

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 2/3, 2016

Masses: Tuesday, April 5,	Raymond X. DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday, April 6,	Dave Coffin	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday, April 7,	Mass of Thanksgiving	6:30 p.m.	St. Lawrence (Please Note Change)
Friday, April 8,	Lloyd Boucher	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday, April 9,	Roy DeGruchy	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Leo Kavanaugh	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	Art Carter	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday, April 3,	pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

***Thank You!** to all who have been so generous to me these past few weeks with Easter cards and monetary gifts, sympathy cards for Scott, the wonderful food, mail deliveries, transport to churches on the weekends, restocking of my firewood supply and numerous other kindnesses. I am grateful – Fr. Allan*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available on Saturdays (with the occasional exceptions for funerals and C.W.L. Spiritual Advisor business), 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.

Weekly Collection March 26/27	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Weekly Collection (Easter)	\$385.00	\$715.00	\$1471.00
Loose Totals	\$62.40	\$223.05	\$109.85
Pastor's Dues			\$30.00
Share Lent/Dev. & Peace		\$40.00	\$300.00
Fuel		\$20.00	
Good Friday	\$151.00	\$476.00	\$1552.00 Loose: \$85.60
Cemetery Fund		\$20.00	
Easter Flowers			\$50.00 IMO Dolly & Fonce Brow

April 9/10, 2016	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Mary Halfpenny	Betty Kavanagh / Rose Turvey
St. Lawrence	George / Lorraine	Kevin / Beryl / Theresa
St. Paul's	Hugh O'Neill Yvonne Sampson	Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong

Bible Study: NO Bible Study this week

Communion Calls will take place Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8.

St. Lawrence C.W.L. Meeting: Thursday, April 7, Mass at 6:30 followed by meeting at 7:00 p.m. in St. Lawrence Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday, This Sunday, April 3: Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. Blessing of Divine Mercy image; various prayers; chaplet; exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. This hour completes the novena of Divine Mercy that began on Good Friday. All are welcome.

Parish Census: It has been many years since a census was done in our parishes. A census gives us invaluable information on the people in our parishes and their spiritual needs. In the next few months expect a call or a visit from one of our census takers looking for information. Yvonne Sampson will be one of the census takers for St. Paul's

First Reconciliation, St. Lawrence Church: The following children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 p.m. **Autumn Theresa Hendsbee, Vada Jane Brophy, and Bradly Myles Phillips.** These three children will also receive **First Holy Communion**, Saturday, **April 9**, at the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Lawrence. Congratulations to these children and we pray they will continue on their faith journey in the future. God Bless you all!

Religious Ed. St. Paul's: Due to stormy weather I had to cancel classes on Monday evening March 21 therefore, I have rescheduled that class for Monday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m. This will be our last class for the year. We are in **need of a Grade 7 Catechist** when we begin again in September. Please phone Mary if anyone is available to take this position, at 870-2168.

St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting!!!; rescheduled to this Wednesday, **April 6**, at 6:30 p.m. followed by General meeting in the MacGillivray Room. All are welcome.

Thank You! I wish to express a sincere belated thank you to my children who hosted an Open House party for me on my 90th Birthday. Thank you for the beautiful food and music. Thanks to friends and family who traveled from far and near. Thank you for the gifts, monetary cards and well wishes. All were greatly appreciated. *Sincerely - Mary Wood*

On May 27-29th, 2016, the Atlantic Marian Gathering: will take place in Halifax at the Mount St. Vincent University. It is promising to be a wonderful spirit filled weekend with many graces and blessings. Fr. Mark Baron, who is a member of the fathers of the Immaculate Conception and Fr. Patrick O'Neil, who is presently at St. Joseph, North Sydney will be our key note speakers. Archbishop Anthony Mancini is planning to join us again this year to lead us in opening the Atlantic Marian Gathering Friday evening and Mass on Saturday. To learn more about the "Atlantic Marian Gathering," please visit our website: www.mariangatheringhalifax.com

Applications for the mowing at St. Paul's: graveyard, church and Glebehouse will be accepted until Saturday, April 30, 2016. This work begins in mid or late May (depending on grass growth) and ends in Late September, early October. Qualified applicants should know how to operate a lawn tractor and push mower safely and with utmost attention to the care of these machines. The work includes trimming around gravestones with a grass trimmer. Wages for this work this coming year \$13.00 per hour. Applications may be given to Fr. Allan in a sealed envelope.

Coinciding with the Year of Mercy with a focus on bringing healing to our people and the whole Diocese, a 3-day Divine Healing Retreat will be held at St Ninian Place and St FX Chapel, Antigonish on May 27-29, 2016. Guest retreat master will be Father Joby Kachappilly of the Divine Retreat Center in Toronto **ON** www.divinetoronto.org. Father Joby focuses on spreading the Gospel, God's mercy, forgiveness, the Sacraments and healings. Bible needed. Registration \$60. Early registration (before May 1st) \$45. Posters and brochures to follow. For more information contact (after 6pm only) Cathy at 902-863-1560, 902-863-3983, 902-968-1574, Rev Charles Cameron 902-863-4373, Sr Agnes Beaton 902-863-6020 or email mcmacdougall@hotmail.com.

Pilgrimage Bus Trip to St. Anne de Beaupre: wishing to take a trip to St. Anne de Beaupre and Cape de la Madeline, June 12, 2016 to June 19, 2016? For more information please call Helen O'Leary 902-477-4180.

Gospel Concert: Sunday, April 17th, 2:30 pm St. Joseph Church, 2016 ECMA Gospel CD Nominee Glenn Vincent Breen Free will offering, All Profits going to the Port of Welcome Settlement Association.

We're Recruiting! Development & Peace is looking for *Dynamic & Energetic* Youth to join our movement for **Peace & Justice** for ALL! Rethink the world. What kind of world would you like to see? Let us know by dropping us a line (250-500 words) at youth.halifax@devp.org tell us why YOU want to get involved in the movement, and what you'll do to encourage others to join you! 2-3 winners will be selected to attend the 2016 Maritimes Regional Assembly in Antigonish! An event NOT to be missed!! * Submissions due by April 5, 2016.

Shepherd's Pie Supper: Friday, April 15, 2016 4:00-6:30 pm John Paul Centre Menu: Shepherd's Pie, Garden Salad, Tea/Coffee, and Apple Pie & Ice cream for dessert. Adults \$15.00 Children (under 12 yrs): &8.00 Take Out Available. Monies raised in aid C.A.R.E. (Canadians Accepting Refugee Everywhere). Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 1105.

Income tax time is here again: Pat Shea & Delores Melong are offering services to anyone needing assistance with income tax returns. This is open to anyone and is free of charge. Please phone Pat at 234-3054 or Delores at 234- 2435.

Antigonish Lions Pancake Breakfast. this will be held on Sunday April 3, 2016 due to Easter Sunday falling on the last Sunday in March. This breakfast is for local projects. Usual time of 9am -1pm at the Lions den Highland Drive extension. Any questions please contact me. FYI we will be having another breakfast the last Sunday of April. Thanking you in advance for your assistance. Lion Robert Russell

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 the Havre Boucher Medical Center. Meetings last for approximately one hour. Anonymity is stressed.

Chase the Ace at the Mulgrave Fire Hall, every Saturday, starting at 7:00 p.m., draw will be at 9:15-9:30 p.m., 50% -fire dept. 25% - building jackpot, & 25% -to the night's winner. Come and enjoy a night of music, cards, & friendly faces.

Chase the Ace is happening every Friday night at the Havre Boucher Community Centre beginning at 7:00 pm, until the Ace of Spades is drawn! Come and enjoy an evening out with entertainment and friends.

55+ Pickle Ball This low-impact, fun, and active game combines elements of tennis, table tennis, and badminton. It is played on a small court and has been consistently growing in popularity among the 55+ community. Drop-in pickle ball sessions will be offered on Wednesday April 13th, 20th, and 27th. Location: Heatherston Community Centre gymnasium Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM Cost: Free of charge with instructors and all equipment provided! Please bring a water bottle. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Town or County Recreation Departments: 902-867-5596 (Town) or 902-863-1141 (County)

55+ Pool at Dooly's If you would like to learn to play pool, instructors will be available to teach anyone who is interested, free of charge on April 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Location: Dooly's, Antigonish Time: 10AM-12PM Cost: Free of charge with instructors and equipment provided! For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Town or County Recreation Departments: 902-867-5596 (Town) or 902-863-1141 (County) If you are 55+ and already know how to play pool, please feel welcome to come enjoy a free table courtesy of the Seniors Getting Involved Association at any of the times listed above.

