

Second Sunday Ordinary Time

All Saints Parish Weekly Update



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JANUARY 15th, 2023 – Second Sunday Ordinary Time

“How is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” – JOHN 1: 29 - 34

FATHER GREGORY AGYEMAN

We welcome to All Saints Parish, Father Gregory Agyeman as our Pastor. We are grateful to have you present with us at the start of a brand-new year and we look forward to having you in our Faith Family. May God bless you and your work in Cumberland County and keep you safe and healthy, as you share the Mission of Jesus Christ with all our parishioners.

TARGET OF 4 million!!

3,919,062 Hail Mary's

Only 80,938 to go to 4 million!!!!

Call/ Email/ FBook all your prayers to the central office 902-667-2523 or office@allsaintsparishcc.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact the office with any **MASS INTENTIONS** you would like to have offered in honor or memory, living, or deceased of someone in your life, or for a special event - \$10.00 per intention – 902-667-2523.

Date & Time	Mass Intentions	For:	From:

We keep in our prayers and hearts, all who are sick, alone, shut in, afraid or suffering, especially

CECILEY CHAPPELL, RONALD COMEAU, ROY MCINNIS, CAROL GOODWIN, DIANE SMITH, BRENT MELANSON, and JERRY HALLEE,



++ We pray for those who have died and their loved ones who grieve++,

LETA BRIGGS (wife of Rod)

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

Weekend Readings for January 22nd, 2023 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – ISAIAH 9: 1 - 4

PSALM 27

“The Lord is my light and salvation.”

Second Reading – 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10 – 13, 17 - 18

GOSPEL Reading – MATTHEW 4: 12 - 23

“Jesus made his home in Capernaum so that what had been spoken through the Prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.”



Nothing is impossible when GOD is in your side.

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Prayer Line: 902-664-9396

Reach out to the prayer line where there are people praying for prayers requested.

Have a prayer added to the intentions at MASS and more prayers will be said for healing. All that is required is a first name for the prayer line and the intention for the person, the Prayer Line will do the rest!



Welcome to our Parish Family!!!

PLEASE COMPLETE A NEW PARISHIONERS FORM IF:

You are a new parishioner to one of our churches in Cumberland County. WELCOME!!

You have changed your contact information: new phone contact, email, address.

If you want to receive the weekly bulletin, updates, and notices via email distribution.

Thank you for staying connected to your Faith Family!



FUNERALS IN ASPARISH: IMPORTANT FOR ALL TO KNOW!!!

Funeral Masses and Funeral Liturgy of the Word Services in ASParish are an incredibly special ministry to our faith family. Over the years there have been made preferences to how a family celebrates a loved one after they have passed.

As a parish it is important that we administer to the needs of a family in facilitating a beautiful outreach and to ensure that their celebration options include having a Funeral Mass at their faith church, and or a Funeral Liturgy of the Word. We want to ensure families are aware that a funeral in All Saints Parish churches can be a Funeral Mass or a Liturgy of the Word Service. This allows families to have funerals from their home church and choose the best option for their family.

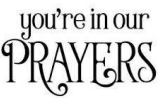
It is most important that families are aware that the church does not charge for the use of a church for a Funeral. Although families may make donations to a church or a Presider, to show their gratitude.

As this ministry is tremendously important to our parishioners in serving others, we will be developing this ministry in the next 6 months to provide an even more compassionate, welcoming, and supportive role in the ministry to families when they have lost a loved one. Ideas and suggestions are also welcomed to ensure that we meet the needs of our parishioners and be an empathetic church.

If you are planning a funeral for a loved one, please contact our Office at 902-667-3923 and we will be present with your family and assisting you with plans and to provide the support you need during this time.

We are forming Funeral Teams throughout Cumberland County to assist in the funeral ministry to our parishioners and their families. If you are interested in being on a funeral team for your church community, please contact your Church Life Committee and provide your name, phone # and email for follow-up formation or contact the office at pastoral@allsaintsparishcc.ca or at 902-667-2523.

Discernment of the Process of Closure: St John the Baptist:



Parish Prayers for St John the Baptist Faith Family:

We ask our parishioners to pray for our brothers and sisters at St John the Baptist church family in Springhill. May God continue to enrich the people of SJB lives and touch their hearts as a

faith community. May they know that they are an important part of our parish family and that they are in our prayers as they discern the future of their faith buildings and continuing to engage as a faith family of disciples of Jesus. God has them in His care and His plan for a future of continued service and ministry.



ASPARISH UNITY/ IDENTITY:

We ask that you **PRAY** for our Unity as All Saints Parish throughout Cumberland County, you **HELP** create unity in your

thoughts, actions, and words, and that you LEAD unity in your works at church level and assisting to serve the LORD with our TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE.

Do you have ideas that might serve our parish and our parishioners in the faith or increasing unity within our parish family? Please share your ideas with us, so that we can ensure we are serving the large needs of those who have chosen ASParish as their faith family... YOU!!

Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Family Church - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament with Deacon Howard resumes Monday January 9th from 930 to 1030 am @ Holy Family Church of All Saints Parish. This time is set aside to spend personal time with the Lord and is open for all parishioners. Should you be in Amherst for shopping or an appointment, why not participate in Eucharistic Adoration?

ALL SAINTS PARISH – FINANCES and FUNDRAISING:

Financial Support – THANK YOU!

Consider supporting your faith family financially as we try to recover from the impact of COVID on our faith community – so that we can continue to serve the communities of ASParish.

Contact finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca to set up PAR.

Donations can be made 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 please consider setting up a PAR - automatic withdrawal from your bank account or credit card to assist in our financial support.

PLEASE CONSIDER STARTING OR SWITCHING TO PAR TO HELP SUPPORT THE PARISH!

“OUR ROOF HAS A HOLE IN IT”

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Joggins is looking for donations for the Roof Campaign they have begun to replace the roof on this 128-year-old church.

ALL SIZE DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED,

OUR CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO ALL-SAINTS PARISH, WITH A NOTE TO SAY FOR ROOF REPAIR IN JOGGINS. Thank you in advance for your donations.

From the CLCommittee of St Thomas Aquinas.

TOTAL TO DATE: \$ 3, 036.80

THANK YOU to all who contributed



ASParish Tiny Shelter

If you are making donations to the All Saints Parish EMERGENCY SHELTER please ensure, that you label the donation for All Saints Parish – ASParish.

If you would like to contribute to the Appeal issued by the Archdiocese Halifax Yarmouth Appeal, please note that on the envelope.

We want to thank the Archdiocese for all the support and efforts that they contribute to the success of the All Saints Parish Emergency shelter

ALL SAINTS PARISH – FAMILY & YOUTH:

ASParish has programs for youth and families.

Our CLASS for Pre-School to Grade 6 – happens on **Sundays at 9:30 – 11am** at Holy Family Church with a ZOOM link in for families who live in our Cumberland County parish area and wanting to be part of the program You must register with Dianne Gillis at lien.gillis@ns.sympatico.ca to receive the link and to arrange for receiving the weekly activities package that is prepared for the classes.

Please note: If your children are in Grades 2 or 3 or you have an older child who is wanting to be prepared for the Sacraments of 1st Eucharist and Reconciliation, they must participate in the JAM'n program for the year to be able to prepare their 1st Eucharist and Reconciliation.

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Great First LIFETEEN Night on Tuesday Night!! 7 Junior High joined in a night of Games, Challenges, Teaching and Food!! We are excited for our plans for the next few weeks and encourage anyone in Grades 7, 8 or 9 to join the fun. Or if you are in 10 + or a youthful adult who would like to join in with the Leaders of this amazing group of people. **Please email Glenna at pastoral@allsaintsparishcc.ca**

ASParish BAPTISM PREPARATION

ASParish' s next BAPTISMAL PREPARATION session will be

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th at 6pm

If you are wanting to have a child baptized, please contact the Central Office to pick up your preparation package. Call 902-667-2523 or email

office@allsaintsparishcc.ca



ALL SAINTS PARISH – MINISTRY and MORE:



CWL Memberships – the next Holy Family CWL Executive will be meeting on **February 1st, at 1pm at Holy Family.**

**** PLEASE NOTE OUR REGULAR Holy Family CWL Council meeting is on January 18th at 1:00pm STARTING WITH MASS WITH FATHER GREGORY at 12:30pm for the Installation of the New Officers of the CWL. We sincerely hope to have as many of our CWL member present to be apart of this special service.** We have chosen 1 pm for this meeting to help with those who prefer to not travel at night. Please come and join us and we will have a light snack and refreshments after the meeting. We will be welcoming New Members. **Regular meeting starting at 12:30 pm Mass followed by Meeting at 1pm.**

If you are interested in becoming a part of this wonderful council, please contact Glenna O'Quinn at 902-397-0239. Come Join the Fun!



Knights of Columbus Council # 2916 – 4th Degree Knights Meetings are on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Next Meeting will be February 2nd at 7pm in the Holy Family Church Hall.

Regular Member meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The Knights are now located at Holy Family Church and meetings are held in this location. Next Meeting is January 26th at 7 pm

If you are interested in becoming a Knights of Columbus member you can visit the KofC website (kofc.org) to join for free online or contact GRAND KNIGHT Gary Graham at 902-614-4160



Holy Family Saint Vincent de Paul Regular Meetings 4th Monday of Month 7 pm.
If you have questions, call Shirley 902-694-7050.

*"Founded in 1833, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is an international lay organization, united in the mission to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy. If you need assistance or know of someone in need of assistance, **the Holy Family SSVP Helpline number is 902-661-0433.** Please call and leave a message and you will receive a call back within 24 hours during the week Monday to Friday. **"If you would like to become involved in this ministry serving to the needs of those less fortunate, please contact Shirley at 902-694-7050 to find out more.***

Singing is Praying Twice: Join the Music Ministry



Do you have gifts of music that you are wanting to share?

Be more involved?

Why not reach out to the members who do music in your specific church and add your voice to the prayers of song that are shared throughout Cumberland County at our family of churches!! We always need more voices to share in the song. If you are unsure, please call the office and we can get you the contact person for your specific church family for music!!

COME JOIN US IN SONG!!!



ASparish Tuesday Luncheon **– Food & Fellowship Luncheon** **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

Fellowship Meal

We are excited for the return our Tuesday Luncheon – Food & Fellowship Luncheon – on

JANUARY 17th from 11 am – 1 pm. Doors open at 11 am and Lunch will be served at 11:30 pm. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the first luncheon this past TUESDAY. Serving 40 in total was a great way to start even with the snowstorm!!

The maximum number served for will be 75 and once we see the numbers increase, we will increase proportionally to our maximum of 140 served. As in past there will be free will offering available for those who would like to contribute to the luncheon program. Lunch includes a hot meal with dessert, tea & coffee. There are several volunteers returning to provide this ministry to those who need a hot meal, those needing some company and those wanting to enjoy new friendships. We are excited to see our past guests return to this luncheon again. **Welcome Home!!**



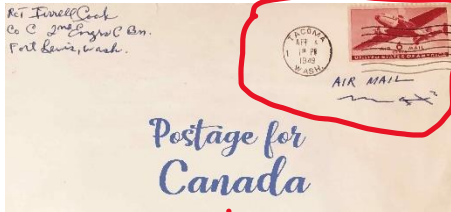
On JANUARY 25th, 2023, 6pm

there will be presentation for ASparish on the **Cumberland**

Hospice Volunteer Visitation Program. The presentation will be live at Holy Family Church and Live-Streamed with an interactive question and answer capability for those attending online. The presentation will begin at **6 pm and then questions at 7:30 pm.** Our host for the presentation will be Susan Short. This new program that recruits and trains men and women across the county to serve as support for individuals and families coping with life limiting illness. Not replacing medical person or counsellors, instead they are a support for the patient and their families within the Palliative Care program. To find out more check out www.cumberlandhospice.ca or attend this presentation live or online.

Comfort, Hope and Care

Please save your USED POSTAGE STAMPS for OXFAM CANADA PROGRAM:



Together let us 'STAMP OUT' Human Inequalities by tearing off the area around where the used postage stamp is (circled in image), from mail that you receive and send to or drop off at the CENTRAL OFFICE (At Holy family please put in the purple basket with the orange sign) and the Holy Family CWL will organize and send them off to OXFAM to assist this organization who are working with Asian Countries to assist in the betterment of women and girls. If you have questions, please contact the office at 902-667-2523.

JANUARY 2023 Events and Activities and Meetings

(Does Not Include Masses/ Lay Services)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<p>Weekday Masses at Holy Family are at 10 am starting in January.</p>						<p>14th</p>	<p>15th ASP JAM'n Class Pre – Grade 6 10 – 11 am Light Breakfast ZOOM ONLINE and C. Office</p>
<p>16th Central Office Front Office Closed</p> <p>9:30 am ASP Adoration @ HF</p>	<p>17th Central Office Front Office Closed</p> <p>11 – 1pm ASP Food & Fellowship Tuesday Lunch @ Holy Family</p> <p>LIFETEEN JUNIOR HIGH @ C. Office 5:00 – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>18th</p> <p>12:30 pm HF CWL MASS in Church and then Reg Mtg @ 1 pm in Hall</p> <p>HF: 6:00 pm Sunday Choir Practice @ HF</p>	<p>19th HF: 7:00 pm Prayer Group @ HF Church</p>	<p>20th 10:30 am ASP Truth & Reconciliation Mtg @ C. Office</p>	<p>21st</p>	<p>22nd ASP JAM'n Class Pre – Grade 6 10 – 11 am Light Breakfast ZOOM ONLINE and C. Office</p> <p>3 pm World Christian Unity Ecumenical Service at Christ Church in Amherst.</p>	
<p>23rd Central Office Front Office Closed</p> <p>9:30 am ASP Adoration @ HF</p>	<p>24th Central Office Front Office Closed</p> <p>11 – 1pm ASP Food & Fellowship Tuesday Lunch @ Holy Family</p> <p>11:30 am ASP Finance Council Mtg @ C. Office</p> <p>LIFETEEN JUNIOR HIGH @ C. Office 5:00 – 7:00 pm</p> <p>6 pm ASP Baptism Preparation @ Central Office</p>	<p>25th 10:30 am ASP PLTeam Mtg @ C. Office</p> <p>HF: 6:00 pm Sunday Choir Practice @ HF</p> <p>6 pm ASP Cumb. Hospice P. Care Presentation at C. Office and Live-Streamed</p>	<p>26th HF: 7:00 pm Prayer Group @ HF Church</p> <p>6:30 pm Springhill CLC Mtg @ 9 James St.</p> <p>6:30 pm ASP Pastoral Council Mtg via ZOOM</p> <p>7pm KofC Reg. Mtg @ HF Hall</p>	<p>27th</p>	<p>28th</p>	<p>29th</p>	

*****Please note there will be no Morning Mass at Holy Family Church on January 18th at 10 am but at 12:30pm instead and will include the installation of the new Holy Family CWL officers. Please join them for this special weekday Mass.**

ALL SAINTS PARISH – MASS and LITURGY:

Communion to the homebound:

Fr. Gregory spoke at a recent meeting about taking communion to the homebound. He indicated that our practice of having parishioners return to their seat with the pyx ought to change to allow for proper reverence to be shown toward the Eucharist. This includes the time spent transporting and handling holy communion.

Those who take communion to the homebound are asked to leave the Church immediately after receiving communion. You should go directly to distribute communion to the parishioner. This means those taking communion to the homebound miss the final prayers and dismissal to serve the needs of those who cannot be present at Mass/Service.

Feast of St Blais

The Feast of St. Blais is February 3rd. Saint Blaise was a physician and bishop of Sebastes, Armenia. The annual Blessing of Throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of a Christian. This year, we will revive this tradition at Holy Family Church as Fr. Gregory will bless the throats at weekend Masses on Feb. 4th and 5th.

ALL SAINTS PARISH – ARCHDIOCESE and OTHER NEWS:

Advisors With Purpose Webinar

In the fall the Archdiocese partnered with [Advisors with Purpose](#). This organization offers you the opportunity to work with an estate advisor who can help you think through decisions regarding your estate. The advisor would help create a unique estate plan that reflects your life, faith, and values. These services are **free, fully confidential, there is no obligation, and advisors will not sell you anything**. As part of the services, they offer they host free informative webinars throughout the year. Details of their first webinar of the year are below:



Your Will as a Love Letter - Lorne Jackson-January 26, 2023, at 7:00pm

Creating a will can be like writing a love letter. Thinking through your options, making good choices, and considering those you love can say more to them than you may think. Having your things in order is one way to let your family and heirs know that you love them enough to not burden them with making decisions on their own during their time of grief. What will your love letter say? Will it share your hopes and dreams for those you love? Will it speak of your faith and values? Will it share your heart for generosity? Our partners at Advisors with Purpose are hosting a webinar that will discuss the importance of choosing the right executor, powers of attorney and having a living will/personal directive. The presenter will provide explanations on trusts, how to speak with your family members, and some of the best ways to share with your family and heirs.

To register for this free webinar [click here](#) or email: register@advisorswithpurpose.ca.

SPECIAL NOTICE: *If you are on PAR you may have noticed there was not a withdrawal done for December 30th. This is because Evelyn was away on compassionate leave. These have been keyed to be withdrawn on JANUARY 18. These will be included in your 2022 donations. We apologize for the inconvenience and if you do not wish to have your payment taken on January 18, please call the office ASAP. At each church there is information and application form for applying to make your financial contributions via the PAR system, Pre-Authorized Payment. This is a simple and easy way to provide support, and it can be changed at any time with a phone call to the office. Please consider using PAR and assisting your church community. Thanks*



2023 PARISH PILGRIMAGE AND POTLUCKS:

The ASP Pastoral Council has begun planning a 2023 Parish Pilgrimage for parishioners to join in as an effort to get to know our parish family throughout Cumberland County and assist in building Parish Unity and Identity. The council is excited about this opportunity to come to each church neighborhood, share in Mass, enjoy a potluck meal and maybe even some music. **Its success depends on our parishioners.** The CLCommittees in each community will be planning their own potluck event. It is hoped these potlucks will be hosted around the Feast Day of each church; however, we will have to adapt due to weather and some locations using their halls at this time for Mass and Lay Services throughout the winter. There will be more information coming, however it is our greatest wish that as many as possible of our faith family plan to join in this Pilgrimage throughout Cumberland County. Watch for more news in the next bulletins!