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

Passion (Palm Sunday) March 19/20, 2016

Masses 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, Philip Baldwin St. Paul's 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23, Veronica Brow St. Paul's 6:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday, March 24, (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)
 Frank & Anela O'Neil St. Paul's 6:00 p.m. (Fr. Allan)
 Deceased members of Hogan Family St. Lawrence 6:00 p.m. (Fr. Bill)

Good Friday, March 25, Passion of the Lord St. Paul's 3:00 p.m. (Fr. Allan)
 St. Lawrence 3:00 p.m. (Fr. Bill)

Holy Saturday, (The Church continues to mourn and pray at the tomb of the Lord, until...)
Easter Vigil, (Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection)
 Alicia MacLean St. Lawrence, 8:00 p.m. (Fr. Bill Crispo presiding)

Easter Sunday, (Resurrection of the Lord) pro populo St. Francis, 9:00 a.m. (Fr. Allan)
 Joseph X. DeCoste St. Paul's, 10:30 a.m. (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 12/13	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Weekly Collection	\$268.00	\$575.00	\$1,112.00
Loose	\$35.00	\$2.00	\$67.70
Pastor's Dues			\$91.00
Share Lent/Dev. & Peace	\$83.00	\$114.00	\$775.00
Fuel			

March 26/27, 2016	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Betty Kavanagh	Anne Carter / Ruby Ehler
St. Lawrence		
St. Paul's	Yvonne Sampson Hugh O'Neill	Cyril Campbell / Tammy Breen / Anne Marie Meagher

Bible Study: No Bible Study this week

Novena of Divine Mercy: begins on Good Friday and ends with Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 3-4 p.m. at St. Paul's Church in Havre Boucher.

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

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

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.

Religious Education: Classes will finish up at St. Lawrence on Saturday, March 19 with Last Class and Closing Mass with the exception of the First Communion and Reconciliation Class. Palm Sunday, March 20th, will be Closing Mass and Last Classes for Sunday group and Last Classes for Monday group on Monday, March 21st, with the exception of the First Communion Class. I would like to thank all Catechists for their time and dedication in instruction the youth of our Parishes this year. God Bless you all!

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.

"Join us at St. Louis Parish Church in Louisdale for our musical, reflective, dramatization of The Way of the Cross.

Following the success of last year's production, this year there will be two performances, one on Wednesday, March 23, and one on Good Friday, March 25, both at 8 pm. Admission is free however there will be a collection afterwards to help defray the costs. This is a powerful and moving evening for everyone involved, bringing us a deeper understanding of the suffering of our Lord during his Passion."

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.divinotoronto.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 memaacdougall@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.

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.

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.

119th Young Women's Challenge Weekend The Challenge Is an action packed weekend put together for young adults who are in high school. It is offered to young women between the ages of 15-19 years. It begins at 6:30 on Friday evening and ends on Sunday around 5:00pm. The weekend is run by teammates of the same age group as well as several adults. They make preparations, spend the weekend with you, and do the cooking, cleanup and whatever else is necessary. Also taking part in weekend includes a priest and/ or a sister. Several talks are given and deal with topics such as Marriage; approach to adulthood, Christian Service, the reality of Christ in our lives, sacraments, sexuality, etc. The theme of the weekend is the message of Joy, Love, and the Spirit of God. Fun and recreation are part of the weekend, especially during skits, jokes and singsongs. a weekend you will not regret making. Location Camp Breton Dean, Mira Contact Michelle Bennett 736-3569 or Rosalind Forrest 736-3797 Shannon Brown 371-2358

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 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.

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

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.

