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Masses: Tuesday, March, Mary DeYoung	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday, March, Terrance Currie & children Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:20 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday, March, Rita Forestall Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:20 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Friday, March, Philip Baldwin	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday, March, pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
Joe DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday, March, Ambrose Pelrine	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 11/12	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$225.00	\$531.00	\$1203.00
Loose	\$0	\$6.30	\$48.85
Pastor's Dues			\$90.00
Fuel		\$10.00	
IMO Danny Chiasson			\$60.00 Cemetery \$825.00 Luncheon
IMO Bernie Mattie			\$25.00 Luncheon

March 25/26	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Anne Carter	Patsy Grady / Betty Kavanagh
St. Lawrence	Basil / Kevin	Beryl / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Gwen & Hugh O'Neill	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Ann Marie Meagher

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 10, Mass of Chrism, St. Ninian Cathedral, 4:00 p.m. (parish representatives to receive the Holy Oils are needed)

Holy Thursday, April 13, Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Lawrence, 5:00 p.m.
 St. Paul's 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday April 14, (Day of Fasting & Abstinence from meat) Passion of the Lord 1:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
 3:00 p.m. St. Paul's

Saturday Night April 15, **Easter Vigil**, St. Paul's 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m., St. Francis
 10:30 a.m., St. Paul's
 11:00 a.m., St. Lawrence (Fr. Alec MacLellan presiding)

Note: As we do not have the assistance of a 2nd priest this year for Holy Week, the number of Masses and the number of Good Friday services have been reduced. Fr. Alec MacLellan has kindly agreed to preside at the Easter Sunday Mass at St. Lawrence.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 22, 10:30 a.m. Joanna Meagher Room, St. Lawrence Rectory basement. All are welcome.

Prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of the late Marie (Fraser) Mattie and Barbara (DeCoste) MacPherson who passed away this week. May they enjoy rest eternal with our God and may peace and healing come to their families and friends at this difficult time.

Baptism: We welcome to our Catholic family **Violet Gwendolyn Barkhouse**, infant daughter of Todd and Meaghan Barkhouse, Antigonish. **Violet** will be baptized at St. Paul's Church this Sunday, March 19. Guided by the love and faith of her parents, godparents, family and parish community, may she become the child of God she is.

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. 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.

Confirmation will take place at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave during the 6:00 P. M. Mass, Saturday, June 17, 2017 and not June 3, 2017 as previously announced.

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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.

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."