

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 3/4, 2018

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Masses	Tuesday, March 6, Gertrude LeVangie	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday, March 7, Special Intention (Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass)		St. Paul's
	Thursday, March 8, Chelsea Goetz (Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass)		St. Lawrence
	Friday, March 9, Bernard Kay, Wayne, David, & Ricky Anderson	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday, March 10, Carlie LeVangie	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Sam Haywood	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	March 11, Paul N. & Lester J. DeCoste	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection February 24/25, 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$279.00	\$640.00	\$1435.00
Loose	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$18.30
Pastor's Dues			\$60.00
Sale from Glebe		\$110.00	
Donation			\$100.00

March 10 / 11, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Edith Carr	Patsy Grady / Rose Turvey
St. Lawrence	Basil / Carol	Beryl / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Ruth Innis / Yvonne Sampson	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 cremains of the deceased. If cremains 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 cremains 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.

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

St. Lawrence Catholic Women League: (CWL) is holding a membership drive supporting the efforts of the largest organization of Catholic women in Canada with a tradition of service to others as expressed part motto "For God & Canada". The league contributes to the life and vitality of the church, family and community while your presence at meetings is important; we realize that in this busy world it may not be possible for you to attend. Be assured that your interest and support is as important as your attendance! Look for members at the back of the Church who will answer your questions, or call Beryl Hadley (747-3069) for more information. We need you! Please consider joining us to support our Parish!

Bible Study: Wednesday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Church. All are welcome.

Thank You: To everyone who remembered me on my 80th birthday. I really appreciated every thing. May God Bless you all.
Mary MacAskill

Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of the late Ronald 'Ronnie' Walter Northup who passed away at Strait Richmond Hospital on February 23, 2018. He was a resident of Mulgrave for many years. May he enjoy rest eternal in God's kingdom and may peace come to those who mourn his passing.

Clarification on the ministry of deacons: Permanent deacons **cannot** perform the Sacrament of the Sick for someone who is ill. Only a priest can do this Sacrament. In addition deacons cannot absolve anyone from their sins. Also deacons should not be addressed as "Father" but "Deacon" or "Reverent Mr. Please inform others of these important truths if they are not aware, especially medical and hospital employees.

Benefit Bottle Drive: Saturday, March 17, for Gerard and Sharon Goodwin of East Havre Boucher. Gerard has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Anyone with a truck and available to help could you please phone Dorothy MacDonald or Sophie Robertson Please sponsor this worthwhile cause.

1.)**Mark Your Calendar!** NET Retreat for: Grade 9,10,11,12 & University Students! When? March 21st
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm Where? Holy Redeemer Church Basement! I look forward to seeing as many students as possible!
This evening will be powerful and a great opportunity to learn more about our awesome Catholic faith! Pizza and pop will be provided!

2.)**You are invited! Mark your calendar! Open to all ages!** Palm Sunday Holy Hour which will include a walk of the cross around the church. Father Paul Murphy will be facilitating Eucharistic Adoration. We will have Taylor & Frances Burton playing music intermittently throughout the holy hour. The hour will conclude with divine mercy and benediction. Where? Holy Redeemer Parish, Whitney Pier When? Sunday March 25 Time: 2:00pm

St Ninian's, Antigonish will present "An Adaptation of Clarence Enzler's EVERYONE'S WAY OF THE CROSS" on Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week and on Good Friday. All presentations of this production will in the Cathedral and will be at 8 pm.

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.

St. Paul's Main Church Doors: are found open many times, please remember to make sure door is closed tightly after you. They do not automatically close; they have to be pushed in.

Glebe House Project - update: Donations & Pledges \$95,406 / Donations - IMO \$40 / Sale of assets (Old Glebe) \$3,845.
Total \$99,871.00, we are \$129.00 away from our 100,000. Mark.

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.

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

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 The Strait Area Food Bank. God always rewards the giving heart!

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 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.

