



All Saints Parish

April 23rd, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



CHRIST IS RISEN!! ALLELUIA ALLELUIA!!

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WEEKEND MASSES—APRIL 22nd / 23rd

Saturday

3:00pm - St Thomas Aquinas, Joggins Lay Service

4:30pm - Holy Family, Amherst Mass

6:30 pm- St Cornelius, Streets Ridge Mass

Sunday

9:00am - St Brigid's, Parrsboro Lay Service

9:00am - St Thomas More, Pugwash Mass

11:00am- St John the Baptist, Springhill Lay Service

11:15am - Holy Family, Amherst Mass

Hail Mary Count— 4,021,808 WE HAVE REACHED 4 MILLION HAIL MARY'S PRAYED SINCE 2017

Family Masses Last Family Mass May 7th for 1st Eucharist celebrated at 11:15am All families in our parish are invited to this celebration as well as all parishioners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Mondays at 9:30—10:30 am and Tuesdays from 11—1pm at Holy Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation - After 6:30 pm Mass on Friday Nights or calling office to set up a time.

Baptism Preparation — If you plan to Baptize your child this coming year, parents must attend the Baptism Preparation session in APRIL at Holy Family Church. You will need to pick up (or mailed) preparation package 1 week in advance at Central Office.

Baptisms Celebrated during Mass - Our practice is that Baptisms are celebrated with the whole community who then participate, enjoy and welcome the children into our family of God. As a Baptized child, you are being welcomed into the family of God and therefore celebrating this with the faith community is an important first step in your faith.

ASPARISH COLLECTION UPDATE—April 16th Weekend

Total Parish Weekly Collection \$4,287.00 (vs. BUDGET projection \$4,459.60)

Amherst (\$2,986.00), Joggins (\$454.00), Parrsboro (\$425.00), Pugwash (\$172.00), Springhill (\$140.00),
Streets Ridge (\$110.00), River Hebert (\$0.00)

**** These numbers are based on weekly collections, PAR and E-transfers for the week. PAR are divided by 4 as they are collected on a monthly basis. The Budget is based on the Annual Budget divided by 52 weeks. We appreciate all the feedback regarding these numbers.**

****** 1st Quarterly Report for 2023 will be available for end of APRIL and will be published in the bulletin as an ASP Report. ******

**** St Thomas More Last Weekend Collection was \$340.00 and was not available for last weeks totals.**

ASPARISH COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY Total \$ 1,065.00 EASTER COLLECTION Total \$2,718.00 (EASTER BUDGETED \$ 2,582.10)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SICK

PAULINE GRIFFITHS, RAY FRALECK, SHIRLEY-ANN PORTER, ADELE EVANS, SYLVIA BELLIVEAU, MIKE CAMERON, BRENT MELANSON, JERRY HALLEE, PEARL CHARMAN AND LORRAINE COMEAU

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RITA CONNICK at 102 yrs. of age
RONALD COMEAU—Husband of Vera
RAYMOND REMINGTON—Brother of Jerry
JUDY CARTER—Sister-in-law of Pauline Griffiths

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!!

“Lord of Mercy, help me today to begin to understand what mercy is all about. Help me to first be open to the mercy You wish to bestow upon me. As I receive Your own Divine Mercy, help me also to be an instrument of that mercy for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You. . Amen.”
— St. Hippolytus of Rome

Weekend Readings for April 30th 2023—FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading—ACTS 2: 14, 36—42
Psalm 23 — “The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want”
Second Reading—1 PETER 2: 20—25
Gospel—JOHN 10: 1—10
“I am the gate for the sheep.”

Praying for our All Saints Parish Sacramental Youth—DATES

In the next few weeks we will be having our final preparations for our Sacramental Youth who will be celebrating their 1st Eucharist and 1st Reconciliation this year. Please pray for these youth and their families.

MAY 19th, Friday at 6pm @ Holy Family —1st Reconciliation

Parker Thomas and Elias Hunter;

MAY 6th, Saturday 10 am @ Holy Family—1st Eucharist Preparation

Youth preparing for 1st Eucharist will be present with
Father Gregory for Reconciliation prior to receiving their 1st Eucharist on Sunday

MAY 7th, Sunday 11:15 am @ Holy Family— 1st Eucharist Sacrament

Lauren Wood, Abel Sauveur, Charlotte Little, Maria Rioux and Ethan Joe.

MASS INTENTIONS—ASPARISH

If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one, contact the Central Office. The cost is \$10.00

Date & Time			Mass Intentions	For:	From:
APR	21st	FRI	6:30 pm Holy Family, Amherst Reconciliation Available	PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #2916
APR	22nd	SAT	Holy Family, Amherst	GORDIE LEBLANC	ANITA & GLEN WHITE
APR	22nd	SAT	St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge	ANNA HUNTER (living person)	ANONYMOUS
APR	23rd	SUN	St Thomas More, Pugwash		
APR	23rd	SUN	Holy Family, Amherst	STANLEY GOULD	O'QUINN FAMILY
APR	26th	WED	10:00 am Holy Family, Amherst Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel—CWL	ALL CWL MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN ASPARISH	HOLY FAMILY CWL
APR	27th	THURS	10:00 am Holy Family, Amherst		
APR	28th	FRI	6:30 pm Holy Family, Amherst Reconciliation Available	ADRIENNE & GORDIE HEBERT	HEBERT FAMILY
APR	30th	SUN	St John the Baptist, Springhill	THE FAITH FAMILY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	ALL SAINTS PARISH PARISHIONERS

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN MAY—MARIAN MONTH – At Holy Family Church, in special recognition of Our Mother

Mary in the MARIAN Month of May, will be praying the Rosary before MASSES. Committing to the sacred ritual of Praying the ROSARY and to help with FORMATION for those who are not familiar or “out of practice” with this wonderful prayer tradition. Join us at 6:00 pm on Fridays before Mass and every Saturday and Sunday before Mass in May.

On Saturdays we will be starting at 3:50 pm and on Sundays we will begin at 10:40 am. There will be a prayer leader to lead the Rosary, a basket of donated Rosary's if you may have forgotten yours and a prayer guide to assist if not familiar with the prayers. If 1 Hail Mary can make an extraordinary impact in our world, just imagine a church full of parishioners praying 53 Hail Mary's times x 3 times a week, x times 4 times in May!! **THE IMPACT WILL BE GODLY!!!**

Holy Family Liturgy Committee invites you:

FRIDAYS—MAY	6:00 PM ROSARY BEGINS	6:30 PM MASS BEGINS
SATURDAYS—MAY	3:50 PM ROSARY BEGINS	4:30 PM MASS BEGINS
SATURDAYS—MAY	10:40 AM ROSARY BEGINS	11:15 AM MASS BEGINS

ASParish Financial Year End 2022 Presentation and Report

On April 22nd / 23rd the ASParish Finance Reps for each church in All Saints Parish will be presenting at the local churches the YEAR END for 2022 finances.

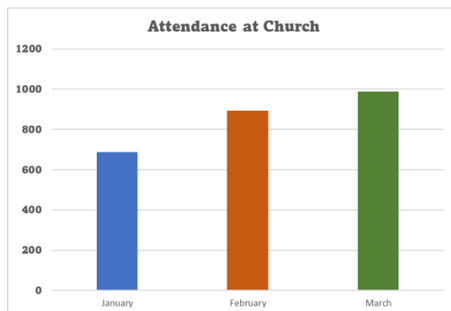
This report will include having copies of the Year End Report for 2022 and an overview of the finances for 2022 for each church community. If you have questions, you are asked to speak to your ASP Finance Rep directly. The Reps are John Waalderbos (ASP FINANCE CHAIR—Pugwash), Gail Murphy (ASP FINANCE SECRETARY—Springhill), Pat Robinson (Holy Family), Brenda Wheaton (Parrsboro), Darlene Obrien (Joggins), Sharon Broughton (Streets Ridge), River Hebert Parishioners can contact the Central Office at 902-667-2523.

Financial Responsibility and Stewardship— Thank you to all who have supported the parish through financial contributions. Your support is appreciated and assists in keeping our faith communities in service and ministry.

ASParish—February 2023 Income vs Budget	\$ 2023 YTD	\$ Budget YTD	\$ (+/-) Budget
ASParish Income—Sunday Collection Only**	\$20,026.10	\$21,066.05	-\$1,039.95
ASParish Total Income— Ordinary, Collections, Extraordinary	\$23,594.65	\$27,486.77	-\$3,892.17
ASParish Total Expenses	\$29,722.31	\$26,067.90	+\$3,654.41
ASParish NET INCOME—FEBRUARY 2023	-\$6,127.66	\$1,418.87	- \$7,546.53

** Budget calculated as a yearly amount and divided by 12 months ** YTD = Year to Date

Donations also can be made by e-transfer to finance@allsaintsparishcc.ca, setting up with automatic payments on PAR (request a form to complete), in person at the Central Office or by mailing a check to the Central Office. **We Need Your Support** and appreciate every effort, in all sizes, to help us stay on track in 2023 and support all the programs and ministries to our communities throughout Cumberland County!!



Attendance in ASParish in 1st Quarter 2023

2023 has had a great start in our faith community with many new individuals and families choosing to have All Saints Parish as their faith family. The graph photo shows a steady increase in our attendance at our churches in January, February and March of 2023.

We are very happy to welcome all the those are new to our churches and sharing your faith with our community. It is our Mission to create a place that you feel at home and feel welcomed. If we can assist you or provide anything for you and your family, please be sure to let us know. You may reach out to Father Gregory, the Central Office at office@allsaintsparishcc.ca or at [902-667-2523](tel:902-667-2523) or speak to your hospitality at your church.

We are here to serve you in serving God. WELCOME!!

Welcome to the Family - We would like to have you join our faith family by going to our website and filling out the parishioners welcome form at www.allsaintsparishcc.ca or pick up a copy at your local church to complete. If you have any questions about our community or how to register as a family member, please contact the Central Office. You are important to us, please introduce yourself.



FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Are you a senior or low income person or family? Maria Kirkpatrick is a volunteer with the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program and will prepare your income tax return free of charge. **April 30th is the deadline for filing personal tax returns.** Please contact Maria at 902-397-0926. All information is kept confidential.

St John the Baptist, Springhill Decommissioning Mass April 30th at 11 am, 2023

All Churches in ASParish have scheduled their weekend Mass on April 30th for the 11 am Decommissioning Mass at St John the Baptist in Springhill. We are coming together as a faith family to share in this occasion and to support the people of Springhill and the faith family of St John the Baptist on the next step of their journey of faith. We also hope that guests and parishioners will join us in the CIBC Room at the Community Center in Springhill immediately after the Mass for a reception lunch, tea/coffee and fellowship. Our CWL's, Auxiliary's and women of our parish will be preparing the luncheon and we thank all those we are assisting for your ministry.



St Thomas Aquinas, Joggins—TOTAL COLLECTED TODATE: \$4,826.80 for ROOF REPLACEMENT CAMPAIGN—please help us raise funds for the Roof Campaign to replace the roof on this 128-year-old church. **ALL SIZE DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND MADE OUT TO ALL Saints Parish,** with a note to say for Joggins Roof Repair.

Tickets are available NOW —1st Prize - Ninja Grill/Air Fryer 2nd Prize - Painting. If you would like to purchase tickets and support this fundraiser and support our sister community, please contact Richard Beliveau at 902-660-2778. **Tickets are available at Central Office and on sale on weekends.**

Synodal Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit as we gather together in Your Name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen



Knights of Columbus Council # 2916

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree **next Meeting May 6th @ 10:30 am Saturday at Holy Family Hall**, Regular Council Meeting is the 4th Thursday of Month at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church Hall. Interested in becoming a Knight. visit kofo.org or contact **Gary Graham Grand Knight at 902-614-4160**



On April 23rd at 4pm, Father Gregory has invited the Knight's of Columbus Council in ASParish to his home at the Rectory in Springhill to share in a potluck dinner together. Please come and enjoy a time of fun, food and friendship. No need to RSVP just bring something delicious to eat!



CWL—Catholic Women's League

Holy Family CWL—Regular Council Meeting—MAY 10th at 6:30 pm at Holy Family. Interested in being a Holy Family CWL member, contact Glenna O'Quinn at 902-397-0239, pastoral@allsaintsparishcc.ca

Welcome to 4 New Members in 2023 to Holy Family CWL—May God Bless You Abundantly in Your Ministry

LIZ MCGREGOR

EVELYN CURRIE

JILLIAN LOWERISON

JILLIAN PENNY

Parrsboro CWL—JOIN St Brigid's CWL Contact Karen McGregor at kmcgregor@ns.sympatico.ca

Springhill CWL—JOIN St John the Baptist CWL. Contact Clare Canning clarecanningspringhill@gmail.com



On Wednesday, April 26th at 10 am, Father Gregory will celebrate the regular weekly Mass and the Feast of the Our Lady of Good Counsel, patroness of the CWL. The Holy Family CWL invite all ASParish CWL Councils, Women's Auxiliaries and parishioners to join us for this special Mass and for tea and coffee afterwards in the hall.

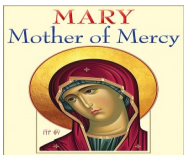


Society of St Vincent de Paul

Regular meeting is **Monday, April 24th, 2023 at 7:00pm** in St Charles/Nativity Room at Holy Family. New members are always welcome, contact **Shirley Leblanc at 902-667-8848**

ASParish Food & Fellowship—TUESDAY LUNCHEON—April 25th Final Luncheon—LAST LUNCHEON

Happens on Tuesdays at Holy Family Church. Opens at 11am and lunch served at 11:30 am. No cost, however, free will offering is welcomed.



Mary, Mother of Mercy Prayer Group

Regularly meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church. Anyone wishing to join us in person to pray for our families, our church, our ministries and other intentions, please feel welcome to join us or contact **Viola Corbett at 902-667-3274**

ADORATION—

Monday's—9:30 to 10:30 am at Holy Family Church until JUNE 26th, 2023

Tuesdays – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Holy Family Church until APRIL 25th, 2023

Take a moment to offer a gift of your time spent with the Lord during Adoration.

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Vacation Bible Camp 2023—CAMPERS REGISTRATION

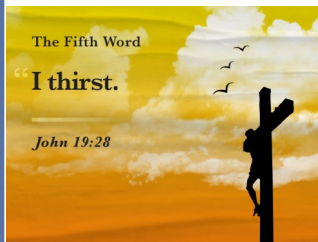
We will “Shine Jesus’ Light” this summer in ASParish at Holy Family Church with our 12th VBCamp by heading “out of space” with our STELLAR Camp Theme. Camp runs from July 3—7th, 2023 from 8:30—12:30 pm. **Registration is between May 1st and May 31st and the Registration FEE is \$50.00 a child or \$65.00 for family (2 or more children).** When you register you will have the option to donate the registration fee, or have it returned on Day 5. It has always been our intention to provide a camp affordable to all and with this donation option, we can continue to do that this year.



Vacation Bible Camp 2023—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Every year we are always grateful to those who continue to share of their time and talents to provide a camp for youth that is centered around learning about JESUS’S LOVE. This year we are in need of more volunteers to join our team. WILL YOU CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TIME FOR JESUS? Contact Glenna at pastoral@allsaintsparishcc.ca

HAIL MARY’S COUNT— We have achieved our Goal of \$4 Million+ Hail Mary’s in ASParish. We thank all those who assisted in making this happen. In **SEPTEMBER** we will be relaunching our Hail Mary Count and with some new things in place to assist in having our full parish participate and therefore getting to 4 Million quicker. We will also have key things each month for our Parish to pray for together and therefore have a greater impact. For more on the **ROSARY SERIES** and **THE POWER of 1 HAIL MARY** go to <https://youtu.be/utFFt0qiYtU> or go to the **Rosary Series** and the **POWER OF 1 HAIL MARY** on YouTube.



PUGWASH AND PARRSBORO

EVENINGS OF RENEWAL with Father Mark Cherry

Jesus spoke these words as He died, “I Thirst.” Join us as we explore the meaning of these words. Need Hope, Healing, Meaning and Purpose in your Life Then this evening is for you. **Monday April 24th at 7 pm at St Brigid’s Church in Parrsboro or Tuesday, April 25th at 7 pm at St Thomas More, Pugwash.** Free Will Offering. “Christ is Risen, Alleluia”



SUNDAY PRAYER DURING EASTER SEASON

- V. Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia:
R. ***For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia,***
V. Has risen as He said, alleluia.
R. ***Pray for us to God, alleluia.***
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. ***For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.***

Let us pray:

O God, who by the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. ***Amen***

ASParish Families Include:

St Thomas More, Pugwash,

St John the Baptist, Springhill

St Cornelius, Streets Ridge

St Brigid's, Parrsboro

Holy Family Church, Amherst

St Thomas Aquinas, Joggins

St Paul the Apostle, River Hebert

Together we form the faith family of All Saints Parish, Cumberland County, NS

and part of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Dioceses

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 different 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 a donation to a church or a Presider, to show their gratitude.

As this ministry is tremendously important to our parishioners in serving others, we are continuing to develop this ministry 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 902-667-2523 and we will be present with your family and assisting you with plans and to provide the support you need during this time. We have a Funeral Package for families to use in their planning process to assist with readings, music and more.

We are continuing to form 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

Caring for our Loved Ones

When someone is sick in our parish, many (most) times we are unaware, either the Pastor or Central Office. Sometimes when we are made aware, we ask if the family would like to have their names put on a prayer list (with the prayer line or at mass), more times than not we are told **"there are others that need prayers more than me"**, **"No! That means I'll be on the dead list next!!!"**, **"I would prefer no one to know"**, or a number of other reasons. As a culture we have become very independent in our living, our existing and sadly, our suffering. We are scared to mention someone is sick due to privacy laws and the ramifications if we might have done something that offends someone. **How did we as a faith allow praying for healing become so controversial? How did asking for Jesus to intervene in HIS love, grace and mercy be anything but a need for healing.** No one person's healing is more important than another's, no one should be left behind. Some have said **"no one visited from my faith family when I was sick"**. If we are unaware that this is the preference of a parishioner, we are unable to make it happen. Please consider Jesus when you are asked for prayers, or if you need prayers. Jesus can't not come into our house, if we don't invite Him.

DID YOU KNOW?????

That on the Prayer Line only first names are used for prayers to be said???

DID YOU KNOW?????

That we can just use the first name, or first name and last initial at Mass to pray?

If you have a loved one at home, in hospital or in a nursing facility that would like Anointing of the Sick or is at end-of-life care, and would like prayers, please contact the Central Office at 902-667-2523 or after hours please call 902-397-0239.



CEMETERIES REOPENING



Over the next few weeks, cemeteries in ASParish will be re-opening for the Spring and begin a new season. There will be, as always, lots of cleanup from the winter winds, storms and regular weather damage to gravesites. The work at the ASParish Cemeteries is very important in caring for our loved ones after they are gone. Each cemetery has a special team of volunteers that share of time, talent and treasure to keep graves cared for and safe for visiting. If you think you might enjoy assisting in this very important ministry, we could use your help. Please reach out to your local cemetery team. If you are unsure who they might be, please contact the Central Office and we will hook you up. Thank you for considering to be of service in this ministry.