

All Saints Parish Weekly Update

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December 5th the Second Sunday of Advent

“All Flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Luke 3.1-6

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Dec 04 th	St. Cornelius Streets Ridge	3:15-3:45 pm
Dec 09 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

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

“The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.” Henry Nouwen

Mass Intentions

A mass intention 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.

Mass Intentions

For:

From:

Dec 04	Holy Family	Dorritt Amos	John & Dianne Gillis
Dec 05	Holy Family	Barry Anderson	John & Dianne Gillis
Dec 05	St. Brigid's	Jan Flickinger	Marjorie & Mary Irene Parker
Dec 11	Holy Family	Steve Hasick	Joe & Stephanie Dupuis
Dec 12	Holy Family	Earle & Alvina Perry	Carol Goodwin
Dec 12	St. Thomas More	John Feeley	St. Thomas More Church

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, May God gather them all into his welcoming arms and comfort those who are left to grieve.

Prepare for Mass By Reading Ahead

December 05th Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading – Baruch 5.1-9

2nd Reading – Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Gospel – Luke 3.1-6

December 12th Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3.14-18a

2nd Reading – Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel – Luke 3.10-18



All Saints Parish Mass / Lay Service Calendar

December 04	December 05
<p>4:00 pm Mass in Streets Ridge (Fr. C)</p> <p>4:00 pm LS in River Hebert</p> <p>6:00 pm Mass in Amherst (Fr. C)</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass in Parrsboro (Fr. C)</p> <p>9:00 am LS in Pugwash</p> <p>11:00 am LS in Springhill</p> <p>11:15 am Mass in Amherst (Fr. C)</p>

December 11	December 12
<p>4:00 pm Mass Joggins (Fr. C)</p> <p>6:00 pm Mass Amherst (Fr. C)</p> <p>6:30 pm LS Streets Ridge</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass Pugwash (Fr. C)</p> <p>9:00 am LS Parrsboro</p> <p>11:00 am LS Springhill</p> <p>11:15 am Mass Amherst (Fr. C)</p>

Since Dec 6th, 2016, All Saints Parishioners have prayed:

3,612,356 Hail Mary's

You can call your prayers in to the 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

Sunday	Dec 5th	6:00 pm	M&M Youth Choir	Holy Family Church
Monday	Dec 6th	10:30–3pm	Parish Retreat for Councils, Staff &CLC Executive	(Call the office ASAP to register)
Wednesday	Dec 8th	9:30 am	Mass	Holy Family Church
Wednesday	Dec 8th	6:00 pm	Synod Session	Holy Family Hall
Thursday	Dec 9th	9:30 am	Mass	Holy Family Church
Friday	Dec 10th	9:30 am	Mass	Holy Family Church

If you have an event or meeting you would like published, please contact the central office by email at office@allsaintsparishcc.ca

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 donate 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 or drop in the collection at weekend masses **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

Prayer meetings will be **resuming at Holy Family Church** starting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on **JANUARY 6th**.

For assistance with transportation please call 902*667*9128

Annual Christmas Joy Celebration with carol singing will take place on December 16th . Call 902-667-9128 for further details. Everyone welcome!



Financial update for November will be posted soon.

If you have not returned to MASS, you can make donations in person at the central office, by e-transfer to 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

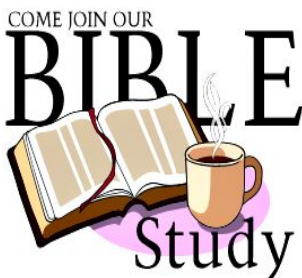
Doors open at 5:00 pm Covid restrictions in place

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 4th.

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 8th at 6pm.**

PROOF OF VACCINATION IS REQUIRED AND MASKS ARE MANDATORY

All Saints Parish On-line Bible Study ~ New Information



We are gathering names of parishioners who are interested in beginning a Catholic Bible Study commencing in the New Year. Meetings would be on a bi-weekly basis, by Zoom, or perhaps IN PERSON. 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.



DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN HELP WOMEN AND GIRLS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY DONATION POSTAGE STAMPS?

Stamps are collected by the Holy Family CWL and sent to Oxfam Canada where they are auctioned off to raise funds to educate women and girls about violence against women/girls and to help provide bridging to personal development. They are also working on a new Covid-19 relief project in Africa. Oxfam Canada surpassed a milestone this year by forwarding over a half million dollars towards projects since the beginning of the stamp program almost 40 years ago.

Stamps can be dropped in a special basket in the gathering area at Holy Family Church. You can also mail them in, and we will keep that stamp too!

Indigenous Peoples and the Church: Walking Together Toward Healing & Reconciliation

A group of Indigenous residential school survivors, Elders, knowledge keepers and young people have accepted the invitation of Canada's Catholic Bishops to meet with the Holy Father from December 17-20, 2021 at the Vatican. The delegation will include small group meetings with Pope Francis as well as a larger final audience with all participants. We invite you to pray for all participants in the delegation, which will help provide a foundation for a future Papal Visit to Canada as part of the ongoing journey of healing and reconciliation.

To learn more, visit www.cccb.ca/Indigenous



This past weekend our Confirmation took place at Holy Family Church with Archbishop Brian Dunn. It was a wonderful celebration of faith and joy, enjoyed by all.

ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YARMOUTH



Emergency Shelters Project

Dear friends,

Nova Scotia is currently experiencing a housing crisis. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the challenge of finding safe, affordable housing. Many people across the province are facing the prospect of spending the winter living in a tent. Corporal acts of mercy, including sheltering those who go without, are central to our Christian faith and teachings. These are not optional projects – we are called to love “not in word or speech, but in truth and action” (1 John 3:18).

I invite you to help construct 15-20 temporary emergency crisis shelters, each one housing a single occupant. These are not long-term solutions, but they are a way to immediately provide support and dignity to some of our brothers and sisters who are without shelter. These shelters will be located on parish property around the diocese. We currently have eight potential sites identified, with each site accommodating one to five shelters. We are working with government and non-government service organizations to help us find people who are currently seeking shelter.

These shelters have been professionally designed in accordance with safety and municipal standards. Each temporary shelter will cost \$11,500. The total cost of 20 of these emergency shelters is expected to be \$230 000 – all of which we need to raise, as soon as possible, through donations and private grants.

This is a major undertaking that will require generosity of time, talent, and treasure from our entire community. But this is who we are called to be as Catholics – this is how we are called to live the Gospel in our present time and place.

Please give generously by making a donation through our [website](#), calling (902) 429-9800 ext. 312, or putting an envelope labelled "Emergency Shelters Project" in your parish collection basket this weekend.

Sincerely in Christ,
+Brian Joseph Dunn
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth