

1st Sunday of Lent

February 17/18, 2018

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Masses	<u>Tuesday,</u>	February 20,	John Boudreau	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	<u>Wednesday,</u>	February 21,	Russell Boucher (Stations of the Cross)	6:00 p.m. followed by Mass)	<u>St. Paul's</u>
	<u>Thursday,</u>	February 22,	Yvonne MacDonald (Stations of the Cross)	6:00 p.m. followed by Mass)	<u>St. Lawrence</u>
	<u>Friday,</u>	February 23,	Kathleen Williams	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	<u>Saturday,</u>	February 24,	Seward Forgere	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
			Frances and Arthur Pettipas	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
			pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	<u>Sunday,</u>	February 25,	Winnie Pelrine	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection February 10/11, 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$317.00	\$862.00	\$1773.00
Loose	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$33.75
Pastor's Dues			\$135.00
Initial Offering	\$7.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
IMO Colin Purcell		\$25.00	
Cemetery		\$200.00	

February 24/25, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Mary Halfpenny	Ada Ehler / Ruby Ehler
St. Lawrence	Basil / Carol	Allison / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Hugh & Gwen O'Neill	Darryl Breen / Susan Wood / Leona Brow

Guidelines on Communion Reception Catholics, fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion. A Catholic should not receive Communion if they are conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession.

Our fellow Christians (Anglicans, Protestants) are welcome to the celebration of Mass as brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and action in the Holy Spirit will one day heal our divisions. Because Catholics believe that Mass is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion. If one day we achieve true unity, then we will all receive from the one Body and Blood of Christ. But until that day, Anglicans, Protestant and other churches cannot receive communion in a Catholic Mass, nor should Catholics receive communion in non-Catholic churches.

Burial Plots at St. Lawrence Cemetery: Our policy states that a new plot at St. Lawrence Cemetery costs \$200.00, regardless of whether that new plot is used for a full casket or the remains of the deceased. If remains are buried in an existing grave, the cost is \$100.00. We ask that you pay by cheque to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund. Receipts will be issued. This is necessary for the upkeep of the cemeteries. **Please Note:** It is forbidden to bury remains in our cemeteries without permission of the pastor. Such unauthorized burials are disrespectful to the Church and to the deceased.

St. Lawrence Parish needs a Religious Education Coordinator: to guide the religious education program in the parish. This position does come with a small stipend The Coordinator would be tasked with trying to get Catechists (with Fr. Allan and parish council's support) and meeting with parents to explain their responsibilities. If interested please speak to Fr. Allan.

Burial Plots at St. Francis of Assisi cemetery: Our guidelines indicate that a new plot at St. Francis of Assisi cemetery is \$200.00 for parishioners and for non parishioners \$300.00. We ask that you pay by cheque to St. Francis of Assisi cemetery fund. Receipts will be issue. Donations/fees is necessary for the maintenance of our cemetery.

CWL Reminder: CWL dues are being collected now. You can give your dues to Theresa Carter or Beryl Hadley.

Bible Study: Wednesday, February 21, **10:30 a.m.** St. Paul's Church. All are welcome.

Income Tax Receipts at St. Paul's are in the Foyer at the Church, they are in alphabetical order.

Community Prayer Tree: A group of individuals would love to pray for your intentions. They pray for parishioners in need of prayer daily and at the Cenacle following Friday Mass each week when possible. They are very confidential would encourage you to either leave your petitions in the sealed box located in the Church or please phone Lucille Fougere at 234-2320. We would love to know when prayers have been answered.

Weekly Envelope: The individuals who have the following envelopes # 24 in St. Francis Parish & # 86 in St. Lawrence could you please put your names on your envelopes, so that you may get credit for your contributions.

World Day of Prayer Service, 7:00 P. M., Friday, March 2, 2018, Trinity United Church, MacLeod Street, Mulgrave, Nova Scotia. An invitation is extended to all as we gather in prayer, song and fellowship seeking common bonds of unity as pilgrims in this time and age.

The Mulgrave Heritage Committee are hosting a " Winter Carnival Tea" At the Mulgrave Museum Sat-Feb-24th-1pm Sit and chat with friends and co-workers or take a tour of the Museum as you enjoy Tea or Coffee & Pie come and enjoy for only \$7:00

The Federal Government announced that federal summer grants providing employment to students will **not** be given to faith based organizations which oppose abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage and non traditional views of sexuality and marriage. Please consider signing the petition to Employment Minister Patty Hadju: <http://www.citizengo.org/cn-ca/pc/143199-canada-now-discriminating-against-pro-life-employers>.

Net Canada Family Retreat, Saturday, March 24, St. Andrews, N.S. Please register by March 9th. Go to caathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Diocesan Youth Rally, "Ignite your faith journey; Saturday, April 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with Mass at 4:15p.m., Our lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River, Register through your parish priest.

It is year end financial time again. We will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Membertou at 1:30pm to discuss and ask questions about the Diocesan Financial reports due at the end of February. Cathy Farrow will assist us in this meeting to answer any questions you may have about this report. This meeting is open and welcomes anyone involved in Parish administration.

New Beginnings Weekend is a weekend of reflection and healing for those who are divorced, separated, or bereaved. Our next weekend will be April 20-22, 2018 at the St. Joseph Renewal Centre/Mabou Resource Centre For information and to register, please contact Ron Curry: 902-564-0788

Please Note: any donations made to the New Glebe house at St. Paul's, please place in a separate envelope marked Glebe House Fund and not in weekly envelopes. Donations to the Glebe house are placed in a separate account handled by individuals who do not count our weekly collections.

New Total Glebe House Project - update: Donations & Pledges \$95,406. Donations - IMO \$40. Sale of assets (Old Glebe) \$3,845. **Total \$99,291.**

Through the generosity of the parishioners and non-parishioners, we are hopeful that additional contributions will continue to be made so that the amount of money required to finance the new Glebe House Project will be kept to a very small minimum and therefore less money will be required to be paid for interest charges on any loan that may be required. If you have not received a pledge/donation package, packages are available at the back of the church or contact either Mary Williams or Yvonne Sampson.

Notice to all Cursillistas, Ultreya February 22, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima church, starts at 730 pm. The Cursillo weekend schedule for the Spring of 2018, Women's -May 3-6, 2018 and Men- May 24-27, 2018, if interested in attending please call Kevin or Karen McSween at 902- 862- 8517, Betty Lahey at 902-270-0891, Burt or Claudia Aucoin 902578-1266, Marie Burke 902-549-3748

Strait Area Food Bank - there are many in our area who struggle to make ends meet at this time of year with increased demands on what little income must go for fuel, food and clothing. At St. Lawrence we have a big box at the back of the church to receive your donations as well as St. Paul's in the Foyer of the Church. Should you wish to give a financial donation just put it in an envelope labeled Food Bank and place it in the collection and it will be forwarded to the director of the Strait Area Food Bank. God always rewards the giving heart!

Hank's Jamboree will be held on Sunday, February 25th at 2 p.m. in the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Admission price includes a light lunch. All proceeds from this event goes towards the Community Centre. All entertainers welcome.

Chase the ace will take place every Friday night from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Havre Boucher Community Centre.

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: twice weekly. **Crib** - Sundays at 1:00 p.m. **45's**-Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Chase the Ace at the Mulgrave Fire Hall on Saturday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00.

