All Saints Parish

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

Jan. 26 - Sunday of the Word of God
Jan. 28 - Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

Holy Family, Amherst | St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins | St. Brigid's, Parrsboro | St. Thomas More, Pugwash | St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert | St. John the Baptist, Springhill | St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge

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Deacons: *Howard Gotell and Mike Lynch* | ***Caretaker:*** *Laurie Perry* | ***Operations Assistant:*** *Raissa Hart*

MASS TIMES

Saturday, January 25

4pm - River Hebert
4:30pm - Amherst
6:30pm - Streets Ridge

Sunday, January 26

9am - Parrsboro
9am - Pugwash
11am - Springhill
11:15am - Amherst

Tuesday-Friday

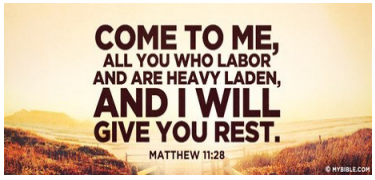
January 28-31

Tues: 6:30pm - Springhill
Wed-Fri: 12:15pm - Amherst
Fri: 9am - Pugwash

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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!

Holy Family, Amherst: 9:30am followed by CORE meeting
St. Thomas More, Pugwash: Fridays at 9:30am



COLLECTION UPDATE - JANUARY 18/19

Total Weekly $4,397.45

Amherst: $2,715.10 Pugwash: $436.30 Streets Ridge: $163.00 Joggins: $204.25 Springhill: $293.85 Parrsboro: $490.00
River Hebert: $95.00 Shared: -

If you are interested in the collection information for the first two weekends in January, please contact the central office.

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 Saints Parish. You call us to embrace the "New Evangelization" and to be laborers 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 faith and apostolic zeal we need to share the good news of Jesus, your son.

Amen

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SICK

Pauline Pettigrew; Kim Caven; Doris Murray; Doug Pineau; Colleen Sonier

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Barb Morris

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. 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.

Baptism Preparation – If you plan to celebrate the Baptism of your child this coming year, we invite you to pick up (or request to be mailed) a baptismal preparation package. Baptism preparation courses are run throughout the year. Please contact the Central Office and we will be happy to assist in registering you for the next available session.

Baptisms Celebrated during Mass - Our practice is to celebrate baptisms with the whole community so all can participate, enjoy and welcome the children into our family of God. Celebrating this sacrament with the faith community is an important first step in a child's faith journey.

SSVP - Holy Family SSVP meetings usually take place on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30pm. New volunteers are always welcome! Reach out to the central office if you'd like more information!

Truth & Reconciliation - Generally, we meet at Holy Family Church on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30am. Come and See what we're all about!

Prayer Group Ministry - The prayer group meets on Thursdays at 7pm. Join us for an evening of prayer, song and faith sharing. All are welcome!

Youth Faith Formation

JAM!

Family Mass THIS WEEKEND! Sunday, January 26th!
No JAM ! Participating families arrive at 10:45am
See you February 2 at 10:30am for a craft!

EDGE!

The next session will be on Saturday, February 1st at 6:30pm!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please continue to pray for Jodie and Quincy at Holy Family, Amherst, and Arlene MacDonald at St. Thomas More, Pugwash as they journey toward full membership in our Church.

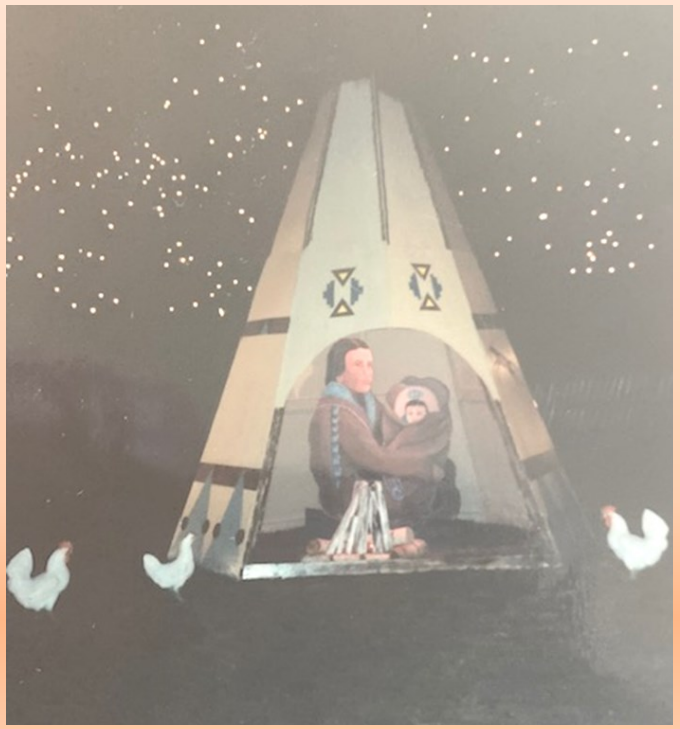
ASParish Truth & Reconciliation

Jesus is often depicted as white, with blue eyes and with long hair in adulthood. Yet, nowhere is there an account of his physical attributes. The historical Jesus probably had the brown skin and eyes of other first century Jews from Galilee.

The Talmud says that *"we do not see things as they are but as we are."*

Some scholars have suggested that depicting Jesus as white served colonialism and oppression of other races.

Are you aware of your image of the infant Jesus?



Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

FIRST READING—MALACHI 3.1-4

PSALM—24 "The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory!

SECOND READING—HEBREWS 2.10-11, 13b-18++

GOSPEL—LUKE 2.22-40

"My eyes have seen your salvation."

MASS INTENTIONS—ASPARISH

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

DAY	DATE/TIME		CHURCH	MASS FOR	PRIEST	OFFERED BY
Saturday	25	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle		Fr. Charles	
	25	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Sally MacArthur	Fr. Michael	John and Dianne Gillis
	25	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Jeff Hunter (Living)	Fr. Charles	Adam and Rachel Hunter
Sunday	26	9:00 am	St. Brigid's		Fr. Michael	
	26	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Amanda Hunter (Living)	Fr. Charles	Adam and Rachel Hunter
	26	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist		Fr. Michael	
	26	11:15 am	Holy Family	Holy Souls of Purgatory	Fr. Charles	Kathy Gardiner
Tuesday	28	6:30 pm	St. John the Baptist		Fr. Charles	
Wednesday	29	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Alan Melanson	Fr. Charles	Liz McGregor
Thursday	30	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Custodio and Linda Rodrigues	Fr. Charles	Milu and Plassey Rodrigues
Friday	31	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Alan Melanson	Fr. Charles	Maria van Vulpen
Saturday	01	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Kim Caven (Living)	Fr. Michael	Liz McGregor
	01	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Robyn Bycok, for the safe delivery of her baby	Fr. Charles	Chris and Anna Tota
	01	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Arthur Legere	Fr. Charles	Ben Legere
Sunday	02	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Vivian M.L. Brown	Fr. Charles	H. Brown
	02	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Joseph (Gus) Gosselin	Fr. Michael	Anthony and Lorna Head
	02	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Peter LeBlanc	Fr. Charles	Patsy Robbins
	02	11:15 am	Holy Family	Gerald Gouchie	Fr. Michael	Erla Gouchie

Mass intentions scheduled on days when mass is unexpectedly cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date.

Eucharistic Congress 2024

Eucharistic Congress Quote

"It is true that in the Eucharist Jesus is looking upon me with love and compassion. But he is not just looking at me, he is also looking at the Father with love. In the Eucharist, we gaze lovingly, together with Jesus, toward the Father." **-Archbishop Paul-André Durocher,** Saturday evening session

Jubilee Year 2025 - "Pilgrims of Hope"

Hebrew scripture reveals that every 50 years would be known as a year of Jubilee. This year would mark a time of forgiving debts, slaves would be freed, and the land would remain fallow or at rest. In our Church today, every 25 years is noted as a Jubilee Year. It is a time to embark on a pilgrimage to repent for sin, forgive the sins of others and deepen our spiritual life. Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." The Archdiocese will be issuing prayer cards for personal use and will unpack ways of commemorating the Jubilee Year throughout 2025. All Saints Parish will also discover ways of celebrating the Jubilee Year throughout Cumberland County in 2025. Watch this space.

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In Our Communities...

Prayers for Christian Unity

THIS WEEKEND!

The **Amherst Ministerial Association** will host the annual
Prayer for Christian Unity on
Sunday, January 26th at 3pm
in Christ Anglican Church
The theme will be the "Nicene Creed."
Light refreshments will follow.
Should weather prevent the service, the storm date will be Sunday, February 2nd at 3pm.

All Saints Parish Truth & Reconciliation Committee

invites you to join them for a watch party:

"Video Series: Understanding Indigenous History: A Path Forward"

Endeavours to help viewers navigate the intricate webs of Indigenous history and Truth and Reconciliation in Canada

When: 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

February 4	The Beginnings
February 11	Impact of Assimilation
March 4	Calls To Action

Free admission!

Where: The Amherst Theatre, Church Street

Hosted by Lisa LaFlamme featuring interviews with First Nations leader Phil Fontaine, and internationally recognized human rights expert Kathleen Mahoney, as well as others.

A brief introduction will be provided for each video and viewers will have an opportunity to provide post video comments.

Our Local Food Banks

Remember to bring donations of non-perishable food items to support your local Foodbank.
Please be as generous as means allow.
Thank you.

Stewardship Corner

Our Baptism calls us to share gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure with those around us.
1st Corinthians says, "There are varieties of gifts but one God who distributes them to all as needed."
Every baptized person possesses spiritual gifts meant to be shared with those around you. Sharing these gifts does require courage, conviction and faith that a loving God speaks to us through the word of His son, Jesus Christ.
Approaching parishioners to share their gifts with the faith community, we often hear, "I could never do that."
As Jesus spoke the Word before many, he said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor, the captives, and the blind."
As you say "Yes" to sharing your gifts with others, "Trust" that the spirit of the Lord will be upon you.
-Deacon Howard

Father Charles

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First Reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10++

Responsorial Psalm: 19 "Your words, Lord, are spirit and life."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30

Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

Today we reflect on the important themes to our faith. These themes help us understand God's word and how it guides our lives.

Importance of Scripture: Nehemiah calls to our minds the importance of listening to God's word. Reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength to us.

Joy in the Lord: Nehemiah reminds us not to be sad but to rejoice in the Lord. Our strength comes from the joy we find in God. Any person who dwells and lives his/her life on the word of the Lord, would always say – THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH, FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD IS SPIRIT AND LIFE TO ME! Lectio Divina, or Divine Reading, is a way to pray with scripture, allowing God to speak to us through His word. By reading, reflecting, and contemplating, we can better understand how scripture applies to our lives.

Unity in the Body of Christ: Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that every one of us is important to the body of Christ. Bringing together our collective talents, skills and gifts we form a formidable body of Christ. This means every person in the Church is valuable and has a role to play.

Jesus Fulfills Prophecy: In the Gospel, Jesus reads from Isaiah and says He fulfills this prophecy. This shows us Jesus is the promised Savior.

Mission of Jesus: Jesus explains His mission to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. This means that He came to help and save everyone. Do not be left out, come as you are. God loves you. He has not and will not condemn you. You are a precious Son/Daughter of God.

Hearing and Doing: The readings encourage us to not just hear God's word but to act on it. We should live out our faith every day.

Community Worship: Nehemiah gathers all people to hear God's word. Worshipping together strengthens our faith and community. Invite everyone you know to come join us to worship together as a community. It makes a lot of difference in our personal lives and our community.

Empowerment by the Spirit: Jesus starts His mission filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit helps us live out our mission too.

My dear friends, may the Holy Spirit empower us to utilize the power of God's word and see the importance of our role in the Church. That we may find joy in the Lord and to live out our faith together. PEACE BE WITH YOU.

AMEN.

Holy Family Church, Amherst

Holy Family CWL

Next executive meeting: February 5, 2025 - 10:30am
Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2025 - 6pm

Knights of Columbus Council 2916

Next regular meeting: February 27, 2025 - 7pm

Prayer Wall

We remind parishioners of the prayer wall located in the gathering space of our church. Your prayer intentions can be placed anonymously on the wall with the materials provided. Parishioners are invited to view the intentions and include them in your personal prayer. All intentions will be brought forward as an offering on Pentecost Sunday 2025.

Tuesday Luncheon Team

Regular Tuesday luncheons at Holy Family Church have become valuable to outreach in the local neighbourhood and a social gathering for many. The current luncheon team has served this ministry for a number of years.

Our current team leader will retire from this ministry at the end of April 2025. There will be a need for a team leader and other team members to resume this luncheon in the fall of 2025. Please consider offering gifts of time and talent to this busy but rewarding ministry at Holy Family Church. If you are interested, call the Central office. Thank You.

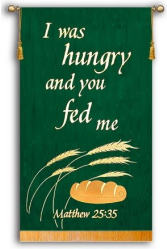
Mass for Sick and Shut-In

The Holy Family CWL are inviting all those who are sick or shut-in, or praying for someone who is, to attend a special mass on

Tuesday, February 11 at 11am

All in attendance are encouraged to join the Tuesday luncheon afterwards!

If you would like to attend but require transportation, please call (902) 397-0239. Thank you!



Food and Fellowship!

Join us for lunch on
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 from 11:30am to 1pm for **turkey divine**!

See you there!

From the Archdiocese

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Halifax-Yarmouth

Scholarship Opportunity for Students in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth

The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth is excited to announce the availability of scholarships for students actively engaged in their parish community. These scholarships aim to support students who demonstrate a strong commitment to Church renewal, leadership, and academic excellence. These scholarships are made possible by the **Patrick Power Foundation,** the **Archbishop James Hayes Trust,** the **John T. Joy Trust,** the **A.M. Hynes Fund,** and the **Father Caissie Fund**.
Successful applicants will receive an award minimum of $1,000 to assist with the cost of their post-secondary education. We encourage eligible students to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to further their education while continuing their dedication to the Church.

Application Process
To apply, students must complete the **Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Scholarship Application Form** and provide: Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residency; a letter of recommendation from a parish priest or ministry leader outlining their involvement in parish activities; a personal statement; academic records or transcripts and/or resume; documentation demonstrating financial need

Submission Instructions
The application form and all supporting documents must be submitted no later than **March 1st** by email or mail:
Email: development@halifaxyarmouth.org
Mail: Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth Scholarships 1559 Brunswick Street, Suite 101 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2G1
For more information, please contact us at **development@halifaxyarmouth.org**.