

Intention For: *By:*

26-Dec	6:00pm	Holy Family	Marion Rent	Anne Pereira
27-Dec	9:00am	St. Brigid's	Gladys Melanson	daughter Nancy Curleigh
27-Dec	11:15am	Holy Family	Edna Wilson	Plassey Rodrigues
02-Jan	6:00pm	Holy Family	Emile Melanson	Shirley LeBlanc
03-Jan	11:15am	Holy Family	Alannah Francis	Doris Boyle

PRAYER REQUESTS



We keep in our prayers those who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering in any way, especially, Freda Gallagher, 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 Reg Mason and Sean Walsh, brother-in-law of Vince Byrne.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

GRATITUDE FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY

I am grateful for the hospitality that you have shown me over the past few months and I look forward to getting to know you more in the future. I had originally planned for family visitation during the fall, which would have given me an opportunity of getting to know you on a more personal basis, but the global pandemic made me to change my plan.

Transitioning to a new parish can be a daunting task. My transition during a Pandemic, the reorganization of the Archdiocese and the commencement of a new Parish has not been without its challenges. The Coronavirus Crisis has dramatically affected how we practise our faith as Catholics and as we are aware, it is unknow at this time, as to when the current restrictions will be lifted.

Our challenge as a Parish is the implementation of the Archdiocesan Plan for the ongoing evangelization of the Church. While some of you may be aware of the Archdiocesan plan through your participation in various committees, many of you would not have heard or seen the plan. This can be found at: www.halifaxarmouth.org/pastoral-life-new-evangelization/pastoral-plan#.

As Pastor, my goal is to personally meet each and everyone of you and where appropriate, invite you to participate in the Parish ministry. As noted, above, the pandemic has limited our interactions and the masking restrictions has made it difficult to associate a name with a face hidden behind a mask.

Consequently, I have been relying on those parishioners I have come to know, the staff and the deacons to guide me in developing committees and reaching out to parishioners. If I have not reach out to you yet, do not become disheartened. Our plan has many parts, and I am sure there is an opportunity for you to share your time and talents, with one of the many committees that form the plan. We have established according to the Archdiocesan directives: The Parish Pastoral Council, The Parish Finance Council and the Parish Leadership Team. The Officers of these Councils will be announced next year.

As always, it takes time and resources to implement a plan. Your time is valuable, and it is important that you and I understand the limitations your participation in any committee may place on your personal time. Therefore, as we move forward over the next while, I want to use your time, talent, and treasures effectively in the evangelization of our Church, Parish and Archdiocese.

If anyone has a particular interest in an area of evangelization, I encourage you to speak to our deacons, Glenna on her return or myself after any Mass. This will allow each of us to arrange for a personal introduction and learn a little about each other. While it may not be the most expedient way to get to know you all, given current circumstances and restrictions; it will allow us to move forward wisely.

In the midst of this pandemic many people may not attend Christmas mass in person due to Covid -19 protocols. However, we encourage you to join us online and every Sunday via a livestream Mass. We will celebrate a livestreamed Christmas Vigil masses from Holy Family Church Amherst @ 4:00pm and 7:30pm respectively. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Parish especially in this difficult times. May God continue to bless and enrich you in your journey of faith. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ

Fr. Charles Offor

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 **3,357,785 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.*

ALL SAINTS PARISH NEWS



December 24th

Closing at 12pm.

Closed the week of:

December 28th-January 1st

January 4th

Offices open at 9am.

The staff of All Saints Parish would like to say thank you for all the treats and cards that have been delivered over the last two weeks. Your kindness warms our hearts.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.





CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

for Holy Family Church 2020

In Loving Memory of the Gautreau Family from Betty O'Regan & Family

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In Loving Memory of Cheryl Doiron from Evelyn Pollard

In Loving Memory of Margaret & Rae Pollard from Evelyn Pollard

In Loving Memory of Stanley Gould & Phil LeBlanc from Sharon Gould

In Loving Memory of Doug & Shirley Downey from Donna & Curtis White

In Loving Memory of Arnold Chisholm from Marion Chisholm

In Loving Memory of Donald Wry from Marina Wry

In Loving Memory of Wayne & Jonathan Estabrooks from Helen Estabrooks



Thank you to **Pat Frenette** who has once again donated several pairs of beautiful handmade mittens to Holy Family Church. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to put them on our tree. If you know of someone who could use a warm pair of mittens this winter, you may stop into the office during regular hours (Mon-Friday 9-12) and pick some out. If you would like to make a small donation, Pat has suggested donating to SSVP. **Such a kind heart Pat!!**



Please check out the All-Saints Parish Facebook page for a brand-new feature. Christine Pipes, joined by her friend, Chester, are sharing Bible Stories for the young and young at heart. Please watch and be sure to share your feedback.

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsParishCumberlandCountyNovaScotia>



January 3rd, 2021 Epiphany of The Lord

Reading #1 Isaiah 60.1-6
 Reading #2 Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
 GOSPEL Matthew 2.1-12

E-TRANSFERS



When sending money to the Central Office for any transaction, please remember to write in the note/memo section what the transfer is for.

Thank you!! ☺

Financial Update: All Saints Parish Ordinary Revenue **November 2020**

	Holy Family	St. Brigids	St. Cornelius	St. John the Baptist	St. Paul the Apostle	St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Thomas More	Total ASP
Sunday Collections								
Envelopes	15,612.55	615.00	571.50	1,792.00	1,044.00	897.00	2,175.00	22,707.05
Loose	65.25	0.00	53.60	145.70	20.00	15.00	136.00	440.55
Children's Collection	2.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.70
Total Sunday Collections	15,680.50	615.00	630.10	1,937.70	1,064.00	912.00	2,311.00	23,150.30

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.

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	Mass	10:00am
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*****Both Vigil Masses from Holy Family Church, on Dec. 24th, will be livestreamed. <https://livestream.com/accounts/15325304>**

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE.....

How Will You Celebrate Christmas this Year?



As we prepare to enter into the Christmas season we know things will be very different. Yet, God is with us, and has been with us in the midst of the global pandemic. Christ is born and we can rejoice in this certainty regardless of our COVID restrictions. We can still find way to celebrate this holy season.

Last week we launched a Christmas 2020 page on the diocesan website: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/Christmas

On the page you will find ways to give, gather, and grow this Christmas season.

We can GIVE to those in need: Make donation to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to help the vulnerable in our city.

We can GATHER digitally: Church is part of the Christmas experience for many and with our current health and safety concerns and gathering limits not everyone who wants to attend a Mass will be able to attend. Consider celebrating Christmas Mass by livestream. Click on the links on the webpage to join in the Cathedral Christmas Mass at 8:00pm or find out the times of Christmas Masses at parishes in our diocese.

We can GROW in our faith: Find a Liturgy of the Nativity – ways that you can pray at home with your family during this Christmas season. Available in both French and English.

We are also delighted that once again Eastlink Community TV will carry this Mass live and re-broadcast it at 12 midnight. To view this Mass on Eastlink, tune in to channel 10 or 610.

Let us continue to pray for our parishes, our diocese, and all the good that God wants to bring to birth in our local Church.

Merry Christmas and Many Blessing for the New Year!

*Please note that the Catholic Diocesan Centre will be closed from noon on December 24 and re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021. The next edition of the Halifax-Yarmouth New Service will be sent out on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.