

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 24/25, 2018

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Email: mary_florence47@hotmail.com Bulletin Notices: must be in no later than 10:00 a.m. every Friday

Masses Tuesday, February 27, Berk Webb 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Wednesday, February 28, Departed Friends of Suffering Souls (Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass) St. Paul's
Thursday, March 01, Edward Warner (Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass) St. Lawrence
Friday, March 02, Tony DeCoste 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
Saturday, March 03, Marie Jean Bouchie 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's
pro populo 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
Colin Purcell 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
Sunday, March 04, Marie & Anthony LeVangie 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

Holy Hour, Friday, March 2, 11 a.m. St. Paul's Church.

Weekly Collection	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
February 17/18, 2018			
Sunday Collection	\$244.00	\$810.00	\$1610.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$23.25	\$40.00
Pastor's Dues			\$20.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$10.00
Cemetery Fund			\$50.00
Building Fund		\$50.00	

March 3/4, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Beverly Grady	Edith Carr / Cheryl Peters
St. Lawrence	George / Kevin	Allison / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Allana Mullaney / Danielle Pellerine	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

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 are necessary for the maintenance of our cemetery.

St. Lawrence CWL Meeting: Thursday, March 1st. CWL regular monthly meeting following Mass

St. Paul's Vacuum Cleaner we are missing an old vacuum cleaner which was in the MacGillivray Room with a sign saying Do Not Touch on it, if anyone knows anything about this missing vacuum cleaner could you please let Mary Williams know.

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

Bible Study: Wednesday, February 28, **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.

Glebe House Project - update: Donations & Pledges \$95,406 / Donations - IMO \$40 / Sale of assets (Old Glebe) \$3,845. Total **\$99.291**.

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 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 cathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Diocesan Youth Rally - Saturday, April 14, 2018, 11am Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. Confirmation youth and older are invited. The day includes a faith sharing and a fun afternoon of the "Amazing Race". Register through your parish office.

NET Family Retreat - Saturday, March 24, 2018, St. Andrew's, St. Andrew A day of family faith sharing and fun with NET ministry. Register by March 9th by emailing cathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

NET Ministries - billeting requests Net Ministers will be visiting our diocese from March 17 - 24. If you are able to offer to billet, please speak with your Parish Priest or email cathywalsh@dioceseofantigonish.ca

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

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

Annual St. Patrick's Day Tea and sale sponsored by Antigonish Right to Life will take place Saturday, March 17 from noon until 2:30 p.m. at St. Ninian's Place in Antigonish. Join in the Irish fun including door prizes, cake walk, children's games, flea market, toy, book and craft tables, count the jelly beans, silent auction, baked goods, and fudge sale and Irish table. Admission is free and tea tickets are \$5 per person and \$3 per child. To donate crafts or used goods call Janet at 902-863-5061 or Clare at 902- 863-3873. Fudge and baked items can be dropped off at St. Ninian's Place the morning of the event.

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.

GAMES NIGHT: will take place at the Monsignor Donnelly Hall on THIS SATURDAY, February 24th, from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am or maybe all night. Games of your choice re crib, 45's, poker, checkers, uno, scat, euchre, etc. Lunch will be served; there will also be an open bar. Cover charge is \$10.00 so if you want to sign up and take part contact Shirley @ 232-2208, or Joe @ 386-2504. Please come out for a night of fun and games and support the continued fundraising for the Monsignor Donnelly Hall renovations.

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.

