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Baptism of the Lord

January 9/10, 2016

<u>Masses</u>	Tuesday,	January 12,	Special Intention	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday,	January 13,	Betty Brow	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday,	January 14,	Peter DeGruchy	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Friday,	January 15,	Mary Agnus Bowman	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday,	January 16,	pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
			Mass of Thanksgiving	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday,	January 17,	Irene Pettipas	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays (with the occasional exceptions for funerals and C.W.L. Spiritual Advisor business), from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. In the Reconciliation Room you have the choice of remaining behind the screen or sitting face to face with the priest in a welcoming environment. This Sacrament is also available to celebrate at St. Francis and St. Lawrence churches before Mass, and by appointment during the week.

Weekly Collection January 2/3, 2016	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Solemnity of Mary	\$160.00	\$425.00	\$947.00
Loose	\$0	\$18.00	\$24.00
Pastor's Dues			\$331.00
Weekly Offering (Jan. 2/3)	\$254.00	\$674.00	\$1543.00
Loose	\$13.00	\$30.00	\$67.30
Initial Offering	\$69.00	\$153.50	\$488.00
Fuel		\$20.00	
Donation		\$100.00	

Jan 16/17, 2016	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Betty Kavanagh	Rose Turvey / Anne Carter
St. Lawrence	George / Basil	Kevin / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Lucille Fougere Linda Arsenault	Darryl Breen / Debbie White Estrella Melong

Please Note: a small change during the Mass. Like many priests I have been blessing children at Communion time who are too young to receive Communion. Based on Fr. Paul Turner's recent lectures I have decided not to continue to doing this automatically unless the child (or adult) crosses their arms across their chest as a sign that they want the blessing. As Fr. Turner pointed out, everyone receives the blessing by the priest at the end of Mass anyway.

No Bible Study, Wednesday, January 12th

Thank you to some donors who wish to remain anonymous for donating funds to cover the cost of the Book of the Gospels for St. Paul's Parish.

Thanks: to John Green of Green's Funeral Home, Port Hawkesbury, for his generous donation of \$100.00 towards Christmas Flowers for both St. Lawrence & St. Paul Parishes. As always his kindness is very much appreciated and we thank him for his continued support over the years.

Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of the late Veteran Ambrose DeCoste of St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave. May his soul rest in heaven with all family who has gone before him as we give thanks for his peace keeping efforts on our behalf during World War II. May peace come to those who mourn.

A Call to St. Lawrence Parish Volunteers to assist with removing and storing the many decorations, lights, candles, trees, etc. which were used over the Christmas Season throughout our church. We will gather at the church at 1:00 pm Sunday, January 10, 2016. Let us make this service one of joy to the Lord and to one another!

Thank you! To all for your generosity of Christmas cards, gifts and goodies, your kindness is greatly appreciated. God Bless you all!
Marie & Bernie Mattie

Refugee Crisis: You may donate funds to support the Syrian family who will be soon living at the former convent in St. Andrews by putting your cheque or money in an envelope, writing "St. Andrews Refugee Fund", your name and full address on the envelope, and placing it in our collection baskets. This money will be sent to St. Andrews Parish who will send you a receipt. Thank you for your support

Religious Ed Classes: will resume next week at St. Lawrence on January 9th, and St. Paul's on January 10/11.

St. Paul's Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. in MacGillivray Room.

An Ecumenical Service for the Week for Prayer for Christian Unity which will be held Thursday, January 21 at 7:00pm, St. Paul's Anglican Church (Antigonish). This year, we rejoice in the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Latvia. They call us to reflect on the mighty acts of God in our lives, and to find ways in which we can witness to these acts by working together for the unity of Christ's Church. Devon Clark, from Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, who, will be speaking at the event. The collection will be taken up for SAFE.

Hank's Jamboree will be held on Sunday, January 24th. 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.

Adult Walk & Social: will resume at the Havre Boucher Community Centre on Thursday, January 14th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Antigonish Lions pancake and sausage breakfast. The breakfast will be held on January 31, 2016 at the Lions den, located on Highland Drive Extension, from 9am-1pm. The money raised this month is going to S.A.F.E. to assist with Syrian refugee relocation.

GRAND Youth Ministry RE-Launch! Youth Ministry for the Diocese invites youth from grades 8-12 to join us on January 16th for our GRAND Youth Ministry RE-Launch! The day starts with registration at 11am and concludes with Mass at 4pm at St. Joseph's Parish in Port Hawkesbury! There will be Pizza Lunch, Music, Ice breakers, & Great Speakers! There will be a break out Session for adults & parents with tea, coffee, and refreshments. For info call the Youth Ministry Office at 902-539-6188 Ext. 241, or if I can't make it to the phone, email me at: Nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca Look forward to seeing you there!

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon has but one purpose; to help the families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. If you think we can help there is a meeting each Wednesday at 8:00 pm at the Havre Boucher Medical Center. Meetings last for approximately one hour. Anonymity is stressed.

Chase the Ace at the Mulgrave Fire Hall, every Saturday, starting at 7:00 p.m., draw will be at 9:15-9:30 p.m., 50% -fire dept. 25% - building jackpot, & 25% -to the night's winner. Come and enjoy a night of music, cards, & friendly faces.

Chase the Ace is happening every Friday night at the Havre Boucher Community Centre beginning at 7:00 pm, until the Ace of Spades is drawn! Come and enjoy an evening out with entertainment and friends.

East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy will be accepting both: Primary Registration and 4-Year Old Program Registration for 2016-2017 School Year. Where to register: East Antigonish Education Centre/Academy Office Dates: Monday to Friday on January 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2016. Time: During regular school hours (8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.) Any questions please contact the school at 902-232-2810.

(Apr 29-May 9) 11-day Pilgrimage to MEDJUGORJE with Spiritual Director, FR. CHARLIE BRODERICK. Cost: \$2035 (+ airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges \$675); includes return airfare from Moncton/Halifax, transfers, accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, and the services of a professional local guide. Info: Hector & Cécile Caissie (506) 857-2295 or hectorcaissie@hotmail.ca

January is membership month for Right to Life. Antigonish Right to Life is a local educational pro-life organization working to promote the respect for all human life in the Antigonish area. Individuals are invited to help support and enhance these efforts by contributing a membership by completing this form and returning it in the provided envelope by mail, or dropping it in the collection basket at the Respect Life Center, 344 Main ST., Antigonish.

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Complete Address _____

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