

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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Fr. Doug's weekly day off is Wednesday

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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 at Holy Family Church May 11-15

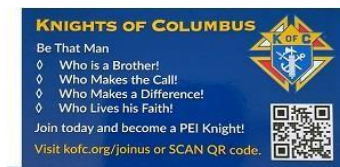
Monday at 9:00am, Tuesday at 6:30pm, and Friday 9:00am

Sunday May 17, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – Nicole Murphy

10:30am St. James – Pius, Robert, Bill and Heather Croken

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 17, 2026

Lector: Ruth Coady
Eucharistic Minister: Marion Curley
Welcoming Ministry: Members of KofC
Ushers: Rose Connell and Lorraine MacDonald

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Lector: Shawn McCarvill
Eucharistic Minister: Paula Aylward
Welcoming Ministry: Denise Jakubiak
Ushers: Kenny MacLellan and Carl Gallant

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$605.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday Collection \$2,106.35 Seminarians \$20.00 Direct deposit \$685.00



Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

If you would like to send your donation by E transfer, please Email: smhfsj17@gmail.com

Bulletin announcements are to be sent to smhfsj17@gmail.com or phone Joanne at 902-836-5029. Announcements are due no later than Wednesdays at Noon.

Parish and Community News

The **Mass time schedule for Sunday May 24th (Pentecost Sunday) will be changed** due to the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** at Holy Family Parish. The Mass schedule will be as follows for that Sunday only: Sunday, May 24th **9:00am** Mass and Confirmation at **Holy Family no time change** Mass at St. James changed to **11:00am** Please note time change.

Thank You from CWL The CWL would like to extend a big THANK YOU to those who donated goodies, sold and bought tickets for our Mother's Day Basket. We raised \$1,485.00 and

this enables us to continue supporting our league and parish. We appreciate your continued support.

The winner of the basket was Jane Pitre of Summerside.



Vacation Bible School needs Volunteers

VBS is planned for July 6-10 in the mornings. Volunteers interested in helping with story time/group leader or craft leader are needed to help make this year's VBS a success. If you're

looking for further information, please contact Marilyn McMurdo at marilyncousins@hotmail.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.

Annual Holy Family Property Clean-Up with the arrival of the Spring season, the clean-up of the church and rectory grounds will take place to ensure that the properties will reflect the beauty of the warmer summer months.

Volunteers are invited to take rakes and shovels on Wednesday, May 13th from 6-8pm to clean the properties. Rain date will be Thursday, May 14th 6-8pm. Bags for the raked leaves and debris will be provided by the parish. If you cannot come out for this annual outdoor clean-up on Wednesday, May 13, feel free to do your part anytime during the week. Many hands make light work!



A Yard Sale in Malpeque at the Malpeque Community Centre on Saturday, May 23rd from 8am-Noon. To book a table please contact (902) 836-5472.

KofC Yard Sale the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual yard sale on Saturday, June 6 at Credit Union Center, 25 Garden Drive, Kensington from 9am until 12noon. Something for everyone, come out and browse, you never know what you will find. Proceeds go towards student bursary. If you have gently used items to donate, they can be dropped off at Credit Union Centre Friday evening, June 5, between 6pm and 8pm. Thank you for your support.

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

News from the Diocese

To The Heights Young Adult Retreat - July 31-August 2, Our Lady of Hope Retreat Centre: The Diocese of Charlottetown is partnering with the Verso L'Alto Young Adult Group and SDU to host a weekend retreat for young adults aged 18 through their 30s. This gathering provides a dedicated space for young adults to reach to the heights of their faith life through sacraments, guest speakers, and opportunities for fellowship. Whether you are looking to deepen your prayer life or find a supportive community, we would love to have you there! The cost is \$160/person for single occupancy and \$115/person for double occupancy. Register online at sites.google.com/view/totheheights2026. For more information, contact Anna Vail at anna@dioceseofcharlottetown.com.

Medjugorje Youth Festival July 29 – August 8, 2026: 50,000–60,000 young people from around the world gathering in one place... worshipping, praying, praising, climbing mountains,

encountering Jesus, and holding the hand of Our Blessed Mother. This is a call to return to the Source of all grace — to Jesus — through the Sacraments, prayer, Adoration, fellowship, and deep communion with God. The 2026 theme: “Ad Fontes! – To the Source! During our pilgrimage we will: Climb Apparition Hill; Pray at the Blue Cross; Climb Cross Mountain; Attend daily Mass, Adoration & the full Youth Festival program; and grow in faith alongside thousands of other young Catholics. Spiritual Chaplain: Father Isaac Longworth, Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax and Group Leader: Rhonda-Lynn Cormier. \$3,299 CAD departing from Halifax Stanfield International Airport Includes: Round-trip airfare, Shared accommodations, Three meals daily, and Airport transfers in Europe. Travel from other airports in Canada and the United States can be arranged. (price adjustments apply). Seats are limited. To book your seat with the group, call Rhonda-Lynn at 902-448-3660.

You are invited to a Jubilee Year of St. Francis Celebratory Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Stratford, Friday, May 29th, 6pm followed by food and fellowship in the Parish Centre. Presider: Father Jim Willick, Parish Pastor and Diocesan Administrator. Homilist: Fr. Bruce Ansems, speaking on “Mary and Francis: Models of Faith for Us All”. This event is sponsored by Brother Leo Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Everyone is most welcome to come and celebrate!

REFLECTION

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When Jesus says to keep his commandments as a sign of our love for him, he is not speaking only of the Ten Commandments (obeying the Ten Commandments is actually the easy part). He is saying that if we love him, we will live as he lived. Loving Christ as he asks, requires us to live in such a way that others know the resurrection is real, that Jesus is really present, that Jesus still cares for us deeply (“I will not leave your orphans”). Our love for Jesus is shown in the same way as the early disciples showed their love – by practical doing in our everyday living. Like Philip, Peter and John in the first reading, we are to proclaim the living Christ by the way we heal hurts in others; bring a healing touch to those who are ailing in any way; strengthening those who are weak or paralyzed by fear, doubt or selfishness; encouraging those who are weighed down with stress. All this is keeping Jesus' commandments by living his way of life – a life with deep care for others. The most encouraging part of this gospel is that Jesus sends us the help we need to love and live in this way. We have been gifted with the Holy Spirit, our advocate.

Father Doug shares an excerpt with us this week
From Living Liturgy 2011

