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<u>This Sundays Readings</u> Acts 10;25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Then Peter began to speak, :I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does not do what is right is acceptable to him"

**Responsorial Psalm 98 R**. The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations. **1 John 4: 7-10**...love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **John 15: 9-1**, No one has greater love than this, to lay down one' one's life for one's friend.

<u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)</u> is celebrated every Saturday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (unless it is cancelled for a funeral, etc.) and before Mass on Saturdays at St. Francis and St. Lawrence Churches. If you would like to receive Reconciliation at a different time, please phone Fr. Allan at 902-234-2387 to set up an appointment

**<u>Bible Study</u>** will resume next fall, 2024. Thank you for all who participated.

Masses:	Tuesday, Apri	1 30 to Sunday,	May 5, 2024

Tuesday	7th	Darrell DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday	y 8th	Max LeVangie	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday	9th	John Fougere	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday	10th	Irma Sampson	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday	11th	Inez Pettipas	11:00 a.m	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Nicholas Sheppard	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday	12th	Emyline DeCoste	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Collection, April 20/21, 2024	<u>St. Francis</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>
Sunday Collection	\$155.00	\$522.00	\$1370.00
Loose	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$99.00
Pastors Dues			\$392.00
Cemetery		\$ 110.00	\$40.00

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting: Changed to Wednesday, May 15, 10:30 am, St. Lawrence Church.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting: 4:45 pm Saturday, May 4, St. Francis Church.

<u>St. Paul's Eucharistic Ministers</u>: we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at St. Paul's Church, if you are in good standing with the church please consider this important ministry. If you are available please see Fr. Allan.

The Diocese of Antigonish requires the <u>emails</u> of all people who deal with children, vulnerable adults, and with church collections and deposits, and anyone with keys to our churches, to participate in a free, online course for Responsible Ministry offered by Ecclesiastical Insurance, our Insurance Company. This is mandatory for the pastor, religion teachers, choir directors who deal with youth, anyone who brings communion to persons in their homes or in nursing homes or hospitals, collection counters, money depositors, treasurers of any church committee or ministry and anyone with keys to our buildings. Please provide your email to Fr. Allan or to Mary as soon as possible. The online course is only 49 minutes long. Thank you.

<u>Applications/bids for mowing of St. Paul's cemetery and church / glebehouse lawns</u> can be given to Fr. Allan. The successful applicant may use the parish lawn tractor and/or their own equipment. The work involves weekly mowing and grass trimming around grave stones, from the first mowing mid-May to the end of September. The work pays \$16.00 per hour, but contract bids for each complete mowing, or for the entire season, will be considered. **Deadline for applications**: **May 12, 2024**. Applications should be in <u>sealed envelopes</u> and marked <u>"St. Paul's Mowing."</u>

<u>Confirmation</u>: will take place on Sunday, June 2, 2024 it would be nice to have a good turnout of Parishioners but especially choir members. It is unfortunate that the choir has dwindled down to 4 or 5 people or less on some Sundays. Anyone who is able to sing, please come join us. It sends out the message that our Parish is alive and well, especially with the bishop attending. Thank you!

<u>Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel</u>: St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

<u>The Antigonish Town and County Library</u> offers outreach assistance with accessing Virtual Care at the Havre Boucher and Area Community Centre. Our Virtual Health Navigator can help you access health care in a private setting within the community centre. Please call 863-4276 for an appointment or more information.

<u>Changes for Pastor's Visits at St. Martha's Hospital</u>: New privacy regulations at St. Martha's Hospital do not permit clergy to see a list of their parishioners who are patients in the hospital. Therefore, I will need to be informed by the family or patient themselves if the patient wishes me to visit them in hospital. My usual day for visiting is Tuesday, so please inform me by phone before Sunday Mass (234-2387, Glebe house) if someone wants me to visit them. ~ *Fr. Allan* 

**Sanitary Policies for St. Paul, St. Lawrence, and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes:** We strongly recommend the wearing of masks during cold, flu and COVID outbreaks; hand sanitizing and masks for Eucharistic Ministers at all times; bowing, not hand shaking, for the sign of peace; and being the last to receive Communion for those receiving on the tongue.

<u>Cemetery Fees:</u> Parishioners are reminded of the following policies passed by parish councils, and approved by the pastor regarding cemetery fees

<u>St. Paul's: For Parishioners</u> No cost. (A parishioner is a Catholic who lives within the boundaries of the parish, <u>or</u> who lives close and attends Mass here faithfully and supports the parish using church envelopes).

<u>Non-parishioners</u> \$400.00 payable to St. Paul's Cemetery Fund for a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot.

**St. Lawrence**: **For parishioners and non-parishioners:** \$200.00 payable to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund, for burial in a new plot. There is no fee for burial of ashes in an existing plot.

**St. Francis of Assisi: For Parishioners**: \$200.00 payable to St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery Fund for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot. **For Non-Parishioners** \$300.00 for burial in a new plot; \$100.00 for burial of cremains in an existing plot.

<u>The Havre Stitch'N Sew</u>: The Havre Stitch 'N Sew invites you to join them for Tea and Dessert, with quilts and quilted items on display. May 11, 2024 from 1-3 pm. Havre Boucher Community Centre. This event is in partnership with the Havre Boucher & Area Cultural, Development and Recreation Association

<u>A Kitchen Party</u> will take place in St Francis Harbour Hall, May 5th starting at 2 PM, A light Lunch will be provided. All proceeds will go to the Parish Hall. All Entertainers are welcome.

<u>The Diocese of Antigonish Finance Council</u> is delivering a virtual workshop for Parish Finance Councils. The workshop includes the roles and responsibilities of Finance Councils, role of the Diocese and Diocese Finance Council, financial sustainability of parishes, responsible ministry protocol, accessibility 2030, and long term planning. The workshop will be held virtually from 7:00 to 8:00pm on Tuesday April 30, 2024. Presenters for the workshop are Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick, Cathy Farrow, Managing Director/Financial Administrator and Mary Oxner, Chair Diocese Finance Council. We look forward to meeting with you on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

<u>The IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's</u> will be on Sunday, May 26 at the Havre Boucher Community Centre Register your family as a team or come as an individual. Registration opens at 1 pm and the Walk starts at 2 pm. The Society is also looking for volunteers to help on Walk day. For more information, please visit walkns.ca or call 1-800-611-6345.