

All Saints Parish

June 1, 2025

Ascension of the Lord



"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

May 31: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 | **Operations Assistant:** Raissa Hart | **Caretaker:** John Yake

MASS/LAY SERVICE (LS) TIMES

Saturday, May 31

4pm - River Hebert - LS

4:30pm - Amherst

6:30pm - Streets Ridge

Sunday, June 1

9am - Parrsboro

9am - Pugwash - LS

11am - Springhill

11:15am - Amherst - LS

Wednesday-Friday

June 4-6

12:15pm - Amherst

A NOTE ON MASSES

Until our new priest arrives, lay services will be necessary to help keep services consistent in our parish.

Beginning this weekend, each church will have alternating weekend masses and lay services, with Holy Family having one mass and one lay service per weekend.

Tuesday evening masses at St. John the Baptist will be put on hold until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding!

COLLECTION UPDATE - MAY 24/25

Total Weekly: \$5,425.75 **Weekly Budget:** \$5,128.85 **OVER \$296.90**

Amherst: \$3,437.15 **Pugwash:** \$632.25 **Streets Ridge:** \$160.00 **Joggins:** \$124.25 **Springhill:** \$270.85

Parrsboro: \$690.00 **River Hebert:** \$111.25 **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; Annette Brun; Pat Weatherbee; Angie Landry

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sharon Leblanc

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.

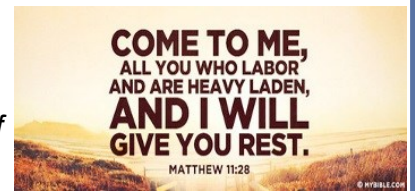
SSVP - **There will be no June meeting. See you in the fall!** New volunteers are always welcome! Reach out to the central office if you'd like more information!

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 - Regular meetings will pause for the months of July and August with our **final gathering Thursday, June 26 at 7 PM**. Regular sessions will resume Thursday, September 4 at 7 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Family, Amherst: Monday, June 2 at 9:30am followed by CORE meeting
**Monday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude Monday, June 27 for the months of July and August. Adoration will resume Monday, September 8 at 9:30 AM.*



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

The month of June marks **National Indigenous History Month** and **National Indigenous People's Day (June 21)**

The month allows Canadians to have the opportunity to learn more about our history as it unfolded and what was ignored and hidden.

We recognize the historical heritage and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. The month of June is dedicated to our Indigenous people. It is a time that we can acknowledge the effects of colonization and move toward reconciliation.

June celebrates
National
Indigenous History
Month & National
Indigenous
People's Day



We have a chance to learn more about Indigenous cultures and communities by being aware of what National Indigenous History Month is all about.

Our local community offers celebrations and educational activities. Individuals, communities and organizations will showcase First Nations, Inuit and Métis historic figures, leaders and cultures. Please plan to attend events, read articles and watch documentaries to help educate yourself and spread the word about National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous People's Day.

Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

FIRST READING—ACTS 2.1-11

PSALM—104 “Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”

SECOND READING—1 CORINTHIANS 12.3b-7, 12-13

GOSPEL—JOHN 20.19-23

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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	31	4:30 pm	Holy Family	For Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Charles	Chris and Anna Tota
	31	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Fr. J.D. Curry	Fr. Charles	Kathy Gardiner
Sunday	01	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Marya Hewiuk	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
	01	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Alan Melanson	Fr. Charles	Marcella Chisholm
Wednesday	04	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Vivian M.L. Brown	Fr. Charles	H. Brown
Thursday	05	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Doris Helen Hewick	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
Friday	06	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Chuck Hallee	Fr. Charles	Jerome Hallee and Brenda Grant
Saturday	07	4:00 pm	St. Paul the Apostle	Brianna Langille (Living)	Fr. Charles	Kathy Gardiner
	07	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Eunice Mary MacNeil	Fr. Gregory	Anna and Dennis Arbuckle and Family
	07	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius	Anne Vera Hewick	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
Sunday	08	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Raelene Bird	Fr. Gregory	Linda Terrio
	08	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Doris Murray	Fr. Charles	Joe and Alice Dionne
	08	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	Vivian M.L. Brown	Fr. Charles	H. Brown
	08	11:15 am	Holy Family	Raelene Bird	Fr. Gregory	Aris Legere

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



A signature to *Turn Debt into Hope*

Earlier this year, you were invited to sign the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign petition that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis’s call:

“In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice.” (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025)

If you have not yet signed, it’s not too late!

Sign now at devp.org/debt.

Thank you for your solidarity!

In Our Communities...

Stewardship Corner

The reading from Acts speaks of the Lord, who after the Resurrection appears to the Apostles giving further teachings by many convincing acts.

He reminds them of all that has happened and says, "Do not move from Jerusalem." The promised Advocate (Holy Spirit) will come to them. They ask, "Are you going to restore the Kingdom of Israel?" He

responds, "It is not for you to know. Only my Father knows." Their mission, and ours, is to share gifts of Time Talent and Treasure in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit until that day comes.

-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.

ASC Summer Conference

The annual summer conference of the Atlantic Service Committee of the Charismatic Renewal in Atlantic Canada presents

"Walking with Hearts Aflame"

from July 25-27, 2025

at the Between the Hearts Renewal Centre in Fort Lawrence

The theme will focus on being Companions on the Pilgrimage of Life. The weekend features song, reflection, and prayer.

All are welcome.

Annual Summer Conference:

We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor 5:7)

Where:

Between the Hearts
Renewal Center

21328 Highway 2,
Fort Lawrence, NS



When:

July 25-27, 2025

Check-in on
July 25 at 4pm

Registration
starts June 16

**Led by Jim Anderson, Director of Missionary Discipleship Formation,
Saint John Diocese**

For more information call Roberta Brine @506-386-5175

Chalice is coming to All Saints Parish!

At the June 14-15 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship.

These are children in extreme poverty who need your support to excel in their education and fulfill their God-given potential.

Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.



Father Charles

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C.

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 47 “God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23

Gospel: Luke 24.46-53

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension marking the return of Jesus to the Father. As the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ.

Ascension sustains our hope that, one day, we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that “Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into His Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.” (665-667).

In our spiritual journey, there is need to be intentional in making integral preparations that will result in a deep and everlasting relationship with God. At times, we are in a hurry to begin our spiritual journey with very little preparation.

In today’s first reading, Christ warned his disciples: “Remain in Jerusalem until the Father fulfills his promise.” (Acts 1:4). In the gospel, the Apostles religiously obeyed this instruction: “They did him homage and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple praising God.” (Luke 24:52-53). They were in the temple in Jerusalem waiting for the Holy Spirit that would help them mature and age spiritually.

As in wine production, this was necessary to bring out the strength and sweetness in them for their mission. So, like them, we must obey Christ, too, and allow his Spirit to fill us and open the eyes of our minds and hearts, so that we shall stop counting our losses and instead focus on the gains of knowing Christ our saviour.

As an experienced master, Christ knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how challenging it is to make the practicing of our faith a priority in our present world. He knows how young parents struggle for daily bread and means of survival and as such may not give precedence to Christ and His Gospel accordingly. I hear Jesus say to you today; *my child, I know your struggles, I am with you in your boat, your life situation will make sense if you allow me to journey with you. I am sending the Holy Spirit to help you, to assist you. Don’t give up hope.*

I invite everyone to join in the Novena to the Holy Spirit till the 7th of June in preparation for the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. We need divine help to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom Jesus invites us to pay attention as He ascends into heaven.

Let us pray: Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth and the face of my life and family.

Amen.



Holy Family Church, Amherst



Holy Family CWL

Next executive meeting: June 4, 2025 - 10:30am

Next Regular Meeting: June 11, 2025 - 5pm

Year end dinner



Knights of Columbus Council 2916

Next regular meeting: June 26, 2025 - 7pm

Prayer Wall



The intentions placed on our Prayer Wall will be brought forward as an offering next weekend as part of our Pentecost celebrations. Together, we will pray for the intercession of the Holy Spirit to answer these intentions in accordance with the Father's will.



Amen.

**Thank you to everyone who attended the pot luck last weekend!
The evening was full of delicious food, great conversation and joyful entertainment.
We are truly blessed!**

THANK YOU!

St. Thomas More, Pugwash

If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one, this can be arranged by putting your \$10 stipend in the weekend collection with a note indicating who the intention is for and from, or you can arrange the intention through **Alice Dionne at **902-243-2061**.**

If requested, a mass intention card will be provided to be given to the family of the intended.

The mass intention schedule is included in the bulletin each week.

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 for more information.



Get your donation in soon!

Good luck, Bert!