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Masses:	Tuesday, March 14,	Victoria Fitzpatrick & Victor Cashin	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday, March 15,	Seward Boucher Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:20 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday, March 16,	Ambrose DeCoste Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:20 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Friday, March 17,	Norman DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday, March 18,	Paul N. & Lester J. DeCoste	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Emily Cohoon	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday, March 19,	Doreen & Joe DeCoste	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays (with exceptions for funerals), 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.

For marriage, please contact Fr. Allan one year before the planned date.

For baptism, please contact Fr. Allan as soon as possible to book a date. You will need written permission from your pastor if you live outside of our parishes. All parents and godparents are required to take part in a baptism preparation session before the baptism.

This month in the Diocese is a monthly list of events and calendars for the Diocese of Antigonish, and can be seen on the diocesan website www.antigonishdiocese.com

Weekly Collection March 4/5	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$240.00	\$645.00	\$1122.00
Loose	\$20.00	\$64.00	\$32.00
Pastor's Dues			\$281.00
Initial			\$25.00
Fuel		\$20.00	
IMO Stanton Family		\$200.00 Parish	
IMO Bernie Mattie			\$615.00 Luncheon \$10.00 Cemetery

Anonymous Donation \$900.00 St. Lawrence Building Fund

March 18/19	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Betty Kavanagh	Ruby Ehler / Ada Ehler
St. Lawrence	Kevin / Gloria	Beryl / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Lucille & Dan Fougere	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Ann Marie Meagher

Stations of the Cross: Saturdays during Lent, St. Francis of Assisi 3:15 p.m.
 Wednesdays during Lent, St. Paul's, 6:00 p.m.;
 Thursday during Lent, St. Lawrence, 6:00 p.m

Bible Study: this Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. Joanna Meagher Room, St. Lawrence Rectory basement. All are welcome.

New members are needed for St. Lawrence Parish Council If you are interested please talk to Fr. Allan. Or if you wish to nominate someone (they should be a regular church-goer) please submit a nomination form to Fr. Allan. (Forms are at the church entrance)

St. Lawrence Parish: depends on the efforts of a number of very dedicated volunteers. We desperately need some volunteers to shovel the church steps after storms, snowfalls, and to see that steps are well salted in icy conditions. If you are able-bodied would you please consider committing to this service?

Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Sr. Claire Tramble, SC. Born and raised in Mulgrave and a former member of St. Lawrence Parish, Sr. Claire served in the health care ministry as a nurse, We also pray for Danny Chiasson of St. Paul's Parish, May they enjoy rest eternal with all who have gone before them and may peace come to those who mourn.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Lawrence Parish will begin at 7:00 P. M., Wednesday, March 29, 2017 with a meeting of parents/ guardians, student candidates, Fr. Allan and teachers. This will take place at St. Lawrence Church at which time registration will take place, student text booklets will be sold for \$15.00. An outline of the course will be explained, etc. During the 6:00 P. M. Mass on Saturday, April 1, 2017 the student candidates will take part in a Service of Commitment at which time they will indicate their willingness to participate in class activities, to pay attention during teaching times and to attend each of the weekly classes. Parents and/or guardians are expected to attend Mass each weekend with their children. This is a sign of support and a time of blessing for all the family including our parish. Confirmation will be conferred on our Confirmation candidates by Bishop Brian Joseph Dunn during the 6:00 P.M. Mass, Saturday, June 3, 2017 here at St. Lawrence Church. We ask for the prayers of all as we begin to prepare our youth for this most important sacrament of initiation leading to full membership within the Catholic Church.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is planned for April 7 to 9 in Our Lady of Hope Retreat House, PEI. This world wide movement of married couples offers an opportunity to enrich your relationship to "make a good marriage a great marriage". After informative talks by the presenting team couples are challenged to dialogue with their spouse in the privacy of their rooms. This newly constructed retreat in Hope River offers a great opportunity for couples through the encouragement of presenting team who have found a new richness in their relationship through the technic of "dialogue" offered my WWME. For information contact James and Connie McNeill 902 314 8541 or Father Charles Cameron 902 863 4373. or email for information renewmarriage@gmail.com

Easter Bazaar will be held in St Francis Harbour hall on April 2nd 2017, from 11:00 - 2:00pm.luncheon will serve chili biscuits, tea or coffee. Table rentals available. Attractions are bake table, New to you, prize wheel, crown and anchor, grab bags, cake walk, ticket sales and fun for all Contact # 5332285

Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home: seeking musical volunteers who would be interested in performing for an hour a month at our nursing home. Music usually runs from 2-3 p.m. and we can accommodate pretty much any afternoon that fits into a volunteer's schedule. Please call 625-1460, extension 2 then 5 and ask for Denise. On behalf of the Residents of Port Hawkesbury Nursing Home thank you.

Hank's Jamboree, at The Havre Boucher Community Centre, has been cancelled for March 26, and will resume on April 23, at 2 p.m.

"Vatican II restored the ancient Order of Permanent Deacons for a threefold ministry of Service, Word and Altar. The Diocese seeks men aged 35-65, married or single, who experience a call to diaconate for a four year formation process to prepare for ordained ministry within the Diocese. If you are interested please give Fr. Bedford Doucette a call the sooner the better so we can prepare for a meeting of all those interested. Phone 902-539-6188 ext. 235 or email bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca

Do you have a talent that could benefit our youth? We'd like your help!!! The Havre Boucher and surrounding Communities are filled with so many talented people. Basic skills such as sewing, quilting, cross-stitching, photography, music, cooking and so many more!!! Are you interested in using your talent to help teach the youth of our community some new skills? This could include a one time lesson, for example, cooking a Valentine's Day treat or perhaps a couple of cooking lessons, maybe you'd like to teach how to sew a pillow, or how to crochet a scarf. Maybe you could help teach someone to play an instrument, teach some photography, some fitness activities or some darts. Maybe you have some ideas for outdoor activities. The choices are endless. Anyone who is interested in helping the youth of this community to expand their horizons can contact Tammy Melong, melong.tammy@gmail.com or 234-3433. Together we can discuss age groups, class sizes, dates and times. All classes will be held at the Havre Boucher Community Centre. We are not necessarily looking for large class sizes; we want to ensure that this new venture is successful for both the children and instructors. Don't feel like you could teach a class, maybe just being there to help lend a helping hand would work for you. Again please contact Tammy.

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.

Antigonish Lions Club Sausage & Pancake Breakfast Sunday March 26, 2017 Lions Den Highland Dr. Extension 9:00 A.M. to 1:00P.M. Donations at the door FUNDS BEING RAISED TO ASSIST LOCAL FAMILIES.

"Chase the Ace will be held every Friday from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Havre Boucher Community Centre."