

Fr. Allan MacPhie, Pastor Rectory: 234-2387 / Church: 234-3505
 Mary Williams, Religious Education Coordinator, Home 234-3118 or 870-2168/Church 234-3505
 Email: marywilliams@bellaliant.net Bulletin Notices must be in no later than Thursday p.m.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22/23, 2020

Scriptural Reading This Sunday: First Reading, Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
Responsorial Psalm The Lord is merciful and gracious.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to god.

Gospel:

Masses:	Tuesday,	February ,	Gerard Goodwin	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Ash Wednesday,	February ,	Special Intention	11:00 a.m.	St. Francis
			Cathy England	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
			Leonard DeCoste	7:30 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday,	February ,	Barbara Breen	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
			Eric Ryan (Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass)	St. Lawrence 6:00 p.m.	
	Friday,	February ,	Aggie Brow	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday,	February ,	Adeline Cameron	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
			Bernice Haywood	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
			Special Intention	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday,	February ,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

NO BIBLE STUDY: this Wednesday, (Ash Wednesday), February 26.

Communion Calls will be made Thursday and Friday March 5/6

Holy Hour Friday, March 6 at St. Paul's at 11:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. *Christians fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith. **The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from those 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. The actions modeled by adults will be the greater influence in this matter.

Weekly Collection Feb. 15/16, 2020	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Offering	\$375.00	\$580.00	*Feb. 8 \$1850.00 Feb. 16 \$1610.00
Loose	\$0	\$0	*Feb. 8 \$57.00 Feb. 16 \$85.00
Pastor's Dues			*Feb. 8 \$140.00 Feb. 16 \$110.00
Initial		\$15.00	\$10.00
Fuel Fund		\$10.00	

*An error was made last week in the recording of St. Paul's collection. Last weeks totals were the totals from the previous week. The other parishes were fine.

February 29/ March 1,	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Mary	Beverly
St. Lawrence	Basil / Carol	Kevin / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Ruth Innis / Danielle Pellerine	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Ann 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 and 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.

Income Tax Receipts for St. Paul's Parish is available in the Foyer of the Church. They are in alphabetical order.

Baptism: We welcome to our Catholic family **Landon John MacPherson**, infant son of Tyler MacPherson and Katelyn MacDonald, Antigonish. Landon will be baptized during Mass this Saturday, Feb. 22 at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave. May he become the true disciple and saint of Christ that he is called to be.

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, February 27, St. Lawrence Church, 6:45 p.m.

Marriage Preparation Course: March 21, 2020, St. Ninian Place 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Register through our diocesan website.

World Marriage Day: Salutes the beauty of the faithful, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Couples are invited to join in a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend : April 3-5 Our Lady of Hope Renewal Center Cavindish PEI; June 5-7 Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Monastery, NS—for information: renewmarriage@gmail.com; phone Jamie & Connie 902-314-8541.

Calling All Challengers!!!! A note from Rose Henry, your lay director and your servant We will be holding follow-up on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Our Lady of Fatima, 7:30pm As we continue to move forward and reorganize our challenge movement we will be forming new committees. These committees will help us recreate who we are as we continue our journey. The more challengers we can include the better. If you are unable to attend follow-up and want to become involved in upcoming weekends or committees please connect with me at 902-577-1517. If you wish to sponsor someone to make a challenge we will be having a young women's and young men's challenge in the late spring. You could connect with me, Rose Henry – 902-577-1517 and I can direct you to how to submit your application for challenge.

Flu & Cold Season: Since flu and cold season is upon us we will no longer be receiving from the Chalice until Holy Thursday. Please do not dispose **used Kleenex** inside the wooden slot that holds our hymn books. Also some people do not wish to shake hands at this time please respect their wishes. You can do a sign of peace with a simple bow. Thank You!

St. Paul's Hospitality: the volunteers are doing a great job welcoming people and doing the collection. Any adult can do the collection if someone is missing. We are in need of volunteers to set up chairs and seat people for funerals and any function when a big crowd is anticipated. If anyone is available please phone Mary at 902-870-2168. Thanks

50's/60's Adult Dance at the Havre Boucher Community Centre. Saturday, February 29th, from 9-1. Admission \$5.00 per person. Sponsored by Havre Boucher Recreation.

Hank's Jamboree will be held on Sunday, February 23rd 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, February 23rd, in Auld's Cove Fire hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Adults \$7 Children \$4 Sponsored by the Auld's Cove Fire Dept.

<p style="text-align:center">EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2020 June 12-14 Membertou, Sydney</p>

In September, 2019, following the celebration to end our amazing 175th Anniversary year, Archbishop Dunn announced, for the diocese, a focus on the Eucharist culminating with a Eucharistic Congress. For the next few months leading up to the Congress, the Eucharistic Congress Planning Committee has asked to reserve this space in our bulletin to inform us of the ins and outs of what this all means for each of us.

MARCH 1

What does Pope Francis mean by Eucharist Culture attitudes?

COMMUNION

Pope Francis says that communion is established with the Lord and among the faithful at mass where we are nourished by His body and blood. Archbishop Dunn stated "*Christ is present in our gathering (thus the importance of the ministry of hospitality), in the Word (thus the importance of the ministry of lector), in the ministry of the priest (thus the importance of ministers of service) and in his Body and Blood (thus, the importance of communion ministers). The Second Vatican Council proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is "the source and summit of the Christian life" for we all draw our very life from the Eucharist. From the Eucharist, we receive our spiritual power as Church and are then sent on mission to "go therefore and make disciples" (Mt 28:19).*"

SERVICE

The Pope explained that the attitude of service impels the Eucharistic community to be present in places of frailty, under the shadow of the cross, in order to share and to bring healing. He said that through spiritual and corporal works, the balm of mercy can be poured in numerous places and situations, such as families in difficulty, young people and adults without work, the sick and the elderly who are abandoned, migrants experiencing hardship and acts of violence, and many other forms of poverty. In these places of wounded humanity, the Pope said, Christians celebrate the memorial of the Cross and make living and present the Gospel of Jesus the Servant, by spreading the seeds of a Eucharistic culture by becoming servants of the poor.

MERCY

The Pope said we complain about the "*corrosive river of misery*" flowing through our society, such as oppression, arrogance, cruelty, hatred, forms of rejection and lack of concern for the environment. But, he said, this swollen river is powerless against the "*ocean of mercy*" that inundates our world. The Eucharist, he said, is the wellspring of this ocean of mercy that helps form the image and structure of the People of God suited to our modern age. The Holy Father hopes that a Eucharistic culture would be capable of inspiring men and women of good will in the fields of charity, solidarity, peace, family life and care for creation.

We are having our Pancake Breakfast on February 23rd, 2020 At the Lions Den on Highland Drive Ext. From 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Donations at the door for a community member for Medical expenses All are welcome

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 p.m.

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

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: Crib - Sundays at 1:00 p.m.