

April 26, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

#### Parish Contact Information



**Father Doug MacDonald, Pastor, 902-836-3609**  
Fr. Doug's weekly day off is Wednesday  
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#### St. James Parish Contacts:

**Parish Council Chair:** Adrien Wedge 902-432-0229  
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**Treasurer:** Lorraine Mulligan 902-439-3107  
**Cemetery Committee:** John MacIssac 902-439-0740  
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#### St. Mary's Holy Family Contacts:

**Parish Council Chair:** Mary Pendergast 902-888-9542  
**Property and Finance Chair:** Kenny MacLellan 902-432-0541  
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To receive Bulletin via email please email [smhfsj17@gmail.com](mailto:smhfsj17@gmail.com)

The Diocesan Misconduct Advisory Team has been established for action related to complaints of misconduct or sexual abuse. The Misconduct reporting telephone number is 902-892-1252.

#### Mass Intentions are welcome

For clarification, as directed by the Diocese, the offering for a Mass stipend is \$10.00. This is the standard amount set for Mass intentions throughout the Diocese. You can email your request, use one of the Mass cards available on the ushers table or make arrangements directly with Fr. Doug by calling 902-836-3609.

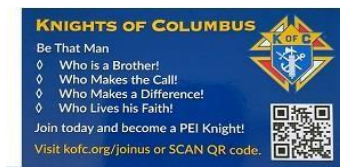
**Weekday Masses April 27-May 1 Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9AM Holy Family – Friday at 10:30 at Clintonview Lodge**

**Sunday May 3, 2026, Mass Intentions:**

9:00am Holy Family – Curt Evans

10:30am St. James – Lloyd and Elaine McCourt

**Weekday Mass** is cancelled if there is a funeral.



Knights meet at Holy Family Church on the **first Monday** of the month at 7:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm.



CWL meets at Holy Family Church on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7:00pm with Mass at 6:30pm. All women 18+ welcome.

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Lector:** Carol Evans

**Eucharistic Minister:** Audrey Glover

**Welcoming Ministry:** Lynn Croken and Anne Cousins

**Ushers:** Ed Doucette and Peter McCarville

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**Lector:** Paula Aylward

**Eucharistic Minister:** Mary MacKay

**Welcoming Ministry:** Members of CWL

**Ushers:** Gilbert Arsenault and Ivan Gallant

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: 525.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday Collection  
\$993.25 Direct deposit \$125.00



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If you would like to send your donation by E transfer, please

Email: [smhfsj17@gmail.com](mailto:smhfsj17@gmail.com)

**Bulletin announcements** are to be sent to [smhfsj17@gmail.com](mailto:smhfsj17@gmail.com) or phone Joanne at 902-836-5029. Announcements are due no later than Wednesdays at Noon.

## Parish and Community News

**Take Out Lasagne Dinner KARSII Fund raiser Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** prepared by 'Three Renowned Island Chefs' **Emily Wells** – The Mill in New Glasgow (Lasagne and salad), **Robert Pendergast**–Boulangerie Pendergast (Bread), **Adam Loo** – ADA Culinary Studio (Dessert). Tickets are \$37.50 each, vegetarian option available. Pick up between 4:00-5:00 PM at Kensington United Church 17 School Street or The Mill in New Glasgow – 5592 Route 13

New Glasgow. To purchase tickets or for more info please contact:

Carolyn Francis [Carolyn.francis1946@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.francis1946@gmail.com)

Patricia Bennett [patriciabennett687@gmail.com](mailto:patriciabennett687@gmail.com) or [loo.judy@gmail.com](mailto:loo.judy@gmail.com)

**Poetry Reading** Vic Negus will be reading his own poetry at the Kensington Library on Saturdays in May. All are invited and welcome to attend from 2-3pm, beginning Saturday, May 9 and continuing for the next three Saturdays in May.

**Men of the Harvest Concert at Holy Family Church** Sunday, May 3 at 3:00PM. Join us for a special performance by Men of the Harvest. We are collecting donations for the Kensington Food Bank – non-perishable food items or monetary gifts welcome. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support.

**Annual Yard Sale** in support of KARSII (Kensington & Area Refugee Sponsorship Initiative) will be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Jim Blanchard and Carolyn Francis' home 24613 Route 2 in Kensington. Time of sale to be announced.

## News from the Diocese

### CLERGY UPDATES

**Rev. Krzysztof Stanula, CSMA** has been recalled from our diocese by his religious congregation to accept a new appointment effective May 11, 2026.

**Rev. Piotr Wojakiewicz, CSMA** has been recalled from our diocese by his religious congregation to accept a new appointment at a date to be determined. A replacement for Fr. Peter at St. Francis of Assisi (Cornwall), St. Anne (Emyvale), and St. Martin (Cumberland) will be announced later.

**Rev. Andrew Handrahan** is appointed Parochial Administrator of St. Dunstan parish effective May 11, 2026.

**Looking Good Inside and Out** Convention for girls: Becoming the best version of yourself just how God intended. For girls ages 11-15, May 2nd at the Credit Union Place in Summerside. 9:30 am-4 pm, \$75/girl (discount for siblings)- Lunch and snacks provided. Workshops (to be confirmed), may be on topics such as skin care, fitness, music, and discovering your inner beauty. Please contact Tracy Jones by April 20th at [stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com](mailto:stjosfamilycentre@gmail.com) for more info or to register.

**St Pius X CWL Coffee Party** on Saturday, May 9th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the MacKenzie Room (lower level of St. Pius X Church). Gluten-free available. Tickets are \$10.00. There will be a 50/50

Draw as well as Door Prizes. Proceeds go to Local Charities. All are welcome.

**Have you been experiencing** problems dealing with anxiety, loss, depression, separation, parenting or relationship issues? **Free counselling services are available through a project sponsored by The Living Well.** If you would like to speak to a qualified social worker about these issues you can contact us through e-mail [20tlwp23@gmail.com](mailto:20tlwp23@gmail.com) or call 902-330-2028. **All inquiries will be confidential.**

**Last chance to apply!** Renew your commitment and rediscover the sacred beauty of your sacrament. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you tools to strengthen your relationship, reflect, pray, and grow together. **May 1–3, 2026 at Between the Hearts Renewal Centre in Amherst, NS:** Contact Ron and Joanne at (506) 451-8489 or [ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org](mailto:ron.joanne.arsenault@wwme.org)

**The Living Well**, 96 Patterson Drive, Charlottetown (inside Martha Place), will host "Self-Care for a Healthier Life" on Wednesday, April 29th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Facilitator William Stanus is a psychotherapist licensed at the Ontario College of Psychotherapy. William's professional interests include the integration of faith and psychology and nurturing healthy relationships. William and his wife currently live in Mont Carmel, PEI. In this workshop William will offer tips and suggestions for healthier relationships with ourselves and others.

## REFLECTION

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The challenging aspect of the sheep/shepherd imagery also extends to all believers. Unlike those who have gone astray, believers must change their lives and follow the authentic Shepherd. The letter of Peter clearly admits that suffering is not unique to the Shepherd; enduring amidst difficulties is also a mark of the faithful follower.

A question always appropriate to ask is 'where am I in this passage?' Usually, we envision ourselves as the sheep with Jesus as Shepherd, but we could also consider ourselves in the shepherd role. As baptized people, each of us has received the gift of the Holy Spirit and is called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to bring life in its fullness to others.

**Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week**  
**From: I Have Given Them Your Word**