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Masses Tuesday,	March 20, Elmer Fougere	6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Wednesday,	March 21, Stephen Breen	(Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass) St. Paul's
Thursday,	March 22, Joyce Boudreau-Hearn	(Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass) St. Lawrence
Friday,	March 23, Bernie Mattie	9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
Saturday,	March 24, Danny Chiasson	11:00 a.m. St. Paul's
	pro populo	4:00 p.m. St. Francis
	Bobby Fraser	6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
Sunday,	March 25, Joe & Doreen DeCoste	10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

Weekly Collection March 10/11 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection	\$232.00	\$645.00	\$1455.00
Loose	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$32.50
Pastor's Dues			\$85.00
Sale items		\$230.00	
Share Lent	\$30.00		

Holy Week Schedule (March 26-April 1)

Monday, Mass of Chrism (Blessing of Holy Oils; renewal of priestly promises) **St. Peter Church, Cheticamp** (If you plan to attend this Mass and receive the holy oils for your parish, please tell Fr. Allan).

Tuesday, St. Paul's, Mass 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, St. Paul's Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, (According to the Church's ancient tradition, funeral Masses are not permitted on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday**).

Mass of the Lord's Supper, **St. Francis,** 4:00 p.m., **St. Lawrence,** 6:00 p.m., **St. Paul's,** 6:00 p.m.
 (Prayer will take place for at least one hour at the altar of repose after the Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Good Friday, (Passion of the Lord) **St. Francis,** 1:00 p.m. **St. Lawrence,** 3:00 p.m., **St Paul's** 3:00 p.m.
 (Good Friday is a universal day of fasting [one full meal, 2 small meals that together equal one meal, no food between meals], and no meat.)

Holy Saturday, (on this day the Church remains in silent prayer as she contemplates the death of Jesus Christ)

Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, (Resurrection of the Lord) **St. Lawrence** 8:00 p.m. **St. Paul's** 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, (Resurrection of the Lord) **St. Francis** 9:00 a.m. **St. Paul's** 10:30 a.m.

Confessions: Fr. Allan and Fr. Gary MacPherson will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) this Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Havre Boucher. (Fr. Gary will be in the confessional room where you have the choice of sitting face to face or behind the screen). Confessions will also take place at St. Ninian Cathedral on Saturday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A number of priests will be available. Fr. Allan will be available for Confession on Saturday, March 24 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, and after Mass that same Saturday at St. Lawrence Church.

March 24/25, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Kelly Lynn & Beverly Grady	Anne Carter / Jean Grant
St. Lawrence	George / Carol	Kevin / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Dan & Lucille Fougere	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.

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.

Bible Study: Wednesday, March 21, **10:30 a.m.** St. Paul's Church. All are welcome.

Prayers & Sympathy to the family and friends of the late Catherine Wood of St. Lawrence Parish. May she be with her Lord & Savior in heaven and may peace come to all who mourn her passing.

Annual Easter Bake Sale: will be held on Thursday, March 29th from 12-1:30 pm at the Guysborough Legion. Sponsored by Guysborough Hospital Auxiliary.

Open House: For Arthur and Alex Williams on Sunday, March 25th on the occasion of their 80th Birthday at the Auld's Cove Fire Hall from 3-5 p.m.

Everyone's way of the cross: "An adaptation of Clarence Enzler's Everyone's Way of the Cross" Directed by Carol Ann MacKenzie Jesus: Nat Teale Christ Speaks: Sheumais MacLeod 1 Reply: Erin Brockehurst, St. Ninian's Cathedral Holy Week Tuesday, March 27, 2018, Wednesday 28, 2018 and Good Friday, March 30, 2018. All performances are at 8:00 PM a free will offering will be taken.

St. Lawrence Liturgy Committee Meeting, rescheduled to Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. Church

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.

St Francis of Assisi Parish will collect items for Guysborough & Area Food Bank on Saturday, March 17 and March 24. Anyone who would like to make a cash donation may place it in an envelope, label it for the Food Bank and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Lawrence Cemetery: It has come to our notice that four wheelers and snowmobiles have for some time been passing through St. Lawrence Cemetery on Mill St. Not only is the road through the cemetery being used by these recreational vehicles, but the land on which graves are situated is also being crossed. We remind all people that a graveyard is consecrated ground, a sacred space which should be shown the utmost respect and honour. Please do not use your four-wheelers, snowmobiles, motor cycles or motorized bikes in our cemeteries.

Two Free Tickets: are available for Steubenville Atlantic weekend (youth Rally), July 6-8, 2018 at Dalhousie University. Contact Cathy youthministry@dioceseofantigonish.ca if interested.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER April 6 -9. For couples from 1 to 61 +years married. Come and enrich your good relationship, rediscover the richness of your love. Enjoy PEI's new Hope River Retreat House. Check: renewmarriage@gmail.com, or call 902-314-8541, or Father Charlie. 902-863-4373

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada TODAY IS SOLITARY SUNDAY! We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development & Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria & beyond. The theme of our Share Lent campaign, Together Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis Underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy. "Mercy is the force that awakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Your 2nd Sunday Envelope dated March 18, 2018 is allocated for Development & Peace. This year's campaign will support the work of the Rohingya Refugees: women and children. As was noted in an announcement earlier in the New Year, the campaign 2018 "Peace be upon her" details the work of D&P's postcard campaign that were sent from parishioners to PM Trudeau. Your generosity in supporting this work of justice and mercy is greatly appreciated by the regional and national D&P organization. Thank you for helping us to create a future filled with hope!

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!

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

Hank's Jamboree will be held on Sunday, March 25th at 2 p.m. in the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Admission price includes a light lunch. All proceeds from this event goes towards the Community Centre. All entertainers welcome.

Hot Breakfast: Sunday, March 25, in Auld's Cove Fire hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Adults \$7 Children \$4 Sponsored by the Auld's Cove Ladies Aux.

It is income tax time again: anyone needing someone to file their income tax, please phone Pat Shea at 234-3454 or Dee Melong at 234-2435 to set up an appointment.

Training Program, Wednesdays, April 11, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., **and** Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monastery Fire Hall, 995 Route 16, Monastery. To register contact Norah-Lee at 902-867-4500, ext. 4419 **or** Norah-Lee.Goulding@nshealth.ca Presented by Antigonish-Guysborough Strait Area Palliative Care Team.

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.

