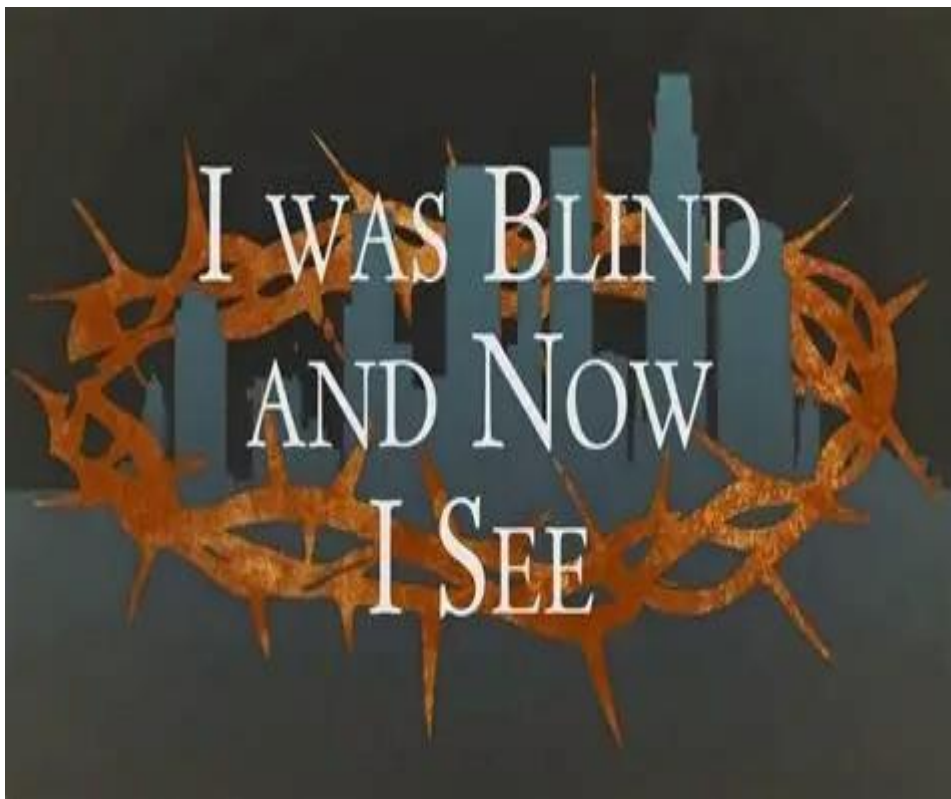


**Anglican Parish  
of Fall River & Oakfield  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**



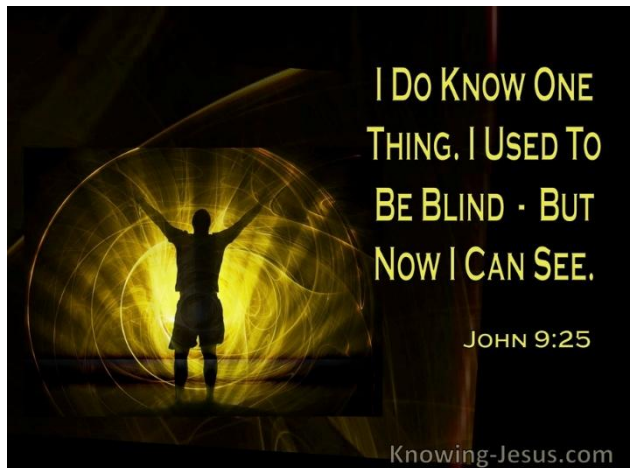
**9:00 am St. Margaret's, Oakfield  
10:30 am St. Thomas, Fall River  
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# **THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I

see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind,



I DO KNOW ONE  
THING. I USED TO  
BE BLIND - BUT  
NOW I CAN SEE.

JOHN 9:25

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now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

**JOHN 9:1-41**

## **ALTAR GUILD**

### **Easter Flower Memorials**

Should you wish to remember your loved ones at Easter, you may contribute towards the purchase of Easter

Flowers. Please mark your envelope, Flowers Altar Guild, and include your name, envelope number and the names of those



you wish to remember. Donations must be received by March 22nd to be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

**Please note:** On Sunday, March 22nd, Lent V, we're having a Joint Parish service at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas prepared by the Lay Leaders and including a dramatization of the Resurrection of Lazarus. There is just a single service that day. Rev. Michael will be away in Ottawa visiting his mother.

## Our new Parish Council for 2026

On Tuesday evening, we gathered for the first meeting of our newly elected Parish Council. We are grateful for those who have stepped forward to serve and guide the life of our parish in the coming year. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this work together.



**Back row: Linda Chapman, Gillian Gray, Rev. Mike, Bruce Caldwell, Rob Kamperman, David Mansvelt**  
**Front row: Peta Lelliott, Anthony Dickinson, Lori Naugle, Lynn Morrison, Doug Reid, Ean Medicraft, Bob Moody**

**Missing: Jody Huffman, Pam Hutchinson**

***Special Music at St. Thomas on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>***

*Mark Amadeus Flowerdew joins his father Gordon Flowerdew for Lenten hymns at St. Thomas Anglican Church for the Sunday, March 15, Lent V service. He's also planning to play a solo during holy communion. Mark writes gospel folk-pop bursting with wit and whimsy while exploring unexpected facets of a life following Jesus.*



# The Supper Circle

March 14 @ 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Join us for an informal, family focused time of worship.

We'll play games, make crafts, sing songs, hear a story, pray and share a meal together – and wrap up in time to get home for bedtime!

Want to help Volunteer, check with Ways & Means, Rev Mike and Denise Jackson.

**The Anglican Parish of Fall River & Oakfield is stepping a little further into the digital age!**

We're excited to share our new online spaces where you can stay connected, see upcoming events, and learn more about what's happening in our parish community.



Website: <https://share.google/ObWG6GfVHm4MxTPci>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsoakfield>

These platforms allow us to extend our reach into the wider community and stay connected with those who are unable to attend in person. Through our website and Facebook page, you'll also find links to our YouTube channel, where we post our weekly recorded services.

By liking, following, and sharing our posts, you become part of extending our ministry beyond our walls and into the wider community.

Please take a moment to visit and explore – and thank you for helping us grow in new ways.



**The first KD Lunch for Lockview High School students is beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for donations of regular KD dinner for the lunch for students to help reduce our expenses.**

**Thank you for your support!**



*St. John's United Church*

3360 Highway 2, Fall River, NS

**ANNUAL HADDOCK  
FISH CHOWDER LUNCHEON**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026**

**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

(DOORS OPEN AT 11 AM)

**Menu:**

Haddock Chowder, Roll &  
Fancy Dessert - \$15

Children's Meal: Hot Dog,  
Chips, Ice Cream - \$5

**Cash Only**

Meal is Eat In or Take Out

**ALSO:**

**NEW TO  
YOU AND  
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**EASTER COOKIE BASKETS - \$15.00 EACH**

**Cash Only**

Sponsored by  
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## **Outreach Opportunity – St. George’s Soup Kitchen**

On **March 28**, our parish will once again be serving approximately 200 guests at St. George's Round Church.

We will be preparing a hearty Chicken Penne dinner, along with garlic bread and a vegetarian option.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

### **Meal Preparation:**

📍 St. Thomas

📅 March 27

🕒 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

### **Serving Day:**

📍 St. George’s, Halifax

📅 March 28

🕒 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen, with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

In lieu of food donations, we are requesting monetary contributions toward the cost of the meal. Purchasing ingredients in bulk allows us to be more economical and ensures consistency and predictability in preparing a meal for this many guests.

Please place your donation in the offering plate and clearly mark it **“St. George’s.”**

Thank you for your continued generosity and willingness to serve.

**Lynn Morrison & Linda Chapman**

Outreach Coordinators



# **Rum Runners and Their Secrets**

## **2026 Annual Dinner & Silent Auction**

Join **St. Margaret's Anglican Church** for our annual Dinner and Silent Auction on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, at **Oakfield Golf & Country Club**.

Inspired by Nova Scotia's rum-running era beginning in 1921 — when ships waited beyond the 12-mile limit and smaller vessels carried spirits into hidden Atlantic coves — this year's theme celebrates a colourful chapter of our maritime history.



### **Evening Schedule**

6:00 pm - Cocktails

6:45 pm - Dinner

Your \$75 ticket includes dinner, wine, silent auction access, baked goods, and a spirited atmosphere. To purchase tickets, please contact

[jbmoody007@yahoo.ca](mailto:jbmoody007@yahoo.ca) or [lynnpmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:lynnpmorrison@gmail.com)

Proceeds support the ministry and outreach of our parish as we continue serving and extending our reach into the community.

# Food Bank - Top 10 – March 2026

1. Canned soup
3. Pasta
5. Boxed cereal
7. Granola bars
9. Juice

2. Canned meat
4. Canned milk
6. Oatmeal
8. Fruit cups
10. Crackers



**We ask your prayers for: Irene Saxton (Goldie's sister); The family of Wayne Kristiansen; Bill Peters, (friend of Goldie); Wilf Carr; Kelly Godfrey (daughter of Goldie & John); Zane Jordan (Doris Bishop's grandson); Catherine Walker; Shirley McNaughton; Betty Pattison; Lisa and Julie (Blair Hill's daughters).**

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# Lent

A time to reflect,  
repent and renew



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Jesus Shaped People”**

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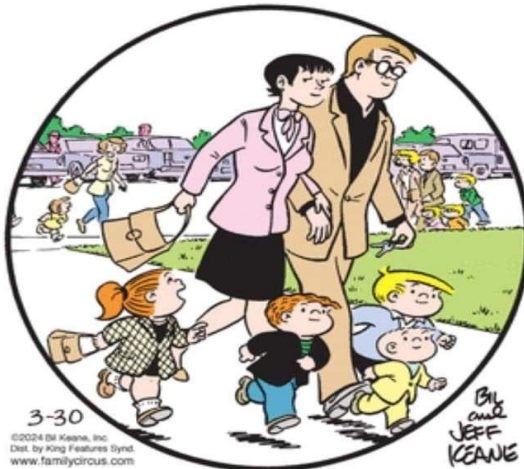
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**“I like it in church on Easter  
when we sing Easter carols.”**