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<u>Masses</u>	<u>Tuesday,</u>	December 1,	6:00 p.m.	Edward & Colleen DeGruchy	St. Paul's
	<u>Wednesday,</u>	December 2,	6:30 p.m.	Angus & Philomena O'Neill (NOTE CHANGE)	St. Lawrence
	<u>Thursday,</u>	December 3,	9:00 a.m.	Eldon Brow	St. Paul's
	<u>Friday,</u>	December 4,	9:00 a.m.	Russell Boucher	St. Paul's
	<u>Saturday,</u>	December 5,	11:00 a.m.	Winnie Pelrine	St. Paul's
			4:00 p.m.	Mary Ehler	St. Francis
			6:00 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving	St. Lawrence
	<u>Sunday,</u>	December 6,	10:00 a.m.	pro populo	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
November 25/26, 2017			
Sunday Collection	\$247.00	\$733.00	\$1315.00
Loose	\$0	\$58.20	\$92.25
Pastor's Dues			\$30.00
Cemetery Fund		\$200.00 IMO Don Williams	

December 9/10, 2017	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Anne Carter	Rose Turvey / Jean Grant
St. Lawrence	Carol / George	Kevin / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Ruthie Innis / Allana Mullaney	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

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.

Bible Study: Wednesday, December 6, **10:30** a.m. St. Paul's Church. We focus on the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. **All** are welcome.

St. Lawrence CWL Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, Mass at 6:30 p.m. Reminder to members we are going to dinner at the Maritime Inns, Port Hawkesbury at 7:00 p.m.

The Base of the Blessed Mother Statue: located in the Cemetery at St. Paul's, was in great need of repairs, a beautiful new marble base was installed last week from Arsenault Monuments. Take a look when driving by.

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.

2017-2018 Sunday Missals Your old Missal expired last Sunday, November 26, and the new one begins this Sunday, December 3 with the First Sunday of Advent. Cost \$5.00 each at Church entrance. (A friendly reminder to please pay for your Missal if you took one and did not pay for it at the time).

Prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of the late Colin Patrick Purcell, a former member of St. Lawrence Parish, Mulgrave. May he enjoy rest eternal with all who have gone before him and may peace come to all who mourn.

Glebe House Update: The old Glebe House has now been demolished and construction on the new Glebe House is now in progress. The basement foundation has been poured and the framing of the building will be well underway during the month of December and hopefully we are anticipating a completion date in the early spring of 2018. Pledge / contribution packages have been either delivered or mailed to all parishioners and to date we have received a very positive response from parishioners and we are anticipating that we will not only reach our pledge goal but that we will exceed the amount required so that our mortgage or loan will be kept to a small minimum. For those parishioners who are considering making a contribution towards this parish project please do so before the end of December so that your contribution will be included on your charitable tax receipt to be applied to your 2017 income tax return. To those who have made a contribution or pledge or are considering making a contribution or pledge, thank you for your generosity.

Christmas decorating at St. Lawrence Church - in keeping with liturgical guidelines we will decorate our church on the following dates: Sunday, December 3, 10 and 17, 2017. It will commence at 2:00 P. M. We encourage a large number of volunteers to assist with this timely effort as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah at Christmas here at St. Lawrence. Working together, let this be a time of joy and community as we praise God for his many gifts which he has bestowed on each one of us. Blessings.

Donations for Christmas Flowers at St. Lawrence Parish - you will find containers on the entrance tables for your donations. Thank you in advance for your sharing.

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. 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!

Christmas Flowers at St. Paul's: anyone who would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one(s) please write Christmas Flowers on an envelope and include a note of the person it is in memory of and the individual donating and names will be attached to bulletins sometime in January.

St. Paul's is asking for donations for needy families in our area, who are less fortunate than most of us. A box is located in the Foyer of the Church. Food donations and toys etc. are accepted. Please give generously to this Christmas Fundraiser and bring happiness to families in our own back yard. Thank you!

A Voice: Hear, Love, Follow An Advent Youth / Intergenerational Gathering Sunday, December 10, 2017, 2pm
St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury Come together to embrace the Advent Season. Prayer and activities catered for all ages.

Try Alpha Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. We Hope You Can Join Us: WHERE: St. Joseph Parish Hall. 138 Granville, Port Hawkesbury, NS WHEN: January 4, 2018 Evening begins with supper at 6:00pm Registration Deadline: Friday, December 29, 2017 For More Information or To Register: Contact St. Joseph Parish Office Phone: 902-625-1045 Email: st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca Check Out www.tryalpha.ca

The internationally-known biblical scholar, Dr Eileen Schuller. Will speak on "The Dead Sea Scrolls after Seventy Years: What Have We Learned?" Her lectures will take place in the Schwartz School of Business at St FX: on Mon. Oct. 2 at 7:30 pm in Room 205, and on Tues. Oct. 3 at 7:30 pm in Room 156. These are the 2017-18 Christian Culture Lectures at St. Francis Xavier University.

Lights of Love Christmas Campaign, 2017 Celebrating our 20th Year! Join the celebration this year by helping the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home light up their tree with bulbs dedicated to love. You can dedicate a bulb in memory of a deceased loved one, or honour someone presently in your life. Money raised will be used to support Phase 2 of the construction of the "Dementia-Friendly, Healing and Sensory Garden" project. This central courtyard garden will provide a serene, safe, and accessible space, where residents can have that vital connection to nature. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, and are not already on our mailing list, please call the R K Foundation office, and leave your mailing address- 902-863-2578, ext. 223. **Please join us for our 20th Dedication Ceremony in the R.K. MacDonald chapel on Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m.**

The gift shop at the Shrine in Mabou will open up for two days only for a Christmas Shopping Sale. All merchandise in stock will be 50% OFF on Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. For inquiries please call 902-945-2221

"Havre Boucher Community Christmas Social" Come one come all!! Sunday December 10th from 11 until 1 there will be crafts for children, Selfie "Elfie" Booth, cookies, sweets, coffee, tea and refreshments for everyone to sit and enjoy and there will be vendors with craft and baked goods. "Christmas is a season of meaning and traditions, a special time spent in the warm circle of family and friends" Come be a part of our circle :)

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

