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Pastor's Easter Message *Easter – the Church's greatest season of the year, the very purpose of our holy religion! The celebration of Easter over the next 50 days, culminating with the celebration of Pentecost, reminds every faithful Christian of the joy which is theirs in living with Jesus Christ in conforming their lives to his, in following his path of renouncing oneself to live for God. May the joy of Easter come upon all of you who hold fast to Christ and his Church, and to all the others too. ~ Fr. Allan*

Masses: Tuesday, April 18, Edward Pettipas 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Wednesday, April 19, Margaret, Adrian, Paulie & Nobie Breen 6:00 p.m. St. Paul's
Thursday, April 20, Gloria Forrestall 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
Friday, April 21, Winnie DeGruchy 9:00 a.m. St. Paul's
Saturday, April 22, John Fougere 11:00 a.m. St. Paul's
 Donnie Chisholm 4:00 p.m. St. Francis
 pro populo 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence
Sunday April 23, Billy DeCoste 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

| Weekly Collection April 8/9 | St. Francis | St. Lawrence | St. Paul's |
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| Sunday Collection | \$198.00 | \$841.00 | \$1415.00 |
| Loose | \$0 | \$13.00 | \$45.80 |
| Pastor's Dues | | | \$125.00 |
| Share Lent | | \$40.00 | \$105.00 |
| Good Friday | | \$10.00 | |
| IMO Barbara MacPherson | | \$10.00 | |
| IMO Frank & Stella Pelrine | | | \$20.00 Easter Flowers |

| April 22/23 | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers |
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| St. Francis | Florence Chisholm | Beverly Grady / Jean Grant |
| St. Lawrence | Allison / Basil | Kevin/ Liz / Charlie |
| St. Paul's | Denise Anderson / Harris McNamara | Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong |

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, (Next Sunday): The Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday finishes on the Sunday, April 23, with a Holy Hour at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. All are welcome.

2017 Atlantic Catechetical Association Conference: "The Spirituality of the Catechist: Growing in Faith", October 20-22, 2017, Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Sydney, N.S. Registration Fee, \$225.00 (before May 15), \$275.00 (after May 15). Registration forms at Church entrance, or from Fr. Allan.

Marian Gathering Halifax presents **My Immaculate Heart Will Be Your Refuge**, June 2-4, 2017, Mount Saint Vincent University, 166 Bedford Hwy, Halifax, N.S. Speakers: Archbishop Anthony Mancini, Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Fr. Daniel Cambra, Director of Marian Evangelization, Stockbridge, Mass.; Rev. Toochukwu Okafor, Pastor, Saint Thomas More, Dartmouth, N.S.; and Danielle Rose, music missionary. Registration brochures available from Fr. Allan.

Bible Study: NO Bible Study this Wednesday, April 19.

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 Forger at 234-2320. We would love to know when prayers have been answered.

Religious Ed. Classes at St. Lawrence Confirmation Classes have now begun. **Confirmation** will take place at St. Lawrence Church, Mulgrave during the 6:00 P. M. Mass, Saturday, June 17, 2017.

St. Paul's Religious Ed. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 30th at 10 a.m. First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 7.

The DeCoste & MacPherson families of the late Barbara Ann (DeCoste) MacPherson would like to thank, everyone who sent cards, food, & donations. To those who came from near and far to attend the service, Deacon Berkley, for the awesome eulogy, Father MacPhie for the beautiful service, the readers Pam & Cathy, altar servers, Jackie & Charlie who are always there for our parish and our ecumenical choir, who as usual did a fantastic job, the Mulgrave fire dept. & the CWL for the beautiful luncheon. We are so blessed to have such a great community. Thank You!

Antigonish Lions Club Sausage & Pancake Breakfast Sunday APRIL 30, 2017 Lions' Den Highland Dr. Extension 9:00 A.M. to 1:00P.M. Donations at the door. FUNDS BEING RAISED TO ASSIST THE LOCAL S.P.C.A.

Hot Breakfast: Sunday, April 30, in Auld's Cove Fire hall beginning at 8:00 a.m. Adults \$7 Children \$4

Freedom to Marry As Taught by the Catholic Church: Marriage between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic. :

- 1) For a Catholic to marry a baptized Christian from another denomination, a dispensation from the Bishop is required. In our diocese this authority has been delegated to the priest of the parish where the wedding occurs.
- 2) All other requirements apply i.e., legal age; not be previously married (and this applies to the baptized Protestant, Anglican, or other as well as the Catholic party); maturity.³
- 3) **With permission of the Bishop or Ordinary,** a Catholic may be married in the non-Catholic party's Church before a non-Catholic minister. A priest is not required to be present at this ceremony for the wedding to be considered valid by the Catholic Church. However, the couple are required to see the local Catholic Pastor to fill out the required paper work and get permission a note might be added to the margins of the Catholic party's baptismal records indicating they were validly married to the non-Catholic party, with location and date of wedding also listed.

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 will be held on Sunday, April 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 are welcome.

Attention Cursillistas and Challengers, the next Ultreya/Follow-up, will be held April 27, 2017 at 7:30 at the Lady of Fatima Church, Sydney River. The next Men's Cursillo will be held on the long weekend May 19-21, 2017 and Women's' June 8-11, 2017 there are openings, if you would like more information, please contact the following, New Waterford /Glace Bay area, Kevin or Karen McSween, 902-862-8517, Sydney/Sydney River Betty Lahey 902-577-3604 or Marie Burke 902-549-3866, North Sydney/Sydney Mines/Brad'or, Lorena Capstick 902-736-0843, Richmond County Gary David 902-631-1734.

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON at the Havre Boucher Community Centre Friday: May 5, Time: 12pm to 2pm
Cost: \$20.00 per person Luncheon includes a Lobster Roll, (alternate Chicken) served with Garden Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Proceeds to the Havre Boucher Community Centre Tickets can be purchased from Germaine Boucher 234-2642, Sophie Robertson 234-3170, Iris Stanley 234-2182 or in Ant. at Trendy's. Limited number of tickets to be sold so purchase early.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, Masses will be celebrated at St. Ninian Cathedral on the five first Saturdays of five consecutive months (May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, & Sept. 2) at 9 a.m., with the opening Mass on May 6 celebrated by Bishop Brian Dunn. Mass will be followed by recitation of the rosary and time for meditation. All are welcome. (In order to fulfill the requirements of the five first Saturday devotion, as given to St. Lucia by Our Lady of Fatima, participants must have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and go to confession within 8 days before or after the first Saturday of the month, receive Holy Communion; recite the rosary; meditate for 15 minutes on a mystery or ministries of the rosary).

"Interested in diaconate?" Our diocese had nine deacons: Leo Penny (St. Leonard, New Waterford), Lorne MacNeil (St. Anne, Glace Bay), Robert Coleman (St. Margarite Bourgeois, Sydney), Greg Murphy (Holy Family Sydney Mines), Wally Ivany (Sty. Michael, Baddeck), Berkley Guthro, (St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury), Michael Doyle (St. Anne, Guysborough), Art Riley (St. Andrew, St. Andrews), Roy Smith (St. Joseph, North Sydney). We also have 9 candidates in formation: David Lewis, (St. Joseph, North Sydney), Shawn Bigley (St. Anne, Glace Bay), Bryan MacDonald (St. Leonard, New Waterford), Fernand Boivin (Stella Maris, Pictou), Sander Burke (St. Mary, Lismore), Duncan MacMaster (Stella Maris, Inverness) Barry Miller (Stella Maris, Inverness), Tom Sylliboy (Holy Family, Eskasoni), Henry vandeWeil (St. Andrew, St. Andrews).
Men aged 35-65, married or single and are interested in knowing more about the Permanent Diaconate can contact Fr. Bedford Doucette at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Membertou, Sydney at 902-539-6188 ext. 235, toll free: 1-800-565-5311, ext. 235 or email bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca We are inviting anyone interested to an information session on Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. -3p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Port Hawkesbury. We also need you to register so we can have lunch together. The Permanent Diaconate has a threefold ministry: a social justice ministry; a ministry of the word in proclaiming; a ministry of the altar within a parish community. Ours is a 4 year program of discernment and formation. Please contact Fr. Bedford Doucette or, if you wish, one of the deacons or candidates." Thank you for your willingness to "evangelize". Happy Easter!

Spring into Mayfest on May 13th, 10 am – 2pm at Bloomfield Centre! A project of St. Martha's Regional Hospital Auxiliary, all proceeds go to provide equipment and other patient needs at St. Martha's Hospital. Come and enjoy this indoor fair, featuring children's games, face painting, straw draw, Teddy Bear Clinic, cake walk, Science Fair, Celtics Soccer, Amateur radio club, fudge and bake table, gardening table, Bling, Attic Treasures, and Final Offer tables, raffles, and much more! There will be no book table this year - please save your books for a bigger and better book sale to follow in June (watch this space!) Great fun for all ages. Admission at the door \$2, children free. Parking free. For more information please contact Sue O'Brien 863 - 1479

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.

Indoor Flea Market at the Havre Boucher community centre on Saturday, May 20th, 10am-1pm please contact Denee at [902 870-1951](tel:9028701951) for more info or to book a table.

"Chase the Ace will be held every Friday from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Havre Boucher Community Centre."

Chase The Ace Mulgrave Fire Hall, every Saturday Evening 7:00-9:00 p.m.