

Micah 5: 1-4a Hope of a ruler and, Shepherd who will “be peace”

Psalm 80 Lord, make us turn to you; show us your face and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 10: 5-10 Jesus, offered himself to do God’s will

Luke 1:39-45 Elizabeth acknowledged Jesus in Mary’s invitation

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<u>Masses:</u>	Monday,	Christmas Eve, Dec. 24,	Patricia Haywood Canty Nicolas Shepherd pro populo	4:00 p.m. St. Francis 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence 6:00 p.m. St. Paul’s
	Tuesday,	Christmas Day, Dec. 25,	Sally, George & Derrick Raymond	6:00 p.m. St. Paul’s
	Wednesday,	December 26,	No Mass	
	Thursday,	December 27,	No Mass	
	Friday,	December 28,	Winnie & Lester DeGruchy	9:00 a.m. St. Paul’s
	Saturday,	December 29,	Mildred Gavel pro populo Philip O’Neill	11:00 a.m. St. Paul’s 4:00 p.m. St. Francis 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
	Sunday,	December 30,	Eugene & Margaret DeCoste	10:00 a.m. St. Paul’s

Pastor’s Christmas Message: A multitude of angels proclaims to the shepherd’s “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” The cause of this heavenly joy is the birth of the Christ, the Lord, and the peace spoken for those favored ones of God are all who believe in the Christ who comes to save them. May God bless all of you in this holy season, and pour out his favours on you and your loved ones. ~ *Fr. Allan*

Weekly Collection December 15/16, 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul’s
Sunday Collection	\$270.00	\$895.00	\$1751.00
Loose	\$10.00	\$2.00	\$39.00
Pastor’s Dues			\$10.00
Cemetery Fund			\$200.00 IMO Anthony Pelrine \$170.00 IMO Barbara Breen
Luncheon Fund			\$350.00 IMO Barbara Breen
Christmas Flowers			\$345.00
Parish donation			\$50.00 IMO Fonce & Dolly Brow
Christmas Offering		\$20.00	\$20.00
Initial Offering			\$5.00

December 29/30, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Beverly	Rose / Jean
St. Lawrence	Kevin / Allison	Beryl / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul’s	Dan & Lucille Fougere	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

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.

Bible Study: will resume on Wednesday, January 16, 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s Church.

The 2019 Envelope’s are now available at the entrance of each of our churches, they are in alphabetical order. It is very important that these envelopes aren’t used until the New Year. People’s numbers have changed and if envelopes are used earlier than they should, credit for that envelope goes to the previous owner. Please put your name and full address on the first few envelopes to verify you and your envelope number. If we missed you or you would like to begin using envelopes, please speak to Fr. Allan

2018-2019 Sunday Missals: For sale at Church entrance, \$5.00 per book. This missal begins with the First Sunday of Advent, December 2.

Saturday, Dec. 22, confessions at St. Francis Church at 3:30 p.m. and at St. Lawrence Church at 7:00 p.m. (Fr. Allan).

St. Lawrence CWL will be selling angels for \$5.00 each to remember our deceased love ones at all masses during the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase one, the angels will be sold before Mass, starting Dec. 15th. There will be an angel tree to hang your angel on. All proceeds will go to St. Lawrence Building fund.

Catholic Faith Calendars for 2019 are on sale (\$2.00) at the entrance of the Church. These calendars contain lots of valuable information about the Catholic Faith.

As announced last week, all wishing to donate to the Augustinian Sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery to help them buy the monastery and property can make the cheque out to **Augustinian Contemplative Nuns Society**. Please include your address for income tax receipts. Thank you for your generosity.

Missing Information: When we record information for First Communion, we require the **date** and **place** of Baptism. The following children received First Communion at St. Lawrence Church in recent years, but were baptized elsewhere, and I need both their **date of Baptism** and **church and location of Baptism**: William Gilbert; Chloe Alexandria McKeough (F.C., April 20, 2013); Cody Ashton Peebles (F.C., May 31, 2014); Miranda Mercedes Fitzpatrick; Justeen McKeough (F.C., April 25, 2015); Vada Jane Brophy (age also needed) (F.C., April 9, 2016).

Baptisms: **Riggs Vince Jordan**, infant son of Graham and Kaitlin DeCoste, Antigonish; and **Kennedy Annabelle**, infant daughter of Daniel and Amy Mattie, Havre Boucher, will be baptized at St. Paul's Church next Sunday, December 30. With the teaching and example of their parents, godparents and Church to guide them, may they be formed into the true disciples that Christ calls them to be.

Attention Please! St. Paul's When plowing is being done in the parking lot, please do not park where plowing is being done. It is very difficult to see parked cars and therefore accidents can occur. Thank You!

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.

Silent Night turns 200: Celebrating a classic Christmas carol on Dec 8, 2018 - This Christmas however, Salzburg is celebrating a particularly special musical heritage, because 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the very first performance of Silent Night. The much-loved carol began as a poem, written in 1816 by a priest from Salzburg, Joseph Mohr.

Strait Area Food Bank donations from the Parish of St. Lawrence, Mulgrave may be left in the food bank box at the church entrance. Your donations of food items are much appreciated as winter nears with demands for money for fuel, food and medications is a great burden for those souls less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your giving, God will reward the generous heart. Blessings.

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Alpha at St. Joseph's Port Hawkesbury, Thursday nights, 6-7:30pm, in the Parish Hall. A meal, video and discussion. Register by calling 902-625-1045, or email st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca. Tentative start date is January 10.

The 2019 Respect Life Centre Calendars are now available for \$20 each at the Respect for Life Centre, 344 Main St. Antigonish, or by calling 902-863-3873. These calendars make the perfect gift, featuring pictures of local children, a monthly scripture quote, and a saint for every day, along with a chance at 16 cash draws at \$250 each – a total of 4,000 in prizes. Please consider supporting local pro-life efforts by purchasing at least one of these great calendars.

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" Havre Boucher Community Centre, on Friday, from 7 to 9 PM

Chase the Ace at the Mulgrave Fire Hall on Saturday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00.

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: twice weekly. Crib - Sundays at 1:00 p.m. 45's-Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Merry Christmas !

