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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 12/13, 2016**

**MASSES NO WEEKDAY MASSES Until further notice**

Saturday, March 19, Henry & Mary Fougere St. Francis 4:00 p.m.  
 Rita Forestall St. Lawrence 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, March 20, pro populo St. Paul's 10:00 a.m.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is unavailable until further notice however, if someone is in real need of Confession please phone Fr. Allan at 234-2387.

**Message from your pastor:** Dear parishioners. I ruptured the ACL tendon above my heel while playing badminton recently and had to get a full leg cast on that leg to enable the damaged tendon to heal. I go to see the specialist on March 21 to see what must be done from there. (I have been told I will need a lot of physiotherapy). Fr. Bill Crispo has kindly offered to take the Masses for this weekend, March 12-13. I will determine what I am able to do after this weekend. Dealing with stairs is very dangerous and of course, I am unable to drive. I am getting along fine at the Glebehouse owing to the generosity of some very kind parishioners. I will keep you posted on my progress and the necessary changes to the Mass schedule, especially for Holy Week. Thank you.  
*Fr. Allan*

<b>Weekly Collection March 5/6</b>	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	Mass Cancelled	\$987.00	\$1,120.00
<b>Loose</b>	-----	\$4.00	\$29.50
<b>Pastor's Dues</b>			\$327.00
<b>Share Lent/Dev. &amp; Peace</b>		\$10.00	

<b>March 19/20, 2016</b>	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>St. Francis</b>	Betty Kavanagh/ Florence Chisholm	Ada Ehler / Rose Turvey
<b>St. Lawrence</b>	Kevin / Basil	Allison / Ruth / Lorraine
<b>St. Paul's</b>	Linda Arsenault Harris McNamara	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

**Bible Study:** No Bible Study this week

**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

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**Our new diocesan website** is nearly ready! Official launch day: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 [www.antigonishdiocese.com](http://www.antigonishdiocese.com) Visit and share your comments!

**Share Lent Pilgrimage – Solidarity Sunday!** Today is Solidarity Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond! We end our Share Lent pilgrimage with the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping to create a hopeful future!

**Pontifical Collection of Good Friday** on March 25, 2016 for the benefit of the Holy Land: The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday March 25, 2016. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct line for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. "He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness." Rm 12, 8 with gratitude, Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

**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](http://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](mailto:mcmacdougall@hotmail.com).

**The Annual Easter Bazaar** will be held in St Francis Harbour on March the 20th, 2016, beginning at 2pm. There is something for everyone....prize wheel, bake table, cake or pie walk, crown and anchor, ticket sales, New to you table, grab bags, and egg decorating. Table rentals 5.00 per table. Tea room will serve chili, pizza, and sandwiches, tea and coffee. Contact number: 902 533 2285.

**Thank You** to all who participated in the World Day of Prayer at St. Lawrence Church on Friday, March 4, 2016. One could not help but observe how well the ladies read and we extend an invitation to those from our parish to share this gift as a lector! The time of fellowship which followed in the Joanna Meagher Meeting Room was delightful with a bounteous lunch, tea, coffee and/or juice. Thanks once again to the St. Lawrence Parish CWL who so graciously arranged the setting including the lunch.

**Lay Formation Program:** September 2016 - The Office of Lay Formation is announcing a Lay Formation Program beginning in September 2016. Participants in the three-year program will be joining the candidates in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and will be taking courses that will renew their faith and assist them to see their call in the world. Each year will consist of ten weekends including one retreat weekend, and each weekend will have human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral elements. Courses over the three years will cover topics relating to theological foundations, Christology, ecclesiology and pastoral considerations. There will also be another course on one additional Saturday per month. The program is open to anyone who actively participates in parish life and is interested in a journey of authentic and deeper discovery of faith. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2016. Please check with the parish office for more details.

**Diocesan Committee for Latin America** Continuing in our dialogue of our Diocesan work in Latin America, your Diocesan Committee for Latin America reminds us that our Diocese is active and working. Through your generous support we are funding worthwhile projects in Honduras. Our Diocese has had a special relationship with Latin America since the 1950s and our committee is continuing that support to help our friends in need. A congregation of Carmelite sisters in Tegucigalpa Honduras has undertaken a mammoth project to build 100 homes in a safe community to bring families off the streets. The homes are well underway and families are moving in. The cost of the project is formidable. The sisters trust in God that they will continue to receive assistance from their friends. Imagine the thought of keeping your children safe on the streets of a city with one of the highest murder rates, per capita, in the world. No shelter from the elements, no barriers against crime. We are so blessed that we have homes and safety and food for our tables. The sisters are striving to bring this to these families; A roof over their head, a safe community to live in and then from there the opportunity to seek employment while their children attend school. In September 2015 Father Norman MacPhee and Mary Aucoin toured the new community and witnessed the smiling faces of the families as they settled in to their new homes. Please consider a donation to your Diocesan Latin America Committee to assist in providing homes for the homeless of Tegucigalpa. Wanda Fedora Chair – Diocesan Committee for Latin America

**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.

**St. Andrew's Anglican Church** will sponsor a Fish Chowder Supper 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Mulgrave Fire Hall on Good Friday (March 25th). Eat in or Take Out: \$10.00. Includes roll, tea/coffee, and dessert.

**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 Guysborough Memorial Hospital Auxiliary's annual Easter bake sale** will be held on March 24th in the Guysborough Legion from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Anyone wanting to donate and has not been contacted can call Betty at (902) 533-2331.

**Please join: Community Policing Officer,** Cst Morgan MacPherson and Senior Safety Coordinator, Karen Armstrong for an informative session on how to safely navigate the roads March 14th, 2016 at 10am at the Havre Boucher Community Centre (Tea and Coffee will be served)

**The Annual National Catholic TV Mission 2016,** "Merciful Like the Father," with Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following dates/times: Salt + Light TV: Part 1: Tuesday, March 22 and Part 2: Wednesday, March 23rd at **9 p.m. and 1 a.m.** Vision TV: Part 1: Monday, March 21 and Part 2 on Tuesday, March 22 at **7 p.m. and 11 p.m.** To support the Mission or to get more information please call the National Catholic Broadcasting Council's toll-free number: 1-888- 383-6277

**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.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday, March 21, Mass of Chrism (blessing of Holy Oils, renewal of priestly commitment) 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, North Sydney. (All are welcome).**

**Tuesday, March 22, St. Paul's, Stations at 6:00 p.m. and Mass following**

**Wednesday, March 23, St. Lawrence, Stations at 6:00 p.m. and Mass following**

**Holy Thursday, (No funeral Masses are permitted from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday according to the ancient tradition of the Church)**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper (Jesus institutes the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and priesthood),**

St. Francis, 4:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence, 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's, 6:00 p.m.

**Good Friday (Passion of the Lord) Service (not Mass) at** St. Francis, 1:00 p.m.  
St. Lawrence, 3:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's, 3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, (The Church continues to mourn and pray at the tomb of the Lord, until...**

Easter Vigil, (Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection) St. Lawrence, 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul's, 8:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, (Resurrection of the Lord)** St. Francis, 9:00 a.m.  
St. Paul's **10:30 a.m.**

