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| <u>Masses</u> | <u>Tuesday,</u> | December 19, | Ethel DeCoste | 6:00 p.m. | St. Paul’s |
| | <u>Wednesday,</u> | December 20, | Carl Fougere | 6:00 p.m. | St. Paul’s |
| | <u>Thursday,</u> | December 21, | William John & Gertrude LeVangie | 9:00 a.m. | St. Paul’s |
| | <u>Friday,</u> | December 22, | Marie Jean Boucher | 9:00 a.m. | St. Paul’s |
| | <u>Saturday,</u> | December 23, | Donald MacDonald | 11:00 a.m. | St. Paul’s |
| | | | Paula Chisholm | 4:00 p.m. | St. Francis |
| | | | Francis Brophy | 6:00 p.m. | St. Lawrence |
| | <u>Sunday,</u> | December 24, | pro populo | 10:00 a.m. | St. Paul’s |

| Weekly Collection December 9/10, 2017 | St. Francis | St. Lawrence | St. Paul’s |
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| Sunday Collection | \$184.00 | \$855.00 | \$1790.00 |
| Loose | \$0 | \$13.90 | \$14.45 |
| Pastor’s Dues | | | \$100.00 |
| Cemetery Fund | | | |
| IMO Colin Purcell | | \$20.00 Parish | |
| IMO Marie Jean Boucher | | | \$100.00 Luncheon |
| Christmas Offering | | \$100.00 | |
| Christmas Flowers | | | \$435.00 |

| December 23/24, 2017 | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| St. Francis | Jeanine Keating | Ada Ehler / Florence Chisholm |
| St. Lawrence | Basil / George | Allison / Liz / Charlie |
| St. Paul’s | Allana Mullaney / Denise Anderson | 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.

Bible Study: Wednesday, **December 20, 10:30** a.m. St. Paul’s Church. We focus on the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. **All** are welcome.

Baptism: We welcome to membership in St. Paul’s Parish **Wyatt Vincent Pettipas**, infant son of Chelsea and Tyler Pettipas. Wyatt will be baptized into Catholic faith this Sunday. With his parents, godparents, family and fellow Christians teaching him by word and example, may he grow to full Christian maturity in Christ the Lord.

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.

2017-2018 Sunday Missals Your old Missal expired, November 26. Cost \$5.00 each at Church entrance. (A friendly reminder to please pay for your Missal if you took one and did not pay for it at the time).

Thank You ~ It is with grateful hearts that we the family of James 'Carl' Fougere would like to say Thank - You for all the love and support we received . To all those who brought food to our homes, came to visit and the phone calls. To those who made memorial donations, offered masses & sympathy cards we are grateful. To the Havre Boucher Fire Dept Thank- You. To Fr. Allan MacPhie, Fr. Bill Crispo, Fr. Daniel MacDonald and Deacon Berkley Guthro thank you for the beautiful funeral service. To the ladies who provided the beautiful lunch thank you so much. May God Bless you all

Helen, Neil, Jami, Jonathan, Melanie, Catherine and all the Fougere Families

Extra Confession Times: Saturday, December 16, St. Francis, 3:30 p.m.
St. Lawrence 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17, St. Paul's Church 1:00 p.m. Fr. Charlie Cameron & Fr. Allan available.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Saturday, **December 23,** 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
Sunday, **December 24,** 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

(Note: Catholics are obligated to celebrate one of the Sunday Masses on Dec. 23-24 **and** one of the Christmas Masses beginning the evening of Sunday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 (4:00 & 6:00 p.m.) and including Monday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25 (10:00 a.m. Mass, St. Paul's). Have we achieved clarity with this?

Did you know that Christmas only begins with the Christmas Eve Masses on Dec. 24, and ends with the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, Jan. 8?

Christmas: Sunday, December 24: St. Francis, 4:00 p.m.
St. Lawrence, 6:00 p.m.
St. Paul's, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25, St. Paul's, 10:00 a.m.

Special Thanks: to the individual who constructed a new beautiful sign for our Mass times at St. Paul's and thank you as well to anyone who helped out to place the sign located near the end of the road, we are grateful.

Donations for Christmas Flowers at St. Lawrence Parish - you will find containers on the entrance tables for your donations. Thank you in advance for your sharing.

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.

Glebe House Project – Fundraising update: 425 pledge packages for the Glebe House project were either delivered or mailed out during the month of November. Of this total 109 parishioners have responded (26%) by either making or pledging a financial contribution towards the new Glebe House Project. The parish has also received financial contribution from other non-parishioners for which we are very grateful for receiving these and all of the donations. To date the following has been received towards the Glebe House Project: Actual donations received and deposited as of December 14, 2017 \$46,775.

Through the generosity of the parishioners and non-parishioners, we are hopefully that additional contributions will continue to be made so that the amount of money require to finance the new Glebe House Project will be kept a very smaller minimum and therefore less money will be required to be paid for interest charges on any loan that may be required.

The former Medical Center has been sold and all sale documentation and land transfers are now complete. When all the expenses associated with the sale of this transaction, such as HST, cost of the land owing to the Episcopal Corporation, legal fees, etc. has been fully determined; the parishioners will be advised of the net amount realized from the sale of the former medical center. This net amount will be applied towards the construction of the new Glebe House project.

The 2018 church envelopes will be ready to be picked up Sunday, December 17th. Please do not start using them until January 2018 and remember to put your name and full address on each envelope for the first month. Thank you!

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 not 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.

The Ladies Aid of St. Francis of Assisi Parish extend their thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make our fall bazaar a success. Congratulations to winners of the ticket draws, Gary Ehler and Marilyn Folkertsma. May everyone enjoy the joys and blessings of Christmas.

Family Life Ministry of Diocese of Antigonish Parenting tip. Christmas is a time of great joy and excitement for children who wait with anticipation to receive presents from Santa and other loved ones. Keeping Christ's birth at the heart of the celebration can be hard, but not impossible. We can help our children focus on the true meaning of Christmas in the following ways: place the nativity scene as a focal point in your home; assist with or contribute to charity drives; read the story of Christ's birth daily; engage in a small advent lighting ceremony each week of advent as a family; on Christmas morning sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before you open up the gifts under tree. Christmas holds a deeper meaning for all when we stay focused on its true meaning. **Used with permission from the Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton**

Marriage CAN go the distance and the annual recognition of Canada's Longest Married Couple proves it. Nominate your loved one s by submitting the names of husband and wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to Ernesto & Analillian Ayala 113-7471 Blundel Rd. Richmond, B.C, V6Y 1J6, or canada.wwme.org, or 604-337-5845 Deadline Feb. 28, 2018. All nominations will be recognized.

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. 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.

