

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Catholic Communities of

St. Mary's Holy Family and St. James

Parish Contact Information



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To receive Bulletin via email please email 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 at Holy Family Church May 25-29

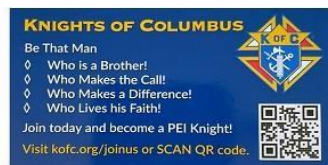
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 9:00am Holy Family

Sunday May 31, 2026, Mass Intentions:

9:00am Holy Family – **Donna O'Brien**

10:30 St. James – **Gladys Spin**

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 31, 2026

Lector: Susan Ashley

Eucharistic Minister: Dorothy Peters

Welcoming Ministry: Dr. Don and Karen Clark

Ushers: Lynn Croken and Anne Cousins

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Lector: Vic Negus

Eucharistic Minister: Cheryl Negus

Welcoming Ministry: Joanne and Shawn

Ushers: Lynn Croken, Anne Cousins

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

ST. JAMES PARISH: \$660.00

ST. MARY'S HOLY FAMILY PARISH: Sunday Collection \$1,1079.00 Direct deposit \$150.00 Papal Charities cash: \$195.00 direct deposit \$15.00



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

Thank You! Thank you to **Gilbert Arsenault** for the many ways you have helped care for our church through your skilled craftsmanship and generous service. Your work repairing and replacing screens, doors, and countless other projects has made a lasting difference to our church family.



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

Congratulations Confirmation Candidates We congratulate our Confirmation candidates on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide, strengthen, and inspire you as you grow in faith and live as disciples of Christ.



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.



Father Frank Jay – Knights of Columbus: Principle of Charity Scholarship

This Award of \$500.00 is given based on Community Service completed by the applicant.

Available to members of Holy Family Parish in Kensington, and St. James Parish in Summerfield, PE who will be entering into their First Year of study of post-secondary education.

Deadline for applications is Saturday, **June 13, 2026**. To receive an application for you to complete and return please Email kofc12465@gmail.com

St. Mary's Cemetery Clean Up Our annual clean-up and re-seeding of St. Mary's Cemetery will be held on May 26 th at 6pm. Rain date is May 28th same time. Please bring rake and shovel and maybe a wheelbarrow and a friend, many hands make light work. We had an excellent turnout

last year and hope to see you there again this year. The committee thanks all those who help to maintain this Holy Ground.



Fellowship Meal

KofC Banquet Save the Date

Wednesday, June 17 at the Kensington Legion. Social 6:00-6:30pm, Dinner served at 6:30pm. Tickets \$25.00/person. Join us for an evening of fellowship, food

and fun! Further details will be available in the coming weeks. All Welcome!

News from the Diocese

CURSILLISTAS, final call for applications! Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Mark your calendars for a special Cursillo of Cursillos, hosted by the Cursillistas of Prince Edward Island, taking place June 25–28, 2026 at UPEI. We are delighted to share that we will be joined by amigos from Mallorca, adding a rich international dimension to this gathering of faith, fellowship, and renewal. Full details, including the registration form, can be found online at <https://cursillocanada.org>

Laudato Si' Week 2026 (May 17-24) Each year the global church invites us to celebrate this annual movement by prayer, reflection and concrete action inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si: Care for our Common Home. The theme for 2026 is From Hope to Action. So, the invitation goes out to take ONE CONCRETE ACTION this week on behalf of earth and make it count. Be creative as you think about what you can do. For example, reduce your energy use, review your purchasing

practices, plant a tree or a pollinator garden, support the local Farmers Market, prepare a vegetarian meal, use recyclable water bottles or care for a local ecosystem near you etc. There will also be Prayer Service in the Mount chapel (141 Mt. Edward Road) at 7pm on Wednesday, May 20 to recognize Laudato Si Week 2026. All are welcome.

Pipes and Pizza Come and learn about the King of Instruments - the pipe organ! On Saturday, June 6th from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, join the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) PEI Centre members at St. Dunstan's Basilica Church at 45 Great George Street in Charlottetown. Get up close to the pipe organ to learn how it works, see its parts, and maybe even test out the keys and pedals! Folks of all ages are welcome! Of course, there will be yummy pizza after our organ adventures and it's all free!! We offer opportunities to apply for scholarships for organ lessons and there will be further information available at Pipes and Pizza for interested musicians. Pipes and Pizza - what better combination for a Saturday morning in June!

ST. DUNSTAN'S EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION – JUNE 7TH. In celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (**Corpus Christi**), we invite everyone to join us for a **Eucharistic Procession** on Sunday, **June 7th**, immediately following the **10:00 AM Mass at St. Dunstan's Basilica**. This is a special opportunity for our Catholic faith community to come together and walk in prayer and gratitude, honoring the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. **Everyone is welcome, including those from other parishes — bring your family and friends!** In addition to the procession of the Holy Eucharist, we will also be processing Our Lady of Fatima and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon

REFLECTION

Pentecost Sunday

The disciples were in a locked room because they were afraid. Fear causes a serious breakdown in relationships. Forgiveness makes a serious attempt to rebuild relationships that are broken. It should be no surprise then that Christ's resurrection appearance gifted this fearful group with peace, the peace of the Holy Spirit, and he then sends them out to offer forgiveness and peace to all that they meet on their mission. Forgiveness heals broken relationships between self, two people or groups. Twice in this gospel, Jesus says: "Peace be with you. Peace is the way we witness a healed relationship within ourselves and others. Pentecost is much more than celebrating the "birthday" of the church- it celebrates our birth into the risen life of Christ. It also celebrates our entrance into living as Christ lived while on earth. First and foremost, Christ preached forgiveness during his public ministry. Forgiveness is sometimes the most difficult thing we can do. So many simple acts in our everyday living call us to look for forgiveness and to give forgiveness. This is why Jesus sent the Spirit; to empower us through the common risen life we share, to forgive, to heal divisions and to be peacemakers. We overcome our fears and unlock doors from closed relationships when we reach out to others in forgiveness.

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