

All Saints Parish

September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



"7 Churches, 1 MISSION, Stronger Together"

Sept. 8: The Nativity 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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Pastors: Fr. Charles Udeh and Fr. Emmanuel Enemuoh

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

MASS/LAY SERVICE (LS) TIMES

Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7

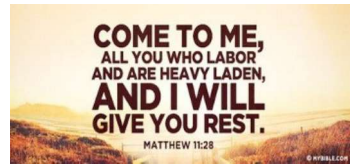
9am - Parrsboro
9am - Pugwash - LS
11am - Springhill
11:15am - Amherst - LS

Wednesday-Friday September 10-12

12:15pm - Amherst

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Holy Family, Amherst: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes Monday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30am beginning September 8. Parishioners across All Saints Parish who happen to be in town for shopping or appointments may spend an hour of personal prayer with the Lord before they begin their activities. Please avail yourselves of this personal prayer time available on a weekly basis. For members of the CORE group, we will meet at 10:30 AM following adoration.



COLLECTION UPDATE—AUGUST 23/24

Total Weekly: \$5,066.05 **Weekly Budget:** \$5,128.85 **UNDER \$62.80**

Amherst: \$3,159.65 **Pugwash:** \$931.30 **Streets Ridge:** \$180.00 **Joggins:** \$144.25 **Springhill:** \$13.85* **Parrsboro:** \$567.00
River Hebert: \$70.00

COLLECTION UPDATE—AUGUST 30/31

Total Weekly: \$4,191.65 **Weekly Budget:** \$5,128.85 **UNDER \$937.20**

Amherst: \$3,045.25 **Pugwash:** \$52.31* **Streets Ridge:** \$115.00 **Joggins:** \$139.25 **Springhill:** \$123.85 **Parrsboro:** \$636.00
River Hebert: \$85.00

*Total collection was not available. An update will be included in future bulletins.

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

*Yolande Gothreau; Marion Chisholm; Doug Pineau;
Annette Brun*

Marion Crowley; Virginia McCormick

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 - Two notices for positions that need to be filled in the Halifax area have been posted to the All Saints Parish website!
See you in the fall!

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 - Our parish prayer group has resumed their weekly meetings, **Thursday evenings beginning at 7pm** at Holy Family Church. This hour of prayer, Scripture, song and sharing is an opportunity to give thanks for the many gifts shared with our faith community. The Holy Spirit grants spiritual gifts as needed within the people of God. These are revealed in 1 Corinthians 12 and manifest themselves in many ways in every day actions of the Lord's disciples, you and I. All are welcome as we gather together giving praise and thanksgiving for God's goodness in our lives.

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

Graham Green was a well-known and celebrated Indigenous Canadian. If not known by name, definitely known by his role in films, movies, as a recording artist, as well in television and theatre. His career spanned over 50 years! He earned an academy award nomination for best actor for his role as 'Kickingbird' in Kevin Costner's ***Dances with Wolves*** claiming international fame.

Graham Green was Oneida and born on 'Six Nations Reserve' in Ontario in 1952. He began his working life in the steel industry as a draftsman, welder carpenter and civil technician. His career did not take off until the 70s and 80s when he began performing in theatre, first in Toronto and then in England.

He lived with his wife, Hilary Blackmore, along with lots of cats, in their home outside of Toronto where he continued his acting career, writing, and building boats until his passing on September 1, 2025.



Week In Advance Readings—Take Time in Prayer

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

FIRST READING—NUMBERS 21.4-9

PSALM—78 “Do not forget the works of the Lord!”

SECOND READING—PHILIPPIANS 2.6-11

GOSPEL—JOHN 3.13-17

“The Son of Man must be lifted up.”

MASS INTENTIONS - ALL SAINTS PARISH

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	06	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Anna and Neil Doucette	Fr. Charles	Phil and Monica Doucette
	06	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius		Fr. Charles	
Sunday	07	9:00 am	St. Brigid's	Andrea Rhindress	Fr. Charles	Anonymous
	07	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist		Fr. Charles	
Wednesday	10	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Elias Hunter (Living)	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
Thursday	11	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Andrea Rhindress	Fr. Charles	The Ward Family
Friday	12	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Andrea Rhindress	Fr. Charles	Linda Harrison
Saturday	13	4:00 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas	Carson Cipak (Living)	Fr. Emmanuel	Kathy Gardiner
	13	4:30 pm	Holy Family	Millie LeBlanc	Fr. Charles	Glen and Anita White
	13	6:30 pm	St. Cornelius		Fr. Charles	
Sunday	14	9:00 am	St. Brigid's		Fr. Emmanuel	
	14	9:00 am	St. Thomas More	Doris Murray	Fr. Charles	The Hunter Family
	14	11:00 am	St. John the Baptist	James and Anna Chisholm	Fr. Emmanuel	Marcella Chisholm
	14	11:15 am	Holy Family	Millie LeBlanc	Fr. Charles	Connie LeBlanc
Wednesday	17	12:15 pm	Holy Family	In Thanksgiving	Fr. Emmanuel	Ann Arya George, Jibumon TJ
Thursday	18	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Andrea Rhindress	Fr. Charles	Marcella Andres
Friday	19	12:15 pm	Holy Family	Andrea Rhindress	Fr. Emmanuel	Glen and Anita White

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

Youth Faith Formation



Registration!

On the weekends of September 7/8 and 13/14, visit the table after mass at Holy Family and learn how to register with our new online platform, or fill out a paper form to have your 4-10 year-old join in this year's program!

If you are unable to attend masses at Holy Family on these weekends, please contact the office for registration information.

JAM begins September 19th at 10:30am!



**Family Event and
Parent Meeting!**

Sunday, September 21st

JAM families are invited to the Holy Family Church hall after the 11:15am mass for hot dogs and ice cream!

After lunch, children will watch a movie and have some popcorn while parents meet to discuss details about this year's JAM program.

Hope to see you there!

Father Charles

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C.

First Reading: Wisdom 9.13-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 90 “*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.*”

Second Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

THEME: Give me Wisdom to follow you, Oh Lord

In today's first reading from the book of Wisdom, the Lord reminds us of the fact that our human intellect and plans are insufficient for navigating life and understanding God's will. Without the gracious gift of wisdom from the Holy Spirit on us, we are like children trying to understand adult matters without any experience. We are encouraged to pray for God's wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The psalmist reminds us that to have gained wisdom from God is to recognize the brevity and struggles of human life. By numbering our days as finite beings, we seek God's favour and blessings to give meaning and purpose to our daily endeavors. Hence we pray – *May your face shine on us, oh Lord, and teach us your law guided in your commandment of love.* The transformative power of the Gospel of love makes a new creation from something that has been condemned as useless.

In our second reading, the Lord calls us to relationships that transcend social barriers, urging us to act with compassion, to be willing to receive others as God has received us, and to see everyone not as property, but as brothers and sisters in the Lord. Paul wrote this letter to Philemon while in prison. Acting as a spiritual father he sends Onesimus, a former runaway slave, back to his master Philemon, but not as a slave but as a dear brother in Christ. This passage encourages us to see the world from a new perspective, one informed by faith, where we can transcend societal norms and view others with love and respect, not as objects but as fellow humans and children of God. To do this, Luke, in his Gospel, reminds us of the primacy of Christ in our lives. As Disciples of Christ, our loyalty to Jesus must be greater than all other loyalties to family, self-interest, or possessions. So the hate we hear in this Gospel is not literal hatred but an understanding that these relationships are subordinate to our relationship with Christ. Let us pray to our heavenly father for the enabling grace to detach from obsession to earthly things and to strengthen our relationship with Christ at all cost.

Amen.



Holy Family Church, Amherst



Holy Family CWL

Next executive meeting: September 10 - 10:30am
Next Regular Meeting: September 17 - 6pm



Knights of Columbus Council 2916

Next regular meeting:

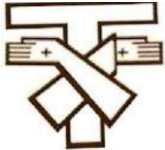
Prayer Wall



Parishioners are reminded of our Prayer Wall located in the gathering space. All are invited to place personal prayer intentions on the prayer wall. All parishioners are invited to view these intentions and include them in your personal prayer each week. Paper and pencils are provided and our prayer group monitors the wall regularly. All prayer intentions will be brought forward as an offering on the Feast of Christ the King, late November.



Secular Franciscan Update from Frank Allen and Deacon Howard



Frank Allen and Deacon Howard are attending the Secular Franciscan Annual Retreat this weekend at the Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center, Stanley Bridge, PEI. This Christ-centred weekend will assist and strengthen the resolve to follow the spirituality of Saint Francis Assisi in our everyday lives. Please pray for Frank and Deacon Howard as they participate in this annual retreat.

JOIN US AT THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SEPTEMBER FALL FAIR

27TH
2025



INDOOR YARSALE

SHIRLEY & FRIENDS BOUTIQUE - FUDGE TABLE - DESSERTS, TEA & COFFEE - BASKET DRAWS - SILENT AUCTION & KIDS TABLE - RAFFLES - & MUCH MORE!

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH - 63 CHURCH ST, AMHERST, NS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A TABLE CALL (902) 667-2523

JOIN US AT THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

TURKEY SUPPER

SIT DOWN OR TAKE OUT

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 - 4-6PM

AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
63 CHURCH ST, AMHERST, NS

ADULTS
\$18

Gluten free & Vegetarian options available.

UNDER 10
KIDS
\$10



Tickets available after weekend Mass or during office hours. For more information call 902-667-2523.

Tuesday Luncheon

We are in need of a coordinator!

If you have a knack for planning and preparing meals for large groups, we need you!

We're also looking for volunteers to join the team to help with set-up, food preparation, serving and cleaning.

If you are interested in helping out, contact the office for more information!

Fall Fair Donations!

There is still time to bring in your donations of gently used women's clothing, shoes and accessories for Shirley's Boutique, as well as items for our yard sale and silent auction! Donations are accepted during ASP central office hours.

Fall Fair Meeting!

Monday, September 15 at 6pm

Please attend if you are involved with planning and preparations!



**Coming to Holy Family Church
September 9-13, 2025!**

Participate and receive a free church directory!

There is still time to book your appointment! Book by phone at 1-888-769-7339 or online at [Universal Portrait Studios](https://www.universalportraitstudios.com). Contact the office for more details.

St. Thomas More, Pugwash

**All Saints Parish Jubilee Year Pilgrimage
to
Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax**

Saturday, September 13, 2025

A group of at approximately 20 parishioners from All Saints Parish will be traveling to Halifax this weekend! Keep them in your prayers for a safe and fulfilling experience.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Joggins

On Sunday, August 17, the 130th anniversary of St. Thomas Aquinas Church was celebrated.

Mass was presided by Archbishop Brian Dunn and was attended by many members of our parish.

The evening was a great testament to the strength of faith in our parish communities.



St. Cornelius, Streets Ridge

Bert van Vulpen would like to thank all those who supported his 26th year of Biking For Chalice.

We raised \$2,500.00 this year!

Bert plans to bike again next year.



A New Initiative...

St. Martha's Meals is a new CWL initiative which aims to provide families in our parish with homemade freezer meals who are undergoing a change in circumstance, be it a new baby, an illness or hospital visit, or the loss of a loved one.



If you are interested in preparing some meals for this cause, or if you know someone who would benefit, please contact Robyn Bycok via the ASP Central Office, or email

stmarthasmeals29@gmail.com

In Our Communities...



Stewardship Corner

Jesus' disciples asked: "Teach us to Pray." May our prayer ask the Lord to teach us to share a portion of our Time, Talent and Treasure with our faith community as we enter another active year in a few weeks.

Local Food Banks

Many across Cumberland County have difficulty providing nourishing meals to meet basic family needs. We ourselves note rising costs of food across all categories. Your local Foodbank deeply appreciates donations of non-perishable food items and basic personal items needed by many in our communities. Bring donations to your church and they will be forwarded to your local Foodbank. Thank you.



Canonization of Acutis & Frassati

September 7, 2025 marks a day of celebration as Pope Leo XIV canonizes two extraordinary young Catholic men; **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**. Both young men lived lives dedicated to Jesus in the Eucharist and helping the poor. The occasion will be livestreamed very early Sunday morning on EWTN.

Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@EWTNcatholicTV>



Empowered Conference For Men



Saturday October 18, 2025	Registration is required
St. Thomas More Church 15 Caledonia Rd. Dartmouth, NS	A complimentary lunch will be provided courtesy of the Knights of Columbus
8:30 AM - Doors Open 9 AM - 12 PM - Keynote Speakers 12 PM - 1 PM - Lunch 1 PM - 3 PM - Keynote Speakers 3 PM - 4 PM - Empowerment Session 4 PM - 6 PM - Empowerment Session	Register online or for more info contact: Website: empoweredconfm.ca Email: empoweredconfm@hotmail.com Phone: Dave Webster at (902) 465-4206
This year's theme, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:5-6), will be unpacked by our speakers to explore its meaning for us today, much like the apostles who were initially confused by Jesus' words.	

Guest Speakers

Emcee



Fr. James Mallon



Fr. Isaac Longworth



Mark Young

Call for Volunteers

As we approach the Fall, there is an ongoing need for new volunteers to join the Parish Leadership Team (PLT), as well as our individual Church Life Committees (CLCs). There are many existing committee members who need some relief after many years of volunteering. If you can share some of your time and talent, please contact the Parish Office or a member of your CLC team. At this time there is an urgent need for a volunteer to fill the position of PLT Secretary.

JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025

Join us as we celebrate our parish's role in the Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth! Each month this Fall we will host a Jubilee on each of the pastoral priorities of the diocese: Catechesis, Evangelization, Social Justice, and Liturgy.

September is the Jubilee of Catechesis.

There will be a special liturgical celebration followed by a gathering, which will feature inspiring stories, a short video from the diocese, group conversations, and a time to recognize the incredible service of our volunteers.

Date, Time and Location: Will be determined by each Church Life Committee (CLC).

This event's focus is on Catechesis: teaching and deepening our faith. We hope that many members of our various church communities can attend and hear our signs of hope in this priority area. They can also contribute to the conversation themselves. Refreshments will be served.



Let's Celebrate Our Mission Together!