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Bulletin Notices: must be in no later than 10:00 a.m. every Friday

Easter Sunday

March 26/27, 2016

Masses	Monday, March 28, (Octave of Easter),	No Mass		
	Tuesday, March 29, (Octave of Easter),	No Mass		
	Wednesday, March 30, (Octave of Easter),	Peter DeGruchy	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
	Thursday, March 31, (Octave of Easter),	Clayton Sawler	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Friday, April 1, (Octave of Easter),	John Fougere	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	Saturday, April 2, (Octave of Easter),	Scott Cameron	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Lawrence Chisholm	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
	Sunday, April 3, (Octave of Easter),	David & Catherine DeCoste & Sons	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Pastor's Easter Message- Every Sunday Eucharist is a celebration of Easter, a "little Easter", if you will. Our whole Liturgical year, therefore, is centered on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. To be a Catholic Christian is to carry the death and resurrection of Christ in your heart every day. The victory of Jesus over sin and death is the very meaning of our human existence, the heart and soul of who we are, who we are becoming. May the love of God this Easter season raise you up and make each of us an instrument of hope and peace in a world of fear and moral confusion.

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen – He is truly Risen. – 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 19/20	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Weekly Collection	\$223.00	\$621.00	\$1940.25
Loose	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$68.55
Pastor's Dues			\$35.00
Share Lent/Dev. & Peace		\$20.00	\$445.00
Fuel		\$10.00	
Good Friday			\$10.00
Cemetery Fund			\$70.00 IMO Theresa Fougere
Easter Flowers			\$20.00 IMO Frank & Stella Pelrine

April 2/3, 2016	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Florence Chisholm	Patsy Grady / Jean Grant
St. Lawrence	Gloria / Karen	Kevin / Beryl / Theresa
St. Paul's	Lucille Fougere Dan Fougere	Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong

No Bible Study this week

No Holy Hour this Friday, due to Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday, Next 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.

Thank you for Supporting Share Lent 2016! Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to Share Lent campaign! The monies collected in your Parishes will serve the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you did not have a chance to make your donation, you can still place your Share Lent envelopes in the offertory or donate directly at devp.org/give.

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

Religious Education St. Lawrence: A Special Thank you to Catechist Tara O'Neill Ryan, Francis Lee and Religious Ed. Coordinator/Catechist Gloria Grady for their time and dedication to this year's Religious Ed. Program.

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. Thank you to the following Catechist, Debbie White, Paul Melong, Lynn Whalen, Estrella Melong, and Megan Ryan for their time and dedication to the 2015-2016 program. We are most fortunate to have a great group of Catechist and they have all agreed to return next year. We are in **need of a Grade 7 Catechist** when we begin again in September. Please phone Mary if anyone is able to help out. Special thanks as well to our monitors Frank Whalen, Kim Fougere, Pam Bennett and Denise Deon. God Bless you all! *Mary*

St. Paul's Annual Parish Council Meeting; on March 30, at 6:30 p.m. followed by general meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the MacGillivray Room. All are welcome.

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.

If You Only Knew: the Meaning of Eucharist for Today a Liturgy Videoconference presented by Fr. Bill Burke, 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P. M., May 14, 2016. This will be held at the following NSCC Campuses: Stellarton, Port Hawkesbury and Sydney. Registration required, call 902-539-6188 ext. 237 or 1-800-656-5311 ext. 237; cost \$20.00. Participants are encouraged to bring their own "brown bag" lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. Sponsored by the Diocese of Antigonish Liturgy Office.

Lay Formation Program 2016-2019, Diocese of Antigonish, please see the brochure attached to the church bulletin boards at our three parishes.

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.

On Behalf of "Port of Welcome Settlement Association", a partnership of Churches, faith groups and leaders of our community formed to bring Syrian Refugee Families to the Strait area in response to the dire need that has resulted from the war in Syria. Attached to bulletins is a donor envelope for your convenience. Tax receipt will be issued if requested. Cheques can be made payable to St. Mark's United Church Refugee Appeal. Please include your full name, mailing address and postal code. These envelopes can be placed in the Sunday collection.

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.

CURSILLO NEWS MONTHLY MASS AND ULTREYA TO BE CELEBRATED AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH SYDNEY RIVER, DOWNSTAIRS THURSDAY MARCH 31st @7:30 CURSILLISTAS MAY INVITE FRIENDS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN MAKING A CURSILLO ENJOY AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP WITH EUCHARIST AND A PERSONAL WITNESS OF LIVING WITH THE LOVE AND JOY OF CHRIST IN OUR LIVES IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT RICK ALEXANDER 849-0963

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.

May 5-16 (\$3810 tax incl): 12-day Pilgrimage to Medjugorje & Shrines of Eastern Europe (5countries). Includes airfare from Moncton, Halifax or Fredericton, superior tourist accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner, professional English speaking local guides and all entrance fees. INFO: Marie Desjardins at (207) 868-5027 or bubblepink49@hotmail.com

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.

