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<u>Masses</u> Tuesday,	January 9,	Ephrem & Evangeline Guitard	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	January 10,	Carmen Pelrine	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	January 11,	Andy Fougere	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	January 12,	Winnie & Lester DeGruchy	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	January 13,	Elmer Fougere	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		Lewis England	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	January 14,	Gloria Forestall	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
December 30/31, 2017			
Sunday Collection	\$239.00	\$610.00	\$1880.10
Loose	\$14.00	\$63.90	\$83.10
Pastor's Dues			\$430.00
New Years Collection	\$127.00	\$365.05	\$1015.00
Initial Offering	\$30.00	\$75.85	\$437.00
Christmas Collection		\$40.00	\$65.00

January 13/14, 2018	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Jeanine Keating	Anne Carter / Rose Turvey
St. Lawrence	Basil / George	Alison / Liz / Theresa
St. Paul's	Ruthie Innis / Allana Mullaney	Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong

Guidelines on Communion Reception Catholics, fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion. A Catholic should not receive Communion if they are conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession.

Our fellow Christians (Anglicans, Protestants) are welcome to the celebration of Mass as brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and action in the Holy Spirit will one day heal our divisions. Because Catholics believe that Mass is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are not admitted to Holy Communion. If one day we achieve true unity, then we will all receive from the one Body and Blood of Christ. But until that day, Anglicans, Protestant and other churches cannot receive communion in a Catholic Mass, nor should Catholics receive communion in non-Catholic churches.

Burial Plots at St. Lawrence Cemetery: Our policy states that a new plot at St. Lawrence Cemetery costs \$200.00, regardless of whether that new plot is used for a full casket or the remains of the deceased. If remains are buried in an existing grave, the cost is \$100.00. We ask that you pay by cheque to St. Lawrence Cemetery Fund. Receipts will be issued. This is necessary for the upkeep of the cemeteries. **Please Note:** It is forbidden to bury remains in our cemeteries without permission of the pastor. Such unauthorized burials are disrespectful to the Church and to the deceased.

St. Lawrence Parish needs a Religious Education Coordinator: to guide the religious education program in the parish. This position does come with a small stipend The Coordinator would be tasked with trying to get Catechists (with Fr. Allan and parish council's support) and meeting with parents to explain their responsibilities. If interested please speak to Fr. Allan.

An update on renovations at St. Lawrence Church: Between Dec. 15, 2016 and Dec. 14, 2017, we renovated the entrance area of the church, replacing wood paneling with gypsum board as well as doing other repairs. In June we replaced much of the carpet throughout the church. The total cost of these renovations \$25,447.50, leaving us with a balance of \$144.68 in the Building Fund. If you are considering making donations to the church, or looking for a worthy charity to recommend when a loved one dies, please remember St. Lawrence Parish Building Fund. We appreciate your generosity.

Religious Ed. Classes at St. Paul's Havre Boucher resume again next Sunday, January 14 and Monday, January 15 at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and 6:00-7:00 p.m. Monday evenings. Attendance is important!

NO Bible Study this week, Wednesday, **January 10**

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

The relic of St. Francis Xavier (the right forearm and hand) is coming to St. Francis Xavier on January 8th, 2018, beginning with a service at 1 pm at the Chapel, followed by an afternoon veneration and concluding with Mass at the Chapel at 6:30. This is an opportunity to rediscover Francis Xavier as one of the most exciting and adventurous figures of the 16th century. The visit of this relic will be a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to seek the intercession of St. Francis Xavier.

2018 Sunday Offering Envelopes If there is not a 2018 church envelope with your name on it please pickup a blank set of envelopes at the back of the church and put your name and full address on each envelope for the first month. Every parishioner has a duty and obligation to financially support your Parish. All contributions with the exception of "Special Collection Envelopes" and the "Diocesan Levy" stay in this parish and funds are used to pay for heat, electricity, insurance, building maintenance, sewer/ property taxes, ground/cemetery maintenance, snow removal, Glebe House household expenses, general office expense, wages/ benefits for the Priest and religious coordinator and other parish related expenses. All contributions no matter how small are important to the financial viability of St. Paul's Parish. All monies received by means of church envelopes are recorded in the financial records of the Parish and charitable tax receipts will be issued which can be used when filing your income tax return.

Please Note: Envelope numbers have changed for some people for one reason or another therefore, it is important that you do not change your number on your new envelopes or credit may be given to another envelope owner.

Family Life Ministry of Diocese of Antigonish Parenting tip. As we begin a new year we are often compelled to start 'anew' by changing areas of our lives which do not fully satisfy us. This is an excellent time to assess your role as parent. Parents are called to be leaders (by making rules, sticking together to enforce rules, and by staying in charge) and models (by planning time with your children, listening to your children) in their families. When parents are leaders and models children thrive. Now is a good time to develop strategies to be both for your children! Used by permission re Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

Press Release: Bethany Center: The sisters of St. Martha wish to inform the public that of December 4th, 2017, Bethany Center was officially closed. We have wonderful memories of this sacred space and are grateful to the many persons who supported the various programs and retreats over the past 45 years. We are most grateful to the dedicated Center Staff who witness to Martha Gospel Hospitality these many years. We recognize that this closure will be a loss not only for us as Sisters of St. Martha but for you who participated in so many ways. However, closure is not our only news today. We announce that the ***Martha Ministry of Spirituality*** will continue to unfold at Marian Community, located on our Bethany Property, beginning January 2018. We plan to continue to offer Spiritual Direction, Oasis Days, and Centering Prayer experiences. We will also continue to offer opportunities for prayer and retreat at our two hermitages. The programs and experiences will be hosted at Marian Community and eventually some may take place at our new Bethany Resource Centre soon to be opened on Bethany property. We welcome you to book for any of these experiences by calling 902-863-4726. May God continue to guide and bless this Ministry.

Strait Area Food Bank - there are many in our area who struggle to make ends meet at this time of year with increased demands on what little income must go for fuel, food and clothing. At St. Lawrence we have a big box at the back of the church to receive your donations as well as St. Paul's in the Foyer of the Church. Should you wish to give a financial donation just put it in an envelope labeled Food Bank and place it in the collection and it will be forwarded to the director of the Strait Area Food Bank. God always rewards the giving heart!

Chase the ace will take place every Friday night from 7 PM to 9 PM at the Havre Boucher Community Centre.

Mulgrave Legion Card Plays: twice weekly. **Crib** - Sundays at 1:00 p.m. **45's**-Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

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

