

All Saints Parish Weekly Update

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The office is open from 9am to noon Mon - Fri



December 25th, 2021

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Masses

"Today a Savior has been born for us, He is Christ the Lord!" Psalm 96

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." Pope Francis

On behalf of Father Charles and the staff, Evelyn, Laurie and Glenna, we would like to extend our best wishes & prayers to the All Saints Family and Friends. We hope that everyone has a blessed Christmas full of Peace, Joy, Hope, Faith and Love.

We thank you for all your support and love in 2021 and look forward to working with you in 2022. God's Blessings

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 honor of a loved one, living or deceased, or for a special event.

Mass Intentions	For:	From:
Dec 24 th 4pm	Holy Family	Stanley Gould Laura and John T. O'Quinn
Dec 25 th		From the Family
Dec 26 th		

++ 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, Larry G. and Dot Chambers.

++ We pray for those who have died.

especially Arlene Goodwin, sister-in-law of Gordon Goodwin.

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

Mass & Lay Service Schedule

DECEMBER 24th	DECEMBER 25th
3:00 pm Mass Holy Family Church in Amherst (Fr. C) 4:00 pm Mass Holy Family Church in Amherst (Fr. C) 4:00 pm LS St. Thomas More Church in Pugwash 6:30 pm LS St. Cornelius in Streets Ridge 7:00 pm Mass Holy Family in Amherst (Fr. C) <u>Live-Stream</u> 7:00 pm LS Saint Brigid's Church in Parrisboro 9:00 pm Mass St. John the Baptist in Springhill (Fr. C)	9:30 am Mass Holy Family Church (Fr.C) <u>Live-Stream</u> 11:00 am Mass St. Thomas Aquinas Joggins (Fr. C) December 29 th 11 am Mass Holy Family December 30 th 11 am Mass Holy Family December 31 st No Mass
<u>December 26th – Sunday Feast Day of Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u> 9 am MASS Pugwash (Fr.C) 9 am LS Parrisboro 11 am LS Springhill 11:15 am MASS Amherst (Fr.C)	
January 01st	January 02nd
11:00 am Mass at Holy Family in Amherst (Fr. C) 4:00 pm LS at St. Thomas Aquinas in Joggins 6:30 pm LS at St. Cornelius in Streets Ridge	9:00 am Mass St. Brigid's in Parrisboro (Fr. C) 9:00 am LS St. Thomas More in Pugwash 11:00 am LS Springhill St. John the Baptist Springhill 11:15 am Mass Holy Family in Amherst (Fr. C)
January 08th, 2022	January 09th, 2022
4:00 pm Mass St. Thomas Aquinas in Joggins (Fr.M) 4:00 pm Mass Holy Family in Amherst (Fr.C) 6:30 pm LS St. Cornelius in Streets Ridge	9:00 am Mass St Thomas More in Pugwash (Fr.C) 9:00 am Mass St Brigid's in Parrisboro (Fr.M) 11:00 am Mass St John the Baptist in Springhill (Fr.M) 11:15 am Mass Holy Family in Amherst (Fr.C)

COVID 19 UPDATE FOR ALL CHURCHES IN THE PARISH

New restrictions were effective December 22nd, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Physical distance of two meters (six feet) must be maintained in our Churches. Parishioners are asked to follow the direction of the Ministers of Hospitality as they enter and leave the buildings.

Masking is required throughout Mass/lay services, whether people are seated or not, except for officiants or singers when they are speaking or singing. Individuals, businesses, and organizations all have responsibility for ensuring mask requirements are followed and can all be subject to enforcement action.

Gathering limits of **25% of capacity to a maximum 50 people indoors** and 50 outdoor for all faith services, including weddings and funerals. Proof of vaccination is not required for a regular faith service, such as daily or weekly services. Services that are part of your faith's annual calendar (such as Christmas and Easter services in Christian faiths) are considered the same as regular daily/weekly services.

Proof of full vaccination is required for weddings and funerals.

There is no change in the requirement for proof of full vaccination for discretionary activities. It is still required for attendees and volunteers, even in places where gathering limits and physical distance will apply.

No congregational or choir singing at this time due to the highly infectious nature of the omicron variant.

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

3,624,427 Hail Mary's

You can call your prayers in to the central office at 902-667-2523



CWL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

On behalf of the Holy Family CWL, we would like to thank each and every one who bought tickets for our Christmas draw. Through your generosity, we were able to raise \$1500. The lucky winner was Bernadette O'Brien.

On behalf of the Executive and members of the CWL, we wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Celebrate cheerfully and responsibly. We hope 2022 brings you health and good fortune.

Dianne Yarymowich, President.

Memberships:

Holy Family CWL Members are asked to pay their 2022 dues. Payment can be dropped off at the Central office during business hours or put in the collection basket at Mass. If you would like to have them picked up, please call Shirley LeBlanc at 902-667-8848.

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

*The office will be closing in the afternoon Dec 23^d for Christmas
and will reopen on Tuesday Jan 4th*



ASParish FINANCE UPDATE:

If you have not returned to MASS, you can make donations in person at the central office, by e-transfer to finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca (noting 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.

**CHEQUES MUST BE PAYABLE TO ALL SAINTS PARISH
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

Christmas Greetings from our Chalice children, Tobias and Kim

Dear sponsor Holy Family Parish

May the holidays enlighten your homes and fill you with love and blessings. May Christmas and the arrival of the baby Jesus bring you everything you like.

I love you very much.

Tobias



Dear Holy Family Parish,



Merry Christmas and happy new year to you!

This Christmas, I am hoping to be with my family. I want us to be complete and eat altogether. We will only have our celebration at home because it is safer than going out because we might get the virus outside. I am praying that his pandemic will end soon. To make my Christmas significant, I will greet my friends and relatives a "Merry Christmas" too through social media. In that way, I could show them all my love and the real sense of this celebration. Thank you so much for your untiring support. I hope that you would be able to help more other people. Happy holidays! Love, Kim Gabriel Tamayo

THANK YOU – THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank parishioners and volunteers who have been assisting our faith community and staff during 2021. We are better together, and we are grateful for each of you for your support and presence!

ARCHDIOCESE OF HALIFAX-YARMOUTH

Archbishop Dunn's Christmas Greetings



This Christmas Archbishop Dunn invites us to consider the Mystery of the Manger. For Jesus there was no room at the inn – yet he still entered into our world to tell us of God's goodness and love. In his Christmas Message, Archbishop Dunn asks us all to consider how and where we are making shelter for Christ in our world today. Go online at www.halifaxyarmouth.org