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**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**December 29/30, 2018**

**Scripture Readings This Sunday:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Hannah offers her only child, Samuel, as a gift to the Lord  
 Psalm 84: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord  
 Colossians 3:12-17 Living as a family and a Community  
 Luke 2:41-52 Jesus' parents find him in the temple

**Masses:** **Monday, December 31,** (Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God) Sherman & Larry Pettipas 4:00 p.m. St. Francis  
 Kenneth Wood 6:00 p.m. St. Lawrence  
**Tuesday, January 1,** 2019 (Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God) pro populo 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's

(**Note:** The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, **is a holy day of obligation.** That means it is like a Sunday and Catholics are obligated to celebrate Mass that day, assuming they are physically and mentally able to be present at church.)

<b>Wednesday, January 2,</b>	No Mass		
<b>Thursday, January 3,</b>	Betty Brow	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
<b>Friday, January 4,</b>	Andy Fougere	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
<b>Saturday, January 5,</b>	Carl DeCoste	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
	pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
	Lewis England	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
<b>Sunday, January 6,</b>	Edward O'Neill & deceased family members	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

**Pastor's Christmas Message:** A multitude of angels proclaims to the shepherds "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours. Heaven rejoices because God favours you, fellow Christian! God has taken on our human nature in Christ Jesus his Son to break through that wall of pride, human arrogance and disbelief that we have built. God has lowered himself to become one of his own human creatures to lead us back to his grace and glory. Rejoice this Christmas, and always, O Christian. God has entered our world. ~ Fr. Allan

**Thank you:** to everyone who gave me cards, monetary gifts, gift cards, food, clothing and other gifts this Christmas. I am sincerely grateful. ~ Fr. Allan

Weekly Collection Dec 22/23 & 24/25 2018	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Collection Dec. 22/23	\$290.00	\$1120.00	\$1640.00
Loose	\$10.00	\$0	\$49.00
Pastor's Dues			\$110.00
Christmas Offering Dec. 24/25	\$375.00	\$2485.00	\$2350.00
Loose	\$137.75	\$353.60	\$302.00
Parish donation		\$20.00 Building Fund	\$25.00 IMO Joe & Betty McKeough
Cemetery Fund		\$50.00 IMO Rolston Brophy	\$379.40 IMO / Nelson Melong \$100.00 Dolly & Wilfred Fougere \$100.00 Private Donation
Christmas Flowers			\$620.00

January 5/6	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
St. Francis	Jeanine	Anne
St. Lawrence	Allison / George	Beryl / Ruth / Charlie
St. Paul's	Lou & Dianne Kupczyk	Lynn Whalen / Debbie White / Estrella Melong

**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.

**Bible Study:** No Bible Study this Wednesday, January 2.

**The 2019 Envelopes** are now available at the entrance of each of our churches, they are in alphabetical order. It is very important that these envelopes aren't used until the New Year. People's numbers have changed and if envelopes are used earlier than they should, credit for that envelope goes to the previous owner. Please put your name and full address on the first few envelopes to verify you and your envelope number. If we missed you or you would like to begin using envelopes, please speak to Fr. Allan

2018-2019 Sunday Missals: For sale at Church entrance, \$5.00 per book. There is a limited supply still available

Catholic Faith Calendars for 2019 are on sale (\$2.00) at the entrance of the Church. These calendars contain lots of valuable information about the Catholic Faith.

**Thank you!** The family of the late Barbara Ida Breen, would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who were so kind during the loss of our family member. To those who sent messages, phone calls, sympathy cards, food, donations & mass cards. To all those who participated in the funeral service, Green's funeral service, Fr. MacPhie, Deacon Berkley Guthro, the choir, readers, pall bearers, gift bearers, servers, and Eucharistic ministers, and to the ladies who provided the beautiful luncheon. Once again thank you for your support & kindness!

*From Brent & Brad McKinnon & the Breen family!*

**Baptisms:** **Abigail Elizabeth Harb**, infant daughter of Michael and Cora Harb, Dartmouth and **Rory Janine Coleman** infant daughter of Mitchell & Jillian Coleman, Calgary Alberta, will be baptized this Saturday, December 29 at St. Lawrence Church.

**Riggs Vince Jordan**, infant son of Graham and Kaitlin DeCoste, Antigonish; and **Kennedy Annabelle**, infant daughter of Daniel and Amy Mattie, Havre Boucher, will be baptized at St. Paul's Church this Sunday, December 30. May they become the true disciple of Christ they are called to be, with their parents and godparents teaching them by word and example.

**Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year!** As we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we wish you and all your parishioners the blessings of Christmas which bring peace, joy, good health, and the everlasting love of God. We wish also to thank you and all those who have supported the Bishop's call to save the Monastery. May our loving God, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, keep all of you in his care, guidance, and protection.

*Sincerely Mother Gloria, OSA & the Augustinian Nuns*

**Strait Area Food Bank donations** from the Parish of St. Lawrence, Mulgrave may be left in the food bank box at the church entrance. Your donations of food items are much appreciated as winter nears with demands for money for fuel, food and medications is a great burden for those souls less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your giving, God will reward the generous heart. Blessings.

**As announced last week, all wishing to donate to the Augustinian Sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery** to help them buy the monastery and property can make the cheque out to **Augustinian Contemplative Nuns Society**. Please include your address for income tax receipts. Thank you for your generosity.

**Missing Information:** When we record information for First Communion, we require the **date** and **place** of Baptism. The following children received First Communion at St. Lawrence Church in recent years, but were baptized elsewhere, and I need both their **date of Baptism** and **church and location of Baptism**: William Gilbert; Chloe Alexandria McKeough (F.C., April 20, 2013); Cody Ashton Peebles (F.C., May 31, 2014); Miranda Mercedes Fitzpatrick; Justeen McKeough (F.C., April 25, 2015); Vada Jane Brophy (age also needed) (F.C., April 9, 2016).

**Alpha at St. Joseph's Port Hawkesbury**, Thursday nights, 6-7:30pm, in the Parish Hall. A meal, video and discussion. Register by calling 902-625-1045, or email [st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca). Tentative start date is January 11.

**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 **St. Paul's Parish Basement**. Meetings last for approximately one hour. Anonymity is stressed.

**"Chase the Ace"** Havre Boucher Community Centre, on Friday, from 7 to 9 PM

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

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

**Have a Blessed New Year!**