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Masses:	Tuesday, March 28,	Cyril Brow		6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Wednesday, March 29,	Peter DeGruchy	Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:20 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday, March 30,	Rita Forrestall	Stations of the Cross	6:00 p.m. / Mass 6:20 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Friday, March 31,	Billy Boucher		9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday, April 1,	Betty McKeough		11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo		4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Foncie DeCoste		6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday, April 2,	Carmen 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 18/19	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$300.00	\$615.00	\$1485.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$29.00	\$103.45
Pastor's Dues			\$30.00
Initial	\$5.00	\$20.00	
Cemetery Fund IMO Eric Ryan, & Joe & Foncie DeCoste		\$150.00	
IMO Marie Mattie Luncheon Fund			\$215.00

April 1/2	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Florence Chisholm	Anne Carter / Beverly Grady
St. Lawrence	Carol / George	Allison / Ruth / Theresa
St. Paul's	Dan Fougere / Lucille Fougere	Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong

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.

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 29, 10:30 a.m. Joanna Meagher Room, St. Lawrence Rectory basement. All are welcome.

Thank You to all the musicians who provided the wonderful music and songs during our Pre St. Patrick's Day Fund-Raiser at the Mulgrave Heritage Centre. We acknowledge with thanks those who provided the pies and other food items and all who came out to enjoy the celebration despite the winter weather. Gratefully yours, ***Mulgrave Museum and Cenotaph Committee***

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will have a collection of non perishable food items for the Guysborough and Area Food Bank on Saturday April 01 and April 08. Thank you for your support.

Freedom to Marry As Taught by the Catholic Church: The Church regards holy matrimony as one of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ our Lord. **Marriage Between Two Catholics.** For 2 Catholics to be validly married they must

- (1) be of legal age to marry. In Canada the age to marry is 18.
- (2) not to be previously married according to Church law.
- (3) Be mature enough to understand that marriage is permanent and indissoluble; that it is based on mutual love and respect and expressed in fidelity to each other; that it be open to having children if the couple are capable of conceiving children; is made in complete freedom without external pressure.
- (4) Be married before a bishop, priest or deacon in a Catholic Church.

Next Week: the marriage of a Catholic to a baptized nonCatholic.

Pope Francis' Words Do you want to fast this Lent? Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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.

Thank You! We the family of the late "J. Danny Chiasson" would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to family, friends and community for their kindness and support during the recent loss of our Brother. To our family and friends who traveled long distances to be with us, for the phone calls, prayers, mass offerings, sympathy cards, memorial & charitable donations, online condolences, floral arrangements, and the food sent to our homes, we are truly grateful. To all those who attended the visitation and funeral service your presence was a great comfort to the family. We extend a sincere thank you to Fr. Allan MacPhie for his comforting homily. Special thanks to those who participated in funeral liturgy, the active pallbearers and the Kinsmen honour guard. We also wish to thank the altar servers, lectors, gift bearers, and the Eucharistic ministers, St. Paul's choir, organist Sandra Hanlon. The family would like to thank the ladies who prepared dinner for us during the wake and for the ladies who provided the lovely luncheon at the Havre Boucher Community Center following the funeral service. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts. We will be forever grateful. The Chiasson Families

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

Taking registrations for those interested in Junior Darts at the Havre Boucher Community Centre for the month of April. It will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30(after Tae Kwon Do) and will run until 9:00pm.

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 6 AND UP. First night April 5th. No experience needed, just come and have fun!!

If you would like to register your child please call Tammy Melong at 234-3433.

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."

Free Information workshop for seniors at Mgrs. Donnelly Hall-Tracadie Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. Topics- Identity theft, Phone fraud, What your executor should know, Preparing proper documents, Best ways to prepare Final arrangements and much, much more. Free Lunch, Door prizes \$25.00, \$50.00, \$75.00, \$100.00 to register call 232-2246 or 232-2089 by April 13.