

# All Saints Parish

September 24th, 2023  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



CATECHETICAL WEEKEND

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## WEEKEND MASSES—September 24th/ 25th

### Saturday

3:00pm - St Paul the Apostle, River Hebert Mass

4:30pm - Holy Family, Amherst Mass

6:30 pm- St Cornelius, Streets Ridge Mass

### Sunday

9:00am - St Brigid's, Parrsboro Mass

9:00am - St Thomas More, Pugwash Mass

11:00am- St John the Baptist, Springhill Mass

11:15am - Holy Family, Amherst Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Mondays starting Sept 18th @ 9:30—10:30 am at Holy Family Church and on Fridays starting Sept 22nd at 9:30—10:30 am at St Thomas More, Pugwash NS.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Father Gregory will begin celebrating in October the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass from 3:15—4:15 pm at Holy Family or by request on weekdays or weekends or by appointment.

**Baptism Preparation** – If you plan to celebrate the Baptism of your child this coming year, we invite all parents and godparents to attend the Baptism Preparation sessions in advance. We are presently setting the time for the next preparation and families will need to pick up (or be 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 can 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—September 16 / 17th Weekend

**Total Parish Weekly Collection \$4,020.00 (vs. BUDGET projection \$4,624.00) UNDER \$604.00**  
Amherst (\$3,168.00), Pugwash (\$464.00), Springhill (\$159.00) Parrsboro (\$120.00), Joggins (\$9.00)  
River Hebert (\$0.00) and Streets Ridge (\$0.00) (Springhill Sept. 3/10 \$325.00)

**Please "Catsup" your donations when you are away or weather cancels Masses/Lay Services.**

## YOUTH FAMILY FAITH FORMATION @ Holy Family Church

**SEPT 24th Sunday— @ 10:30am OPENING SESSION for Families and Commissioning at 11:15 Mass**  
(Preschool to Grade 6) ZOOM Link available via [lien.gillis@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:lien.gillis@ns.sympatico.ca) **Dianne Gillis**

**\*\*\*\*NEW DATE SEPT 22nd Friday—@ 6 pm LEADERS POTLUCK @ Rectory in Springhill with Father Gregory**

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE SICK

LILLIAN BRAY, SYLVIA BELLIVEAU, JULIE GOLDSTEIN,  
FLORENCE LEBLANC, PAT FRENETTE, SIMONE LIRETTE  
AND MICHELE MALTBY-LEBLANC

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

JOHN PETTIGREW, BROTHER OF HAROLD PETTIGREW,  
AND  
DR. JOHN ATIA

## 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*

**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](http://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 at 902-667-2523.

### **Knights of Columbus -**

**Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly Mtgs will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 am**

**Regular Council Meeting is the 4th Thursday of Month September 28th at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Church Hall.** If you are interested in becoming a Knight visit [kofo.org](http://kofo.org) or contact Gary Graham, Grand Knight at 902-614-4160

### **Holy Family CWL -**

**HF CWL Executive Meeting is October 4th @ 1pm at Holy Family.**

**HF CWL Council Meeting is October 11th @ 6:30 pm at Holy Family.**

We invite you for our Sharing is Caring Wine & Cheese for New Members and Guest Night. Join us or let us know you would like to attend. 902-397-0239



**Wine & Cheese**  
meet & greet

**SSVP** - Saint Vincent de Paul meeting is **Monday, September 25th with MASS at 5:30 pm and Potluck at 6:00 pm.** Commissioning of Members of SSVP will be at this Mass. We open the doors and welcome any individuals interested in sharing of themselves and volunteering with this amazing ministry of good works.

**Prayer Group Ministry** - Regular weekly meetings of the Prayer Group are **Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm** in the Church.

The disciples asked Jesus, "Where do you live?" His response was simple by saying "Come, and See." All are invited to perhaps give Praise and Worship to the Lord in a less formal way through Song, Word and Sharing.

**Holy Family Mass Choirs— WELCOME!!** We are looking for new members to join our Holy Family choirs on Saturday or Sunday.

**Sunday Choir practices on Wednesday Evenings at 6pm at Holy Family** with Choir Director Lisa Baldwin. **Saturday Choir please speak to**

**Janice Melanson or Glen White before or after Mass on Saturday** to find out more details of joining in song!! We are really looking forward to expanding and hope you will consider this as a way to serve the Lord at church!!

**Cemetery Masses—** SEPT 27th—7 pm St Thomas More, Pugwash, NS

Jesus said:  
I was hungry and you fed me,  
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,  
I was homeless and you gave me a room,  
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,  
I was sick and you stopped to visit,  
I was in prison and you came to me.  
Matthew 25:35-36 The Message

**Emergency Overnight Shelter at Holy Family Church** - Deacon Howard shared this past weekend at Holy Family Church and on the LIVESTREAM on Sunday, the news that Holy Family will be become the **Emergency Overnight Shelter from October 2nd—May 1st, 2024.** This ministry to serve God's people came about from a Ministerial Association meeting where the Cumberland Homelessness and Housing Support Association (CHSA) was in need of a new location to locate their emergency overnight shelter while their new building is being built on Prince Arthur St this fall and spring. We

have agreed to be that place. **Should anyone have any questions, please contact Deacon Howard at 902-667-9598 or Frank Allen at 902-545-2886.** We are looking for support and prayers from our entire parish to be present for those who are in need and in providing a warm place to stay, a safe place to stay and a place that can be a home for those without one. You can hear all the information again by going to [www.allsaintsparishcc.ca](http://www.allsaintsparishcc.ca) and go to the Livestream link to watch Sunday, September 3rd 11:15 am Mass, where Deacon Howard provides full details.

## **FOLLOW-UP ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Holy Family Church Hurricane Emergency Center & Warming Station—** Thankfully Hurricane Lee passed our area without much damage or challenges, and we thank you God for that! Our Emergency Center was successful as well. We were very happy to be of support for those who are homeless or have precarious home situations. Thank you to all who help support this past weekend's efforts.

## **ASParish Truth & Reconciliation**



Land plays a central role in the worldview of Indigenous People. In an Indigenous worldview, land is a source of belonging; they belong to the land. The land provides shelter, food and water. Pope Francis says that the cry of the poor and the cry of all the earth is becoming increasingly serious and alarming, and requires urgent action to transform this crisis into an opportunity. A video entitled "Thanksgiving Address" which can remind of all the inherent value in creation is available for prayerful viewing at [ltiv.ca/3/](http://ltiv.ca/3/).

Notice: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the presentation by Dr. Gerald Gloade, Mikmaway Debert Project Development Officer, which was scheduled for Thursday, Sep 21 at 6 PM has been postponed. Keep tuned in for when we are able to re-schedule!

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, through the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we pray for the grace to understand your will for our parish, All Saint Parish. You call us to embrace the "New Evangelization" and to be laborer's in your vineyard. We are mindful that the Holy Spirit is the principal agent of evangelization without whom we labor in vain. And so, we ask you to breathe into us your Holy Spirit as in a new Pentecost that we may experience the depth of your love and be filled with the fits and apostolic zeal we need to share the good news of Jesus, your son.

**Amen**

### **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**  
**St John the Baptist, Springhill—Items for Sale**

| Date & Time |    |          | Mass Intentions | For:                | From:            |
|-------------|----|----------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Monday      | 25 | 5:00 pm  | Holy Family     | St. Vincent de Paul |                  |
| Wed.        | 27 | 10:00 am | Holy Family     | James Rhindress     | Andrea Rhindress |
|             | 27 | 7:00 pm  | St. Thomas More | Cemetery Mass       |                  |
| Thurs.      | 28 | 10:00 am | Holy Family     | Anthony Cipak       | Kathy Gardiner   |
| Friday      | 29 | 10:00 am | Holy Family     | Raymond Gould       | Susan Noiles     |
| Saturday    | 30 | 4:30 pm  | Holy Family     | Raymond Gould       | Maria Van Vulpen |
| Sunday      | 01 | 9:00 am  | St. Brigid's    | Healing Mass        |                  |
|             | 01 | 11:15 am | Holy Family     | Healing Mass        |                  |
| Wed.        | 04 | 6:30 pm  | Holy Family     |                     |                  |
| Thurs.      | 05 | 10:00 am | Holy Family     |                     |                  |
| Friday      | 06 | 10:00 am | Holy Family     |                     |                  |

*You Are Called*  
For Such A Time As This

### **CALLED AND GIFTED SEMINAR @ Holy Family Church.**

Register this weekend and next for this amazing opportunity to learn what has God planned for you. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that **only you can do!**

**"I have called you by name—you are mine." #Isaiah 43:1**

Date will be **Saturday Sept.23rd from 900am to 400pm @ Holy Family Parish, Amherst.** Registration will be required and will take place early September. Registration fee for all participants will be \$20.00 for the day.

**REGISTER IN THE GATHERING AREA AT HOLY FAMILY ON WEEKENDS OR CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER: 902-667-2523**

**For any questions call Deacon Howard Gotell 902 667 9598 or email: [hgotell7@gmail.com](mailto:hgotell7@gmail.com)**

**YOU ARE CALLED AND GIFTED!! COME FIND OUT JUST WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR YOU!!!**

**COME TO ME,  
 ALL YOU WHO LABOR  
 AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,  
 AND I WILL  
 GIVE YOU REST.**

MATTHEW 11:28

### **St Thomas More Catholic Church, Pugwash**

Join us at St Thomas More Catholic Church in Pugwash for Eucharistic Adoration **every Friday morning this Fall in their church from 9:30-10:30am .**

Come and have a quiet hour of adoration, prayer and meditation before our Lord Jesus and receive peace and strength for your daily life challenges. Everyone is welcomed and all will be filled with the Lord's presence.

### **Healing Masses in All Saints Parish: October 2023**

In his letter introducing the 2023 Reconciliation and Healing Collection Bishop Brian Dunn stated:

***"As we approach Truth and Reconciliation Day and Nova Scotia Treaty Day, I am reminded of the dire need to support our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Indigenous peoples of Canada experienced the impacts of the loss of language, the loss of identity, and were subject to abuse and degradation, which reverberates through Indigenous communities to this day in the form of intergenerational trauma. A significant contributing factor to intergenerational trauma is residential schooling. In Atlantic Canada, the only residential school was the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School, which operated between 1930-1967. The impacts of residential schools are widespread and continue to this day."***

It is in this context that the ASP Truth and Reconciliation Committee asked Fr. Gregory to celebrate three healing Masses in the parish. While healing masses are usually celebrated for those suffering from physical illness, the committee believes that grace operates on all levels, physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. It is this desire for on-going grace on all levels that we bring to these Healing Masses as we continue the journey of truth and reconciliation.

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| October 1: | 9:00a.m    | St. Brigid's Parrsboro  |
|            | 11:15 a.m. | Holy Family Amherst     |
| October 8: | 9:00 a.m.  | St. Thomas More Pugwash |



## Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

October 1st, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING—EZEKIEL 18: 25—28

Psalm—25

“Lord, be mindful of your mercy.”

SECOND READING—PHILIPPIANS 2: 1—11

GOSPEL—MATTHEW 21: 28—32

“The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you”.

### **FALL FAIR @Holy Family Church**

**SEPTEMBER 30th**

**Fall Fair Day**

**OCTOBER 1st 2023**

### **Annual Hot Turkey Dinner Fundraiser**



#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR FAITH COMMUNITY?**

Consider making a donation of a **THEME BASKETS** or the **SILENT AUCTION TABLE**.

Have you dropped of things for **SHIRLEY & FRIENDS BOUTIQUE , BOOK SALE, or YARD SALE TABLE?**

#### **MAKE A DONATION**

One other way to assist is to put a donation in the Collection or DROP OFF at the CENTRAL OFFICE donations for the **FUDGE SALE TABLE** or to go towards the cost of **TURKEY'S, POTATOES, CARROTS, ROLLS, PIES** or any of the things to make our **TURKEY DINNER** a success. Just drop in an envelope with “DONATION FOR \_\_\_\_\_” and your name, phone number and if you have an envelope number.

**VENDOR TABLE RENTALS:** PLEASE CONTACT CENTRAL OFFICE TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR TABLE. 902-667-2523 or [office@allsaintsparishcc.ca](mailto:office@allsaintsparishcc.ca)



### **HOT TURKEY DINNER—October 1st 4—6 pm at Holy Family**

Tickets go on Sale September 5th, 2023—Purchase at the Central Office or at Weekend Masses at Holy Family.

Sit down Dinner and Take-Out (Free Delivery) - ADULTS \$18.00 / YOUTH UNDER 10 \$10.00

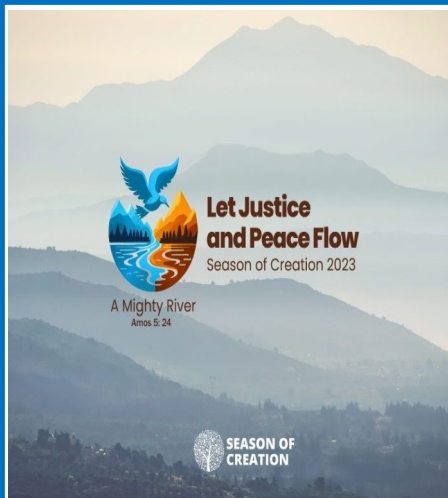
Limited Number of Tickets being Sold—So get your tickets early! Will be on sale at weekend Masses @ Holy Family starting this weekend.

### **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation—Season of Creation**

In 2021 Pope Francis, proclaimed September 1st—October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, as the Season of Creation. Pope Francis emphasizes how our human actions are affecting humanity, non-human species and living systems and affirmed that action is urgently needed now, if we are going to create a more sustainable and just world. He has declared that our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants, sowing justice and peace in every place it reaches.

With these message, Pope Francis updates the biblical image of the river to the twenty first century. “**Let judgement flow like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream**”. (Amos 5:24). Inspired by the prophet Amos, **LET JUSTICE AND PEACE FLOW** is the theme of this year's Season of Creation.

At Mass we will be praying together a prayer written by Pope Francis for the Season of Creation and to find out more about the things you can do to join in Catholic Christians in raising our voice to halt global social and ecological injustice, go to <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/message-of-pope-francis-for-creation-day-2023/> or [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org)



**Leaders of Formation** - On **Friday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm\*\*\*\*Changed Date** at Father Gregory's home (Rectory in Springhill) there will be a Potluck for all those who are leaders of Faith Formation in all our communities in ASParish.

This includes Lay Presiders, Lay Reflection Leaders, Youth Formation, Adult Formation, RCIA Leaders, Sacramental Leaders for Baptism, 1st Eucharist, 1st Reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage Preparation. Those who assist in leading liturgy with the Seniors at the Nursing Facilities or at Home. These roles are what are called Catechetical in our larger community and we are celebrating our Catechetical Leaders in September.

**Catechetical Commissioning September 23rd and 24th** in all Churches with Father Mark and Father Gregory. Let us pray for all our leaders who volunteer and let us pray that more will respond to Jesus' call.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

**1 Peter 4:10**