

All Saints Parish Weekly Update

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November 28th, First Sunday of Advent

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars”

Luke 21.25-28



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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| Dec 4 th | St Cornelius Street Ridge | 3:15 - 3:45pm |
| Dec 9 th | St Paul The Apostle River Hebert | 2pm - 3pm |
| Dec 10 th | St Thomas Aquinas Joggins | 2pm - 3pm |
| Dec 14 th | St Thomas More Pugwash | 6pm - 7pm |
| Dec 15 th | Holy Family Church Amherst | 6pm - 7pm |
| Dec 16 th | St Brigid's Church Parrsboro | 6pm - 7pm |
| Dec 17 th | St John The Baptist Springhill | 6pm - 7pm |

As the season of Advent begins and you begin your time of prayer, fasting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ here is a brief excerpt for reflection.

Waiting in Joyful Hope At Mass, after praying the Lord's Prayer, we hear “. . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” This prayer reminds us that during Advent, we wait in joy, in hope, and in anticipation for the wonderful event we are about to experience—the feast of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways, the return of Christ in glory at the end of time. As the Church, we wait during Advent and look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us.

This waiting is far from empty; rather, it is full of the hope that God promises as we prepare for Christ in the feast of Christmas. (Excerpt taken from an article "Advent Waiting" written by D. Todd Williamson, Director, Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago)

Mass Intentions

can be offered at any time for anyone. Contact the office at 902-667-2523 to request yours. It can be in honour of a loved one, living or deceased, or for a special event.

| <i>Mass Intentions</i> | <i>For:</i> | <i>From:</i> |
|------------------------|---------------|--|
| Nov 27 | None | |
| Nov 28 | None | |
| Dec 04 | St. Cornelius | |
| Dec 04 | Holy Family | Dorritt Amos John & Dianne Gillis |
| Dec 05 | Holy Family | Barry Anderson John & Dianne Gillis |

We keep in our prayers and hearts, all who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering in any way, especially, Peter Belliveau, Sylvia Belliveau, Ethel Belliveau, Nelson McRae (brother of Sheila Barton), Kim Nix, Paul Chu, Madeline Ryan, Tania Long, Dureen Coade (sister of Glen White), Wayne Duffy, Eddie St. Peter and Dot Chambers.

We pray for those who have died, recently, especially Joan Estabrooks. May God gather them all into his welcoming arms and comfort those who are left to grieve.

~~~~~ **Prepare for Mass and read ahead** ~~~~~

**November 28<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Jeremiah 33.14-16  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2  
 Gospel – Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

**December 05<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Baruch 5.1-9  
 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11  
 Gospel – Luke 3.1-6

## All Saints Parish Mass / Lay Service Calendar

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| <b>November 27</b>                                                                                                  | <b>November 28</b>                                                                                                                        |
| 4:00 pm LS in Joggins<br><b>6:00 pm Mass in Amherst (Bishop)</b><br>6:30 pm LS in Streets Ridge                     | <b>9:00 am Mass in Springhill (Fr. C)</b><br>9:00 LS in Pugwash<br>9:00 am LS in Parrsboro<br><b>11:15 am Mass in Amherst (Fr. C)</b>     |
| <b>December 04</b>                                                                                                  | <b>December 05</b>                                                                                                                        |
| <b>4:00 pm Mass in Streets Ridge (Fr.C)</b><br>4:00 pm LS in River Hebert<br><b>6:00 pm Mass in Amherst (Fr. C)</b> | <b>9:00 am Mass in Parrsboro (Fr. C)</b><br>9:00 am LS in Pugwash<br>11:00 am LS in Springhill<br><b>11:15 am Mass in Amherst (Fr. C)</b> |

Since Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, All Saints Parishioners have prayed:  
3,610,428 central office at 902-667-2523



### Donations Christmas Flowers

Anyone wishing to donate monies for these flowers can drop by the office between 9 a.m. and Noon or put your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Flowers and drop it into the collection basket on the weekend.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

If you have an event or meeting you would like published, please contact the central office by email at [office@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:office@allsaintsparishcc.ca)

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|------------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------------|
| M&M Choir              | 6:00 pm   | Nov 28 | Holy Family Church         |
| Holy Family CLC        | 6:30 pm   | Nov 29 | Holy Family church hall    |
| ASP Cemetery Committee | 3:00 pm   | Nov 30 | Central Office church hall |
| Eucharistic Adoration  | 10 -11 am | Dec 03 | Holy Family Church         |
| M&M Choir              | 6:00 pm   | Dec 05 | Holy Family Church         |

### **First annual Parish Retreat**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Leadership Team, Parish Staff and CLC's are invited to attend a Parish Retreat on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church. A small lunch will be provided.

RSVP to [office@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:office@allsaintsparishcc.ca) See You There!

The annual Amherst Ministerial Association **CHRISTMAS CHEER** campaign is under way. A food donation drop box is in the gathering area of Holy Family Church.

**Dec 05 Tea | Stovetop Dressing**  
**Dec 12 Christmas Candy | Chocolate Bars**

The cost of sponsoring a turkey or ham is \$20 and a full box is \$95, but you may make a donation in any amount. **Checks should be payable to All Saints Parish.**



The annual CWL Membership dues (\$25.00) for 2022 are now being collected. Please place cheque or cash in a sealed envelope and place your name and CWL Dues on the front. You can drop these off at the church during business hours, drop in the collection at weekend masses or bring to the special CWL meeting Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to have your dues picked up, please call Shirley Leblanc at 902-667-8848. *Thank You in advance for helping us to continue the good work of Our Lady of Good Council.*



## CWL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Holy Family CWL are selling tickets on a **Christmas Tree** decorated with over **\$400 worth of gift cards** from local businesses. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. \$10.00 buys you a book of six(6) chances. One lucky winner will have their ticket drawn on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**.

Our Council has not met in person for over a year, but we have continued to support the causes we hold dear. To do that, we must raise the necessary funds.

We are hoping to return to our usual fundraisers soon, like the Pancake Supper.

Until then, we are asking each of you to reach out and buy tickets on our **Raffle**. Tickets may be purchased from any CWL member or by contacting Diane Yarymowich (902-667-0921), Maria Kirkpatrick (902-667-8743), Edith O'Brien (902-660-2658), Carolyn d'Entremont (902-667-7820) and Shirley LeBlanc (902-667-8848). Ticket stubs can be dropped at the church during business hours; put in the locked mailbox by the door, or in the collection basket at Mass. Please put in a sealed envelope with your name and labelled **CWL Christmas Draw**. Cheques must payable to **Holy Family CWL**. Help us, help others! God Bless!

### Mary Mother of Mercy Prayer Group

The prayer group meets in-person on Mondays at **7pm at**

**Between the Hearts Renewal Center in**

Fort Lawrence - **Please Note change of time and Location**

**Covid Protocols will be in place.**

**For assistance with transportation please call 902\*667\*9128**

*Financial update for November will be posted in two weeks' time*

If you have not returned to MASS, you can make donations in person at the central office, by e-transfer to [finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca) (with a note what it is for), by mailing a check to the central office or setting up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account or credit card.

*Thank you for your continued support*



## **Knights of Columbus**

**Bingo takes place every Monday evening at 6:30 pm - 5 Robie Street**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm**

**Covid restrictions in place**



**2021 – 2023 Synod** got underway in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth on October 15th. The word “synod” means journeying together and synodality is meant to be an integral principle of everything we do as a Church. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are called to journey together and find new ways to proclaim our love of Christ to the world. In preparation for the Pope’s meeting with bishops from around the world to discuss and discern the current state of our Church, the Pope has asked all bishops to consult and pray with their dioceses to help determine what that state is now. In the coming weeks, parishioners will be invited to gather in small groups to listen and share their experiences and thoughts on the Church with the members of the synod process team. Members of the ASP Pastoral & Finance Councils “journeyed together on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Parishioners from St. John the Baptist and St. Brigid’s** are invited to gather at St. Brigid’s hall on Wednesday, December 1 at 6pm

**Parishioners from St. Paul the Apostle, St. Thomas Aquinas and Holy Family** church communities are invited to gather at Holy Family Church hall on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**PROOF OF VACCINATION IS REQUIRED AND MASKS ARE MANDATORY**

## **All Saints Parish On-line Bible Study**



We are gathering names of parishioners of All Saints Parish interested in beginning an online Catholic Bible Study commencing in the New Year. Sessions would be on a bi-weekly basis, using Zoom video technology. Hook up information will be sent to all participants regarding connections with desktop, tablet or smartphone. Sessions will include listening to a podcast audio presentation, gathering together via Zoom for conversation and small group sharing. We are looking at a free site offering a Catholic focused Bible Study. More details will follow. If you think you might be interested in beginning this study, please contact the Central Office @ 902-667-2523 leaving your name, telephone. email and location. Two or more parishioners can gather and share the podcast and gather again for the Zoom meeting.

Deacon Howard is leading this program with technical assistance from Jamie Bullen.



All Saints Parish is still searching for a suitable candidate to fill the position of Parish Secretary. This is a vital position within the Parish as you will be the face and voice of our Parish. If you are above average with computer programs, have excellent communications skills, organized and dedicated. **WE WANT YOU.** This is part time position (hours of work 9am to 1:30 pm Monday to Friday). Wage being offered at this time is \$15 / hour and may be negotiable for the right candidate. We also offer a great benefits package and pension. You can apply by emailing your resume to:

Donna Gallant, HR Manger for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth [dgallant@halifaxyarmouth.org](mailto:dgallant@halifaxyarmouth.org)

Evelyn Currie, Bookkeeper for All Saints Parish [finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca) OR Drop it off at the central office for All Saints Parish at 63 Church Street in Amherst from 9am to noon, Monday to Friday.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YARMOUTH

### Journey Through Advent 2021



Each week, beginning on Sunday, 21 November 2021, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and for the four Sundays of Advent, the CCCB will release a video recording of a Bishop reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday.

This year's reflections were inspired by the Indigenous Delegation travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from 17-20 December 2021.

We hope that these reflections will be useful to you.

In English: [www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/](http://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/)

In French: [www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/](http://www.cccb.ca/fr/evangelisation-catechese-et-education/ressources-video/cheminer-ensemble-durant-lavent/)