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Masses	Tuesday, January 16,	Philip Baldwin	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday, January 17,	Stephen Breen	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday, January 18,	Tony DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Friday, January 19,	Robert Meagher	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday, January 20,	Adrianna Linklater	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Nathaniel Haywood	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday, January 21,	Rita Nicholson (in thanksgiving for her 100th Birthday)	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection January 6/7, 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$276.00	\$486.30	\$1356.00
Loose	\$0	\$10.00	\$24.60
Pastor's Dues			\$113.00
New Years Collection	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$197.00
Initial Offering	\$40.00	\$64.00	\$160.00
Building Fund		\$10.00	
Cemetery		\$600.00	

January 20/21, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Mary Halfpenny	Beverly Grady / Jean Grant
St. Lawrence	Carol / Gloria	Alison / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Yvonne Sampson / Danielle Pellerine	Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong

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 cremains of the deceased. If cremains 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 cremains 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.

Religious Ed. Classes at St. Paul's Havre Boucher resume this Sunday/Monday. Attendance is very important! It may mean repeating the same grade.

Bible Study: Wednesday, **January 17,** St. Paul's Church Havre Boucher at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

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.

Prayers for: Gilles Fougere, Ontario, son of the late Nobert and Sarah Fougere, Frankville, who died this past week.

Glebe House Project – Fundraising update

Actual donations/pledges received and deposited as of January 11, 2018	\$57,235.
Outstanding pledges (pre-authorized payments) or committed donations	\$34,361.
Sale of assets from former Glebe house	\$3,805.
Donations "In Memory of"	\$40.00
Total (received and outstanding)	\$95,441

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.

2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes If there is not a 2018 church envelope with your name on it please pickup a blank set of envelopes at the back of the church and put your name and full address on each envelope for the first month. Every parishioner has a duty and obligation to financially support your Parish. All contributions with the exception of "Special Collection Envelopes" and the "Diocesan Levy" stay in this parish and funds are used to pay for heat, electricity, insurance, building maintenance, sewer/ property taxes, ground/cemetery maintenance, snow removal, Glebe House household expenses, general office expense, wages/ benefits for the Priest and religious coordinator and other parish related expenses. All contributions no matter how small are important to the financial viability of St. Paul's Parish. All monies received by means of church envelopes are recorded in the financial records of the Parish and charitable tax receipts will be issued which can be used when filing your income tax return.

Please Note: Envelope numbers have changed therefore, it is important that you do not change your number on your new envelopes or credit may be given to another envelope owner. **Don't forget write your name and address on your envelopes for month of January.**

Family Life Ministry of Diocese of Antigonish Parenting tip Parents have the primary influence on their children's values. Your kids are watching you, they look to you to guide them in how they think and act. They especially watch what you do, more than what you say. They learn from how you use pills and medications, how you use or don't use alcohol, and from how you treat others. They also watch and observe your spiritual self by observing what you say and do. Are you living the life you want your children to live? Used with permission re Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

Hank's Jamboree will be held on Sunday, January 28th 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.

Hot Breakfast: Sunday, January 28th, in Auld's Cove Fire hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Adults \$7 Children \$4

Ignite...Your Faith Journey Diocesan Youth Gathering - Saturday, April 14, 2018 Our Lady of Fatima is hosting a day of friendship and faith. Open to youth preparing for Confirmation and older. 11am - 4pm, with Mass at 4:15pm Register through your Parish Office or contact Allyson Langley 902-562-3934 or Cathy Walsh 902-870-9117

Women's Prayer Breakfast How does faith inform my life? Guest speaker: Ms. Patricia Fricker Bates, LL.B., LL. M., Auditor, Matrimonial Tribunal, Diocese of Antigonish 8:30am - 10:30am Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 St. Ninian Place, Antigonish Sponsored by St. Ninian's CWL Tickets: \$15.00 (\$7.50 for students) available at St. Ninian Parish Office (902-863-2338)

Week Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Service will be held on January 21 at Trinity United Church, Mulgrave. – 7pm (Storm date is January 28 at 7pm)

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!

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.

