

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8/9, 2018

Bar. 5: 1-9 A message of hope to those in exile.

Ps 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Phil 1:4-6. 8-11 The imprisoned Paul writes of hope for Christians

Lk 3:1-6 John proclaims hope for the coming saviour.

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Masses:	Tuesday,	December 11,	Marion Melong	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday,	December 12,	Stephen Breen	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday,	December 13,	Bernie Mattie	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Friday,	December 14,	Danny Chiasson	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday,	December 15,	Russel Boucher	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
			Nathaniel Haywood	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
			pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday,	December 16,	Damien DeCoste	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection December 1 / 2, 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$380.00	\$635.00	\$34.50
Loose	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$1499.00
Pastor's Dues			\$398.00
St. Paul's Centre / Luncheon			\$697.00 IMO Leonard DeCoste
Cemetery			\$685.00 IMO Leonard DeCoste
Building Fund		\$40.00	

December 15/16, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Kelly Lynn	Ruby / Edith
St. Lawrence	Allison / George	Kevin / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Gwen & Hugh O'Neill	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

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.

No Bible Study this week, December, 12

Burial Plots, St. Lawrence Cemetery: A new plot costs \$200.00 for either a casket or cremains. If cremains are buried in any existing grave, the cost is \$100.00. Please pay by cheque to **St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund**. Receipts will be issued.

Burial Plots, St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery: A new plot is \$200.00 for either a casket or cremains and \$100.00 if cremains are buried in an existing grave. Cheques can be made out to **St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund**, and receipts will be issued.

Burial policies for all of our graveyards forbid any burials of ashes or remains without approval of the parish priest. A short burial service with blessing of the remains and of the grave is necessary, as well as provision of information about the deceased for our burial records.

2018-2019 Sunday Missals: For sale at Church entrance, \$5.00 per book. This missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 2.

The 2019 Envelope's at St. Paul's will be distributed next week. It is very important that these envelopes aren't used until the New Year. People's numbers change and if envelopes are used earlier than they should credit for that envelope goes to the previous owner. Also please write your name and full address on the first few envelopes to ensure a proper credit is recorded for income tax purposes. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers at St. Paul's: anyone who would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one(s) please write Christmas Flowers on an envelope and include a note of the person it is in memory of and the individual donating and names will be attached to bulletins sometime in January.

The Ladies Aid of St. Francis of Assisi Parish would like to thank everyone who helped make our Bazaar a success. Sincere thanks to those who volunteered, donated prizes and to all who attended. Winners of the ticket draws were Pearl Grant, Manchester and Eileen Haynes, Guysborough. Best Wishes to all for a blessed, joyful Christmas.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Monday, December 24, 4:00 p.m., St. Francis of Assisi
6:00 p.m., St. Lawrence
6:00 p.m., St. Paul's
Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 a.m., St. Paul's

Thank You to everyone who purchased tickets on the basket, and donated and supported us at the Fall Bazaar. It was a great success with the help from all of you. Winner of the basket was, Jessie Guthro

As announced last week, all wishing to donate to the Augustinian Sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery to help them buy the monastery and property can make the cheque out to Augustinian Contemplative Nuns Society. Please include your address for income tax receipts. Thank you for your generosity.

Missing Information: When we record information for First Communion, we require the **date** and **place** of Baptism. The following children received First Communion at St. Lawrence Church in recent years, but were baptized elsewhere, and I need both their **date of Baptism** and **church and location of Baptism**: William Gilbert; Chloe Alexandria McKeough (F.C., April 20, 2013); Cody Ashton Peebles (F.C., May 31, 2014); Miranda Mercedes Fitzpatrick; Justeen McKeough (F.C., April 25, 2015); Vada Jane Brophy (age also needed) (F.C., April 9, 2016).

St. Lawrence CWL will be selling angels for \$5.00 each to remember our deceased love ones at all masses during the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase one, the angels will be sold before Mass, starting Dec. 15th. There will be an angel tree to hang your angel on. All proceeds will go to St. Lawrence Building fund.

The 2019 Respect Life Centre Calendars are now available for \$20 each at the Respect for Life Centre, 344 Main St. Antigonish, or by calling 902-863-3873. These calendars make the perfect gift, featuring pictures of local children, a monthly scripture quote, and a saint for every day, along with a chance at 16 cash draws at \$250 each – a total of 4,000 in prizes. Please consider supporting local pro-life efforts by purchasing at least one of these great calendars.

On Tuesday, November 27th, someone left a small bag in a car that was parked at St. Paul's church. On the outside of the bag there were 2 names, Bernie and Vera. Inside of the bag is a blue ladies t-shirt with sequences and a weekly/daily pill keeper. The person whose car it was left in does not know anything about it so he passed it in. We only have a person named Vera in the community and she does not know anything about it. So someone is missing this bag. If it is yours, or if the bag was supposed to be delivered to you, it is at the back of the church or in Mary's office.

Lost: at St. Paul's: a pair of black leather gloves that were left in the Sacristy, if anyone has seen these gloves could you please return them to Mary, thank you!

St Martha's Regional Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who came to the Jingle Bell Frolic and made it such a success. The interim total is over \$16,000 and that would not have been accomplished if you had not supported us in such numbers. We are blessed in having such a caring community, which lets us do so much for our hospital. Our blessings to you all at this joyous Christmas time.

Our Lady of Fatima CWL is hosting an Advent retreat On Saturday, December 15th at OLF Parish. The theme will be "Emmanuel God with us". We will start with Holy Mass, Rosary, Talk, group discussions and concluding with an Interactive prayer service. ALL local CWL members in the area are invited. Retreat is open for anyone (men and women) not just CWL. Come join us as we pray and prepare during Advent.

Lessons & Carols at St. Paul's will be on Saturday, December 15 at 6 pm (doors open 5.30). This annual, much loved, service is changing its day so that other Christmas events will not clash. This year we are featuring soloists rather than the Antigonish Singers and, once again, the offering collection will go to the Antigonish Food Bank. There will be a seasonal reception afterwards in the Church Hall. Come ready to sing the carols we all know and love and to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

Immunization Clinic - Flu Shots at the Mulgrave Medical Centre. Monday, December 17th, from 2:00 pm – 4:00pm. please bring your health card with you that day.

Kinsmen Christmas Drive: Donations will be accepted of food, clothing and toys etc. to be distributed to needy families in our area for Christmas. These items can be dropped off and placed into the donation box located in the foyer of St. Paul's Church. Please do not donate expired food products, damaged toys or clothing. Give generously to this worthwhile cause that stays in our community. Thank you!

The Havre Boucher Recreation Committee is happy to announce we will be holding the second annual Community Christmas Social on Sunday December 9th from 11 am to 1 pm at the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Sandwiches, sweets, a craft for the kids, and we will have some vendors in as well.

Trinity United Church, Mulgrave, will host a Blue Christmas Service, Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome regardless of religious background or church experience. Christmas can be a painful time for some, it may be the first Christmas without a loved one, and it may be a time which has always been difficult. We need space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know we are not alone. Come and join us in sharing in prayer, hymns and scripture that acknowledge God's Word comes to shine light.

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 St. Paul's Parish Basement. Meetings last for approximately one hour. Anonymity is stressed.

"Chase the Ace" Havre Boucher Community Centre, on Friday, from 7 to 9 PM

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

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

