

# All Saints Parish

May 11, 2025

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

**Happy Mother's Day!**

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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**Pastors:** Fr. Charles Udeh and Fr. Anthony Aguka

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

## **MASS TIMES**

**Saturday, May 10**

4pm - River Hebert

4:30pm - Amherst

6:30pm - Streets Ridge

**Sunday, May 11**

9am - Parrsboro

9am - Pugwash

11am - Springhill

11:15am - Amherst

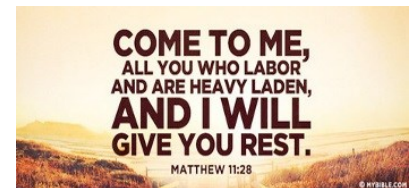
**Tuesday-Friday**

**May 13-16**

**No masses  
(Priests on retreat)**

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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



## **COLLECTION UPDATE - MAY 3/4**

**Total Weekly:** \$5,064.85 **Weekly Budget:** \$5,128.85 **UNDER \$64.00**

**Amherst:** \$3,351.45 **Pugwash:** \$309.30 **Streets Ridge:** \$160.00 **Joggins:** \$159.25 **Springhill:** \$303.85 **Parrsboro:** \$645.00 **River Hebert:** \$136.00 **Shared:** -

## **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**

*Doug Pineau*

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

*Rita Harrop*

**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. 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)

**Sacrament: May 10**  
**Please arrive at Holy**  
**Family by 10:45am!**  
**(Reception to follow)**

### First Communion Classes



**Congratulations to**  
**Yena, Mikey and Elise**  
**who received the**  
**sacrament of**  
**communion for the**  
**first time last**  
**weekend!**

### EDGE!

**\*This weekend!!\***  
**Join us on**  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**at 6:30pm!**

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you ever thought about becoming a full member of the Church? The RCIA process is a time to discern, to pray, and share faith in a spirit of joyful anticipation.

Call the central office and our pastor or Deacon Howard will return your call.

## ASParish Truth & Reconciliation

### Maskwiomin: Our Story Rekindling the Power of Birch Bark Extract

The traditional Mi'kmaq skincare creation known as Maskwiomin is rooted in the natural power of birch bark. However, this knowledge was nearly lost, as only two Elders in the First Nation community of Membertou in Sydney, Nova Scotia, remembered its origins.

Over 25 years ago, Maskwiomin co-founder and Mi'kmaq elder Tuma Young pieced together lost stories and rediscovered the traditional Mi'kmaq method to extract birch bark's compounds. As an ethnobotanist, Tuma gathered hundreds of plant stories and recipes to ensure this traditional knowledge continues to be shared.

In the Mi'kmaq tradition, making Maskwiomin is a labor-intensive and lengthy process. Birch bark's properties are extracted by carefully enveloping it within a specially-made campfire. Once the fire is out, the thick, viscous, black concentrated bark extract is used to create creams, lotions, and soap products.



Known for its remarkable qualities, birch bark symbolizes transformation in an age-old Mi'kmaq legend. The Mi'kmaq tale tells the story of a young woman, tragically mistreated and burdened with scars, blemishes, and uneven skin. One day, she meets a mythical hunter known for his strength, charm, and nobility. Horrified to reveal her appearance, she disguises herself, wrapped head-to-toe in a coiled, hand-made veil of birch bark. But nothing escapes the discerning hunter, who spies her eyes peering out at him. And what he sees is only her true beauty, creating a connection that goes beyond appearances. Finally seen for who she truly is, the woman's deepest struggles are lifted, and her inner light shines through, her natural beauty radiating from within.

This story embodies our appreciation for this extraordinary ingredient and its transformative qualities. It is our greatest joy to share this story, passed down through oral tradition, as an emblem of the enduring power of birch bark.

## Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

**May 18, 2025**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**FIRST READING—ACTS 14.21b-27**

**PSALM—145 “I will bless your name for ever, my king and my God.”**

**SECOND READING—REVELATION 21.1-5a**

**GOSPEL—JOHN 13.1, 31-33a, 34-35++**

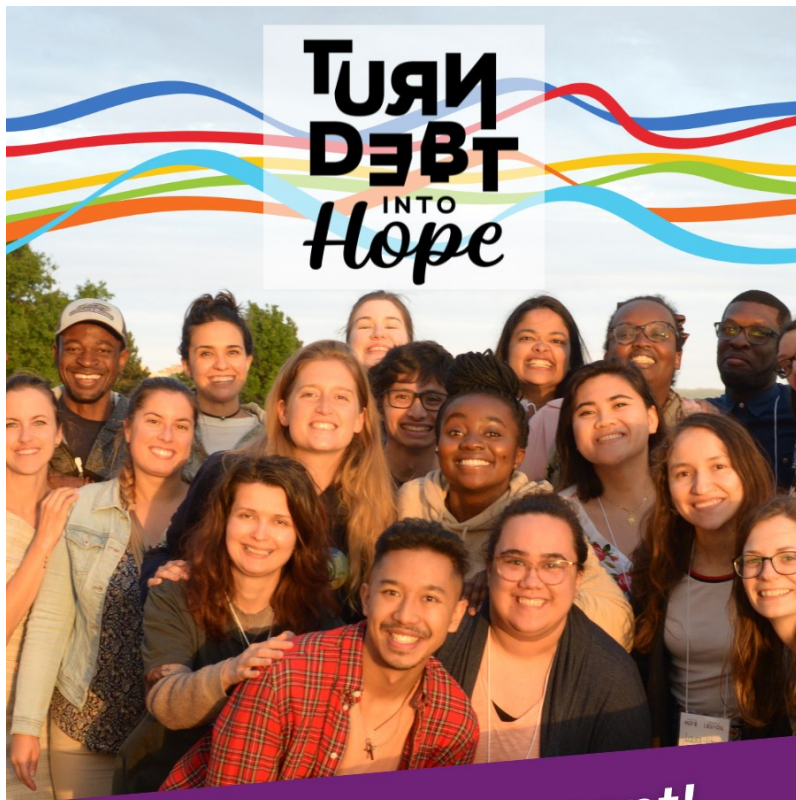
*“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”*

### **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**

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

DAY	DATE/TIME		CHURCH	MASS FOR	PRIEST	OFFERED BY
Saturday	10	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Lena and Madie Hebert	Fr. Charles	Kathy Gardiner
	10	4:30 pm	Holy Family	For our Godchildren	Fr. Anthony	Chris and Anna Tota
	10	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Steve Marten	Fr. Anthony	The Hunter Family
Sunday	11	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Jean Marten (Living)	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
	11	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Rachel and Adam Hunter (Living)	Fr. Anthony	Chris and Anna Tota
	11	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Helena Boltyniuk	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
	11	11:15 am	Holy Family	Mary Lou Sonier	Fr. Anthony	Her Family
Tuesday	13	Priests Retreat - No Masses				
Wednesday	14					
Thursday	15					
Friday	16					
Saturday	17	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Ethel Belliveau	Fr. Charles	Richard Belliveau
	17	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Br. Pierre Charland, OFM (Living)	Fr. Anthony	Frank Allen and Howard Gotell
	17	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Vivian M.L. Brown	Fr. Anthony	H. Brown
Sunday	18	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Vocations to the priesthood	Fr. Charles	Chris and Anna Tota
	18	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Doris Murray	Fr. Anthony	Adam and Rachel Hunter
	18	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Teodora Romanko	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
	18	11:15 am	Holy Family	Pauline Pettigrew	Fr. Anthony	Nancy and David Ralston



**Join the movement!**



**Development  
and Peace**  
CARITAS CANADA

### **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada: a movement of solidarity**

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We address the root causes of poverty, oppression and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change.

Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us.

**Join the movement** of over 12,800 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit [devp.org/joinus](https://devp.org/joinus).



## In Our Communities...

### Stewardship Corner

Our readings this weekend speak about the multitudes who search for a spiritual home to listen to the Word and give worship and praise to the Lord. Many seek a welcoming, worshipping and witnessing community so they may become part of a flock. Paul and Barnabas reached beyond the synagogue to evangelize the Gentiles. They responded with joy at hearing the Word and praised the Lord. Do our faith communities reach out to call forth new disciples to follow Christ?

-Deacon Howard



### Local Foodbanks

Remember your local Foodbank is looking for non-perishable food items, and some basic personal care items to keep the shelves stocked for those in need. Bring donations to your 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.**



*Together we are one*



**Sunday May 25th 4-6 PM**

Holy Family Church

**Share your traditional meals**

### Welcome Justin Ott!

**This weekend we welcome Justin Ott to the faith family of All Saints Parish!**

**Justin will be baptized, receive first Eucharist and be confirmed at the 11:15am mass at Holy Family Church.**

**Be sure to welcome Justin to our faith family as you meet him in the coming weeks.**

**Congratulations, Justin!**

### YARD SALE!

In support of the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay For Life!

**When: Saturday, May 10**

**Time: 8am-12pm**

**Where: Holy Family Church parking lot**

Hosted by Team Pretty in Pink! Come and find some treasures or donate to the team online!

[https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/?team\\_id=529261&pg=team&fr\\_id=30329](https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/?team_id=529261&pg=team&fr_id=30329)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C.

**First Reading:** Acts 13.14, 43-52

**Responsorial Psalm:** 100 "We are his people: the sheep of his pasture."

**Second Reading:** Revelation 7.9, 14b-17

**Gospel:** John 10.27-30

**Theme: The Good Shepherd**

The readings emphasize Jesus' role as a compassionate and sacrificial leader for his followers, contrasting him with those who only seek their own interests. The

Good Shepherd is depicted as knowing and being known by his sheep, laying down his life for them, and leading them to a place of safety and abundance. The gospel reading highlights the importance of trusting in and following Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who provides for and protects his flock.

**The Characteristics of the Good Shepherd:**

**Love and Care:** The Good Shepherd loves his sheep and is concerned for their well-being.

**Leadership and Guidance:** He guides and leads his flock, providing direction and protection.

**Sacrifice and Obedience:** The Good Shepherd is willing to sacrifice himself for his sheep and is obedient to his Father's will.

Do we still hear the voice of Christ our good shepherd echoing in the scripture, in the poor and afflicted, in the sick and dying and in our consciences ? As we thank God for the election of our new pope, we pray he may indeed be a shepherd after God's own heart!

Amen.



## Holy Family Church, Amherst



Holy Family CWL

**Next executive meeting:** June 4, 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.



**Please join us for Father Anthony's farewell gathering**

*Goodbye*

**When: Sunday May 18th  
after the 11:15am mass**



Eight Refreshments will be served  
There will be a basket available  
for cards of best wishes

## St. Thomas More, Pugwash

St. Thomas More said farewell to Father Anthony last weekend at a brunch held in the hall after the Sunday mass.

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, prepare and make the morning a success!

**We'll miss you, Father Anthony!**



## St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge

### Bert van Vulpen is cycling for Chalice!

**Bert has been challenging himself to complete this ambitious ride for many years, and is once again asking for your donations to support a great cause.**

**Donation forms are available! Contact Bert or the central office for your copy or more information.**



**Good luck, Bert!**