

Holy Family Pastoral Unit

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Mass Schedule: April 27- May 3

Monday April 27th

Ernie, Nora and Rick Chandler
7:00 p.m. OLA

Tuesday April 28th

Souls in Purgatory
10:00 a.m. OLA

Thursday April 30th

Brenda Coles
10:00 a.m. St. Joachim's

First Friday May 1st

Eileen Curley
9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (OLA)
10:00 a.m. OLA

Mike Murnaghan

10:00 a.m. St. J.
(followed by confessions)

First Saturday May 2nd

Memorial - St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Deceased OLA- CWL Members
9:00 a.m. OLA
(followed by confessions)

5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday May 2
Dianne Smallwood
David and Paul McGuigan
Anita Trainor
4pm OLA

Sunday May 3

Gary Nielsen
9:00am STJ

Sunday May 3

Mass for the People
11:00am OLA

The May CWL meeting at St. Joachim's will be on May 7th rather than May 14th.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Monday April 27th at 7:30 p.m. following Monday evening mass.

St. Joachim's Grounds Clean-Up:

Saturday, May 2, beginning at 9:00am or anytime leading up to this date. Please bring your rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. Thanks in advance for your help in the upkeep of our church grounds. Rain Date: Saturday, May 9

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

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Investing in Hope Fundraising Campaign and Building Restoration Campaign Total as of April 19 = \$ 411,208

*Offerings: April 19
St. Joachim's = \$1,510
Assumption = \$4,811*



Vocation Sunday - This Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are grateful in this Diocese for the dedicated help coming from priests all over the world. Where would we be without these priests who have left their homes and families to serve us. Yet, we must pray for, foster and call forth vocations right from our own midst. Let us pray this weekend for all our priests and religious and together pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth many more labourers into His harvest as priests and religious. Fr. Jim

Holy Family Pastoral Unit Celebrations - On Sunday May 2nd we have the joy of celebrating with 35 of our children; 28 from Our Lady of the Assumption and 7 from St. Joachim's, the first time they will receive the true presence of Jesus, His sacred body and blood, soul and divinity in Holy Communion. This is the gift of Himself that Jesus gave at the Last Supper, so that he would always be with us in an intimate and deeply abiding way. As our children receive this precious gift, pray that they will always delight in this gift. May this occasion help everyone to deepen their appreciation and belief in Jesus' awesome and real presence in the Eucharist. Fr. Jim

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.

Annual Garden Market & Bake Sale will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Centre on Saturday, May 16, 9:00am - 1:00pm. Donations and participation by parishioners are essential. Please plan donations of your popular home-baked goods, plants, gardening items, gently used puzzles, and items for gift basket draws. Volunteers will be needed to help, please sign up on the sheets in the foyer. Extra gardening pots may be placed in the bins. For help in digging up plants for donating, please call Linda (902) 569-3288. The set-up of tables and drop-off for donations will be on Friday, May 15, 12:00-6:00pm and volunteers will be needed on Saturday by 8:00am. Please mark your calendars and share the word with family and friends. This is an opportunity to get all your gardening needs and even gardening advice. Everyone is welcome. Free admission. Support local shopping and funding for repairs on our parish property.

Tuesday Night Cards (Progressive 45's) at St. Joachim's Hall, 7:30pm. Social evening, good prizes and a light lunch. Admission: \$7.

St Pius X CWL Coffee Party will be held on Saturday, May 9, 9:30-11:30am in the MacKenzie Room at St Pius X. Tickets: \$10. Proceeds to local charities. 50/50 draw and door prizes.

