

All Saints Parish

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter



"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

Divine Mercy Sunday

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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MASS TIMES

Saturday, April 26

4pm - River Hebert

4:30pm - Amherst

6:30pm - Streets Ridge

Sunday, April 27

9am - Parrsboro

9am - Pugwash

11am - Springhill

11:15am - Amherst

Tuesday-Friday

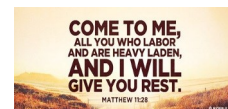
April 29-May 2

Tuesday - 6:30pm - Springhill

Wed-Fri - 12:15pm - Amherst

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Family, Amherst: **Monday, 9:30am followed by CORE meeting at 10:30am**



COLLECTION UPDATE - APRIL 19/20

Total Weekly: \$3,657.00 Weekly Budget: \$5,128.85 **UNDER \$1,471.82**

Amherst: \$2,932.65 Pugwash: Not reported Streets Ridge: \$75.00 Joggins: \$9.25 Springhill: \$318.85 Parrsboro: \$164.00
River Hebert: \$45.00 Shared: -

GOOD FRIDAY

Total: \$1,100.00

Amherst: \$670.00 Pugwash: Not reported

Streets Ridge: \$130.00 Joggins: - Springhill: \$35.00

Parrsboro: \$265.00 River Hebert: -

EASTER

Total: \$2,511.00

Amherst: \$1,311.00 Pugwash: Not reported

Streets Ridge: \$145.00 Joggins: - Springhill: \$180.00

Parrsboro: \$875.00 River Hebert: -

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.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SICK

Doug Pineau; Pansy Pye; Emma Beggs

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Steve Marten

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 - Prayer group meetings take place Thursdays at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Youth Faith Formation

First Reconciliation Classes

(For those eligible)

~~April 13~~
April 27 } 10-11am
May 4 }

Sacrament: May 10

First Communion Classes

(For those eligible)

~~April 6~~
~~April 13~~ } 10-11am
April 27 }

Sacrament: May 4

EDGE!

Next session May 3!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



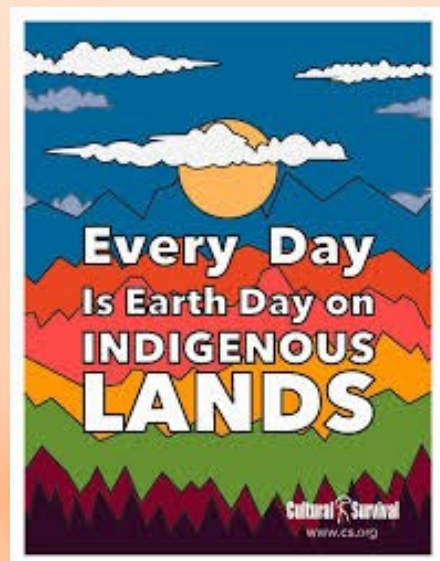
Have you ever thought of becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Perhaps you witnessed the welcoming of Jodie Simon and Quincy Kozo at the Easter Vigil or Arlene MacDonald on Easter Sunday morning and wondered about becoming a member of church. Inquire by calling the central office and our Pastor or the Deacon will return your call. Thank You.



ASParish Truth & Reconciliation

Earth Day 2025

April 22, Earth Day, also marks a decade since Pope Francis shared his encyclical Laudato Si. In this encyclical, Pope Francis acknowledges that God loves and is present in the whole universe, even in the smallest creatures. Scientists are learning what Indigenous have always known: that we are all connected; all forms of creation. The Anishinaabi use the term “niikonasiitook”, which means all of my relations. It reflects a belief that we owe each other, as well as the environment, animals and plants a duty of respect. Today, how are you and all of us called to respect the environment in which we live?



Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING—ACTS 5.28-32, 40b-41

PSALM—30 “I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.”

SECOND READING—REVELATION 5.11-14

GOSPEL—JOHN 21.1-19

“Jesus took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.”

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	26	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Greg Hoeg (Living)	Fr. Anthony	Kathy Gardiner
	26	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Fr. Charles	Holy Family CWL
	26	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Hephan Yakubowycz	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
Sunday	27	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Holy Souls of Purgatory	Fr. Anthony	Kathy Gardiner
	27	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Doris Murray	Fr. Charles	Linda Hatchette and Ed Porter
	27	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Sr. Ursula Mdadane	Fr. Anthony	Adam and Rachel Hunter
	27	11:15 am	Holy Family	Mary Lou Sonier	Fr. Charles	Her Family
Tuesday	29	6:30 pm	St. John the Baptist	Kim Caven	Fr. Anthony	Viola Corbett
Wednesday	30	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Pauline Pettigrew	Fr. Anthony	Maria Van Vulpen
Thursday	01	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Vivian M.L. Brown	Fr. Charles	H. Brown
Friday	02	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Barbara Carson	Fr. Charles	Joan Fowler
Saturday	03	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Anna Hunter (Living)	Fr. Charles	Adam and Rachel Hunter
	03	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Kim Caven	Fr. Anthony	Holy Family CWL
	03	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Br. Pierre Charland, OFM (Living)	Fr. Anthony	Frank Allen and Howard Gotell
Sunday	04	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Michael Stephen Brown	Fr. Charles	H. Brown
	04	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Doris Murray	Fr. Anthony	Joan Tapuska
	04	11:15 am	Holy Family	Helen Breau	Fr. Charles	Mary Ann Megeney

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

Share Year-Round Monthly Donations



Double your impact!



**Development
and Peace**
CARITAS CANADA

Double your impact by becoming a monthly donor by June 8, 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada offers you a simple, effective way to support its mission throughout the year: becoming a **Share Year-Round** monthly donor.

As a **Share Year-Round** donor, you support the pursuit of social justice and human dignity throughout the year and forge bonds of solidarity across borders. What's more, you automatically become a member of our movement, joining a community of committed people who share your values.

Sign up as a monthly donor (or increase your monthly donation if you are already one) **before June 8, 2025**, and your annual contributions (or increase thereof) will be **matched dollar for dollar!**

So why not **double your impact today** by turning your one-off donation into a monthly gift at devp.org/shareyearround.

In Our Communities...

Stewardship Corner

After the Resurrected, the community of believers were transformed into an energetic, evangelizing and welcoming community. Numbers increased dramatically as they proclaimed the Risen Lord to all peoples. Gifts were awakened and shared. The same transformation is possible as faith communities share gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure with joyful and grateful hearts. -Deacon Howard.



Local Foodbanks

Your local Foodbank continues to appreciate Easter offerings of non-perishable food items to keep the shelves full. Bring your donations to the church and they will be forwarded to your local Foodbank. **Thank you.**

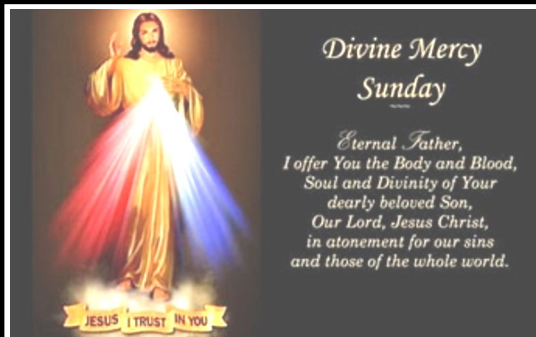
Easter Messages

During the Easter season, Deacon Howard will forward reflections on the daily readings via email. Should you want to receive these emails, please forward your email to:

hgotell7@gmail.com.

These messages will conclude at Pentecost.

Thank you.



The 2nd Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. At Holy Family Church, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 2 PM. The icon of Divine Mercy will be available for veneration as you enter the church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be offered. Recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3 PM. Gathering concludes with Benediction. All are welcome.

Live Stream

Our livestream is back up and running!

Sunday masses at Holy Family will be available to watch in real time by visiting our new platform on YouTube. You can type

youtube.com/@allsaintsparishcc

into your browser to watch live on Sunday mornings, watch past services, and subscribe to the channel.

You can also visit our newly revamped ASP website at

<https://allsaintsparishcc.ca/>

and click on the link on the main page!



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LIVESTREAM NOW ON YOUTUBE!

In light of the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis, Campbell's Funeral Home has graciously provided a public condolence book for those who wish to express their sympathies and prayers.

The book will be available for signing at Holy Family, Amherst; St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge; and St. Thomas More, Pugwash at masses this weekend, April 26-27. St. John the Baptist, Springhill will have a chance to sign before or after mass on Tuesday, April 29. Next weekend, May 3-4, it will be brought to St. Paul the Apostle, River Hebert and St. Brigid's, Parrsboro for those who wish to express their condolences. The book will be available through the week at Holy Family Church until Monday May 5, 2025.

After this date, the book will be formally presented to the Papal Nuncio in Ottawa as a gesture of collective remembrance and solidarity from our community.

All are welcome to take a moment to offer their respects.



CMDA

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MAID?

**Monday
May 5th
at 6:30 pm**

**Holy Family Church
Amherst, NS.**

CMDA Canada's Executive Director
Larry Worthen will provide timely
information on MAiD in Canada,
policies regulating MAiD, and how we
can advocate for dignity affirming
alternatives and conscientious
practice in our province.



PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP!

In Canada, about 300 innocent children are aborted every single day. Do you want to learn how to defend these innocent pre-born children, and have meaningful conversations on abortion and the dignity of human life? Join for training and hands-on experience doing pro-life outreach in Halifax, NS from **May 2-6 (with a May 2-3 weekend option)**. You can learn pro-life strategy and apologetics that will equip you to reach our culture to change minds and save lives.

Application deadline: April 25th.

See www.endthekilling.ca/halifax

HALIFAX PRO-LIFE BOOTCAMP

May 2-6, 2025

Stay Safe: Fraud Awareness & Prevention Tips from Mosaik Credit Union

At Mosaik Credit Union, your financial security is our top priority. As fraud continues to evolve, it's more important than ever to stay informed and vigilant. Here are a few simple but effective ways you can protect yourself and your loved ones from scams and identity theft:

1. Be Skeptical of Unsolicited Messages

If you receive a phone call, email, or text asking for personal or financial information—pause and double-check. Legitimate institutions, including Mosaik, will never ask you for passwords or banking details through these channels.

2. Protect Your Personal Information

Keep your PINs, passwords, and banking details private. Shred sensitive documents before throwing them out, and never share your login information—even with people you trust.

3. Monitor Your Accounts Regularly

Set aside time each week to check your bank accounts for suspicious transactions. If something doesn't look right, report it immediately.

4. Watch for Online Red Flags

Scammers often create fake websites or emails that look real. Look for typos, unusual links, and urgent messages asking you to act quickly.

5. Educate Yourself and Others

Fraud prevention is a community effort. Share these tips with friends, family, and neighbours—especially seniors who are often targeted. If you suspect fraud or have questions, our team at Mosaik Credit Union is here to help. Visit our branches in Pugwash or Amherst to speak with a trusted advisor.

Let's work together to keep our community safe and secure!

—This message is brought to you by Mosaik Credit Union—Building brighter financial futures, together.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C.

First Reading: Acts 5.12-16

Responsorial Psalm: 118 R1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever."

Second Reading: Revelation 1.9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20.19-31

THEME: What is Essential is Invisible

The 26th of April was the feast of our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patroness of the Catholic Women's League of Canada. This feast is a reminder of the Blessed Virgin Mary's role as a source of good counsel and guidance to us. Seeking Mary's wisdom and guidance helps us in making wise decisions in our daily living. This is seen in the great sacrifices the CWL of our parish make in various instances for the growth of our parish and homes. I invite other women in our parish to join the Catholic Women's League to keep their good work flourishing in our parish and world.

Our risen Lord knows how much peace eludes us; that is why His first gift to us after His resurrection was that of peace and the Holy Spirit – 'Peace be with you, as the Father has sent me, so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit; if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them...' (John 20:21-23). When we utilize this great mandate well, our hearts and minds are filled with the peace of Christ; the peace the world cannot give.

Thomas' statement, 'Unless I see, unless I touch, I will not believe' (John 20:25) is very reasonable and logical. It represents the rational approach, so much in vogue in our present world. Technological men and women cannot believe in anything that cannot be measured. Of course we must be guided by reason, but we must also listen to the voice of faith, which comes from the heart. There are aspects of life that cannot be rendered by purely rational means. Science is not everything. Like some of us, Thomas wanted to base his faith totally on fact. Fact can carry us only so far. Faith goes beyond what we can see and what we know. Faith is the belief that what we see is not all. If we remain in our thinking like Thomas, we will condemn ourselves to live in a purely material world. The visible world is only part of a greater world, which includes invisible realities from which it draws its chief significance. Faith takes us where our senses cannot go. Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth. We need to thank Thomas for taking care of our doubts and giving us such a mindful testimony on the reality of Jesus alive again in our hearts. As we have come to know Jesus very deeply within our hearts, may we have need to argue or seek for proof about faith; may our love and hearty relationship with God seen in our daily encounters with others be enough boost in our faith journey.

Amen. Peace be with you.



Holy Family Church, Amherst



Holy Family CWL

Next executive meeting: May 7, 2025 - 10:30am

Next Regular Meeting: May 14, 2025 - 6pm



Knights of Columbus Council 2916

Next regular meeting: May 22, 2025 - 7pm

Prayer Wall



At Holy Family Church, please remember to place personal intentions on our prayer wall located in the gathering space. Intentions will be brought forward as an offering on Pentecost weekend.



On April 26th under the title of "Our Lady of Good Counsel", Mary is honoured as the patron of The Catholic Women's League of Canada; who calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Our own League members will take part in our Saturday evening mass at 4:30 pm April 26th at Holy Family Church. Please join in their prayers for living and deceased members, their families, spiritual advisors and the League's well-being.



Food and Fellowship!

Join us for our **last meal of the season, ham casserole** on April 29!
Lunch is served from 11:30am to 1pm. Cost is by donation.

See you there!

Parish-Wide Retreat Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the parish-wide retreat held at Holy Family Church before Easter. The day was enlightening and filled with camaraderie and the Holy Spirit!



A special thank you to our keynote speaker, Gerard MacDonald, pictured above.

Rest in Peace, Holy Father

On Easter Monday the world received the news that Pope Francis died at 7:35am in Rome. The official Vatican statement given by Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church read:

"Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church. He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

His body was laid in the coffin on Monday evening. Pope Francis will lay in state for three days at St. Peter's Basilica to allow the faithful to pay their respects. The funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am Rome time in St. Peter's Square.

Archbishop Dunn met Pope Francis a number of times. He remembers the Holy Father as a humble man with a good sense of humour and a great love of the Church and its people. Archbishop Dunn shared these words:

I appreciated his wonderful view of the Church. It was indeed quite refreshing: he called people to go out to the margins and to see the church as a field hospital. He called for unity within the Church and for a constant reform of the Curia. He called us to a culture of encounter of Jesus Christ with a focus of accompaniment. He reformed the way the Church responded to sexual abuse and his trip to Canada reinforced reconciliation with indigenous peoples. His focus on synodality was a call to be church in a new way. He was true to his Jesuit formation as he constantly called us to have spiritual conversations to discern the presence of God in our everyday lives.

Pope Francis was recently discharged from the hospital after dealing with pneumonia and other health concerns with many praying that he was on the mend. He took part in various Holy Week and Easter liturgies as he was able. He offered the Urbi et Orbi blessing to "the City (Rome) and the World" on Easter Sunday and spent some time greeting the people from the popemobile. His first time doing so since before his hospitalization.

Let us hold Pope Francis in our prayers as well as his family and all who knew him. A date for a local Memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be announced in the coming days. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has also released a prayer card for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.



Prayer upon the Death of *Pope Francis*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your
presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



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