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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, December 20, Pettipas Family Members 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
 Wednesday, December 21, William John LeVangie 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
 Thursday, December 22, Gertrude & Rick Lambert 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Friday, December 23, Winnie & Lester DeGruchy 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Saturday, December 24, Betty McKeough 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Sherman Pettipas 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
 Adair Meagher 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
 Jim & Bernice Stewart 6:00 p.m. St. Paul

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, pro populo 10.00 a.m. St. Paul's

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays (with the exception of 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.

Weekly Collection December 10/11	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Envelopes	\$271.00	\$675.00	\$948.00
Loose	\$0	\$30.00	\$23.00
Pastor's Dues			\$77.00
Missals \$15			

IMO Earl Tibbo \$385.00 St. Paul's Parish Centre / **IMO Margaret & Wilfred Fougere \$200.00** St. Paul's Parish

December 24/25	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Florence Chisholm	Rose Turvey / Patsy Grady
St. Lawrence	Allison / George	Kevin / Liz / Charlie
St. Paul's, December 24	Lucille & Dan Fougere	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher
December 25	Dianne Melong & Lou Kupczyk	

Bible Study: Bible Study this Wednesday, 21th in the Joanna Meagher (basement of St. Lawrence Glebehouse, Mulgrave). All are welcome.

Extra Confession Times: Saturday December 17, 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church; and at 7:00 p.m. (and after Mass, if requested); 7:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Church; Sunday, December 18, **1:30 p.m. (note change)**, with Fr. Allan and Fr. Gary MacPherson at St. Paul's Church.

Christmas Decorating at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave will take place at 1:00 P. M. on December 18, 2016. We are requesting the assistance of many people in the parish to help us as we prepare our church for the joyous Christmas - New Year liturgical celebrations. Let this be a time of community building as we support each other in sharing our gifts and talents. Mark these dates on your calendar and attach to your refrigerator door. Blessings!

The 2017 church envelopes will be ready to be picked up Sunday, December 18th. Please do not start using them until January 2017 and remember to put your name and full address on each envelope for the first month. Thank you!

St. Paul's Christmas Flowers: Anyone wishing to donate money towards Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones may do so by placing their name as well as the name of the person making the donation on an envelope marked Christmas Flowers and placing it in the Sunday collection, names will be placed in the bulletin after Christmas.

Donations for Christmas Flowers at St. Lawrence may be placed in the containers on the entrance tables or you may place your donation in an envelope and place it in the collection. Be sure to label your envelope 'Christmas Flowers'.

St. Paul's Food Bank: We would like to invite you to donate non perishable food items for the food bank. There is container in the foyer of the Church to place your donation. Your kindness is appreciated.

Weekend of Grace: Time is running out – Deadline for Early Bird Registration ends December 31st, 2016. Our dates are April 28-30, 2017 and we are returning to the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax. The early bird deadline is December 31, 2016. Visit our website: www.weekendofgrace.com for more information.

Atlantic YOUTH Summer Conference! Hello Everyone, We're gearing up for the New Year! That means that we are starting sign ups and prep for The Steubenville Atlantic Conference! My hope is that this year we will have Youth sponsored to attend from each parish. If you sign up before Dec. 31st. Participants/Chaperones receive a discounted price and official Steubenville ELEVATE Sun glasses. Sign up with the Diocese of Antigonish Group by visiting www.steunenville.ca or by contacting Nolan Conrad at the Youth Office nolan@dioceseofantigonish.ca or 19025396188 ext. 241

The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 23 conferences across North America that bring 50,000 teens and their leaders closer to Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing youth and their leaders and invite them to embrace the heart and mission of the Catholic Church. Steubenville Atlantic, Canada's first Steubenville Youth Conference is presented in partnership with the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and the Franciscan University of Steubenville. The event is held annually in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The 2017 conference dates are July 7-9, 2017.

Get Your FREE Steubenville Atlantic Sunglasses!

July seems a long way away, but we're hard at work preparing for our Steubenville Atlantic conference on July 7-9, 2017. Steubenville Atlantic is our annual high school youth conference at Dalhousie University. This year's conference theme is "Elevate." Don't forget to register by December 31, 2016 to get your FREE limited edition Elevate sunglasses! Looking for a Christmas gift idea for a young person in your life? Consider covering their registration to the conference to give them a truly life-changing gift! For more information visit www.steubenville.ca or contact Elizabeth Craig at steubenville@halifaxyarmouth.org or (902) 429-9800 ext 311