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This Sunday's Readings Jeremiah 31:7-9 I am going to bring my people home-both those who are blind and those who are lame.

Responsorial Psalm 126 R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. **Hebrews 5:1-6** You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek **Mark 10:46-52** My teacher, let me see again.

Masses: Tuesday, October 26, - Sunday, October 31

Tuesday,	October 26 th ,	Winnie & Lester DeGruchy	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	October 27 th ,	Ruth Mattie	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	October 28 th ,	Berky Melong	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	October 29 th ,	Emma Pettipas	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	October 30 th ,	Thelma Crispo	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	October 31 st ,	Hubert DeCoste	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

<u>Today is World Mission Sunday.</u> Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in this special event. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionaries who have a role to play in spreading the message of the Gospel. We are being sent to be witnesses to what we have seen and heard, through prayer and personal sacrifices, for our brothers and in sisters around the world.

\$40 helps support a catechist for a month in remote areas of the missions

\$80 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

\$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in the Amazon, Africa, and Asia.

The financial assistance that you offer today, o World Mission Sunday, will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His love, healing, and peace. As always your prayers are your most treasured gift to the missions. Thank you for participating with your prayers and donations on this World Mission Sunday.

Weekly Collection Oct. 16/17, 2021	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Sunday Offering	\$250.00	\$725.00	\$1095.00
Loose	\$30.00	\$0	\$5.00
Pastor's Dues			\$40.00
Fuel		\$120.00	
Cemetery Fund IMO Elizabeth Breen			\$150.00
Evangelization of Nations	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$238.00

<u>Phase 5:</u> began in Nova Scotia this week, October 4th. <u>Masks</u> are still mandatory in our Churches and halls. We can sing, but must do so wearing masks. Our Church services are now deemed essential by the government. Gathering limits, physical distancing, and contact tracing are no longer required. <u>Proof of vaccination</u> is not required for regular Sunday and weekday Masses, but is required for funeral Masses and Weddings; non-essential church gatherings (meetings, receptions in Church halls, or non-church buildings, and for wakes). Sanitizing stations will be provided as usual. We will not share the chalice or the sign of peace for now. At Communion time, <u>those receiving the Host on the tongue should be the LAST ones to receive, and ONLY from the priest.</u> On October 13th Dr. Strang revised his restrictions on funerals to allow a business Or "faith organization", i.e., a church, to host a funeral service outside of the Proof of Vaccine Protocol if it adheres to the following a) a maximum of 25 persons (excluding officiant and funeral home staff);

- b) all persons in attendance wear a mask at the funeral service, both indoors and outdoors;
- $c) \ all \ persons \ (staff \ and \ attendees) \ who \ are \ unwell \ do \ not \ attend \ the \ funeral \ service; \ and$
- d) any business or organization that host a funeral service outside the parameters set out sections (a) to (d) must adhere to the POV Protocol. This change applies only to funeral services and not the visitation or reception. It also does not apply to wedding services.

<u>FREE MOBILE FLU SHOT CLINIC:</u> Thursday, October 28th 11:30 am-12pm @ Havre Boucher Seniors Complex (residents only) <u>12pm-5pm</u> @ Havre Boucher Community Centre Parking Lot. Thursday, <u>November 4th</u> 10am-2pm @ Auld's Cove Fire Hall Parking Lot. Bring your health card, First come first served, Everyone Welcome

<u>Funeral Receptions</u>: St. Lawrence CWL has decided to postpone holding Funeral Receptions until April 1, 2022, due to Covid Regulations and the lack of volunteers. We will reassess on April 1, 2022. If anyone would like to go on a list of volunteers to assist us, please call Jessie Guthro at 902-625-1617.

<u>MMI Contracting:</u> has been hired to replace the asphalt shingles at St. Paul's Church with shingles of the same color at a cost of \$33,206.25. Work will begin when the shingles arrive. If you wish to contribute above and beyond your usual contribution to help this project, please put your donation in envelope # and stating <u>"St. Paul's Roof Fund".</u> Thank you.

St. Lawrence Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, October 28, at 10:30 am, at St. Lawrence Church. Please provide your Proof of Vaccination card/sheet as this is a "non-essential meeting."

<u>Communion calls:</u> With the lifting of COVID – 19 restrictions, I have resumed First Friday (or Thursday) Communion Calls. If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion monthly by the pastor, please call me at 902-234-2387. ~ *Fr. Allan*

<u>Marriage Preparation</u>: If you are a married couple under the age of 45, and are interested in helping to teach a marriage course (with other married people) to couples preparing for marriage in our area, please speak to Fr. Allan.

<u>Church Volunteers for Church Synod Needed:</u> Pope Francis has called for a Synod (meaning an assembly or gathering) of the Church. The purpose of this synod is to listen to one another and discern the will of the Holy Spirit for the Church. The name of the Synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." The diocesan phase of the Synod begins Sunday, October 17th, 2021. We need volunteers - "point persons" from each parish to oversee the volunteers who will be needed. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Allan.

<u>Although All Souls Day</u> is on Tuesday, November 2nd, according to our custom in the last decade and longer, we will remember the faithful departed of our parishes who died this past year and/or who were buried this past year. <u>This</u> <u>commemoration will take place at the three masses next weekend, October 30-31.</u> As the name of the deceased person is read aloud a family member or friend will come up before the altar to light a candle. Those who died and/or were buried in the past are

St. Francis of Assisi: James Roy Ehler, died April 10, 2021;

Patricia Lucille Grady, died May 3, 2021;

Blair Austin Richardson, died April 16, 2021;

Ronald Carl Haywood, died January 12, 2021 (buried Aug. 7, 2021).

St. Lawrence: Ronald Bernard Behie, died February 8, 2021;

Donna Darlene England, died January 20, 2021;

<u>Daryll Patrick Ley</u> (Protestant), died February 14, 2021;

Margaret Anne Boyle, died May 12, 2021;

Michael Alexander McKinnon, died May 17, 2021;

Leonard Daniel MacDonald, died October 6, 2021

St. Paul's: Agnes Gertrude Fougere, died January 21, 2021;

Dennis Patrick Kelly, died January 31, 2021;

Gladys Robina Brow, died April 19, 2021;

Fortunat Joseph Morais, died July 27, 2021;

Benjamin Edward Pelrine, died January 11, 2020 and buried August 28, 2021;

Elizabeth Anne Breen, died September 11th, 2021;

Raymond Brow, died April 5, 2020 and buried September 18, 2021;

Imelda Catherine Benoit, died January 8, 2021 and buried September 18, 2021;

Kenneth Damien Fougere, died October 5, 2021.

Fr. Greg MacLeod Lecture Series The legacy of the Indian Residential School System: How did we get ourselves in this situation? By Dr. Scott Hamilton Who conducted research on behalf of the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission* addressing the location and nature of cemeteries and burial places associated with the schools. Dr. Scott Hamilton is a professor of Anthropology at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. He specializes in northern Plains and Subarctic Indigenous archaeology, the fur trade and ethno history. Tuesday, Oct. 26th, 2021, 7:30 pm Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/6807403604 Meeting ID: 680 740 3604

ANTIGONISH DIOCESAN SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual Diocesan Meeting of the Antigonish Diocesan Society will take place in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, located in the basement of St. Joseph's Church in Port Hawkesbury on Sunday, October 24th, 2021 at 2:30 pm. The Antigonish Diocesan Society was formed in 1942 with the help of the Knights of Columbus of the various Councils within the Diocese to provide financial assistance to young men wishing to study for the Priesthood. Since that time, the Society has helped hundreds of young men, by providing thousands of dollars for their Priestly Training. At the present time, the Diocese of Antigonish have two seminarians. David Rankin, a native of Mabou Inverness County is completing his Pastoral Year at St. John' the Baptist Parish in New Glasgow, where Fr. Tom is the Pastor. The second seminarian is Joe MacMaster, a native of Troy Inverness County, who has begun his first year of studies in St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Please keep David and Joe in your prayers, as you continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

HAVRE BOUCHER VETERANS' ASSOCIATION: Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions and protocols currently directed by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Havre Boucher Veterans' Association has reluctantly decided to alter, (for the second and hopefully last time), our regular Remembrance Day ceremony from the usual church and cenotaph services, laying of wreaths and luncheon. The Association has decided that our regular public service will be replaced by a simple private ceremony to remember and honour our veterans. The ceremony on November 7, 2021 will involve members of the HB Veterans' Association only. The general public can still buy a wreath @ \$50.00 or a cross @ \$45.00. In addition, for the general public, one or two additional large wreaths will be laid in memory of, (IMO), their family members who served and died. To cover the cost of these wreaths name tags only will be sold for a \$5.00 donation each and these name tags will be placed on one of the wreaths. It will be up to individual(s) to pick up their wreaths at Brian Melong's residence and the individual(s) will have the choice to either lay the wreath at the cenotaph or graveyard at their discretion on or before November 11th. If requested, the Association will lay individual wreaths at the simple private ceremony. The deadline for ordering wreaths is October 26th and must be paid in advance by cheque or cash, and mailed or dropped off to either the Treasurer, Lou Kupczyk, 103 Don Wells Road, Cape Jack NS B0H 1P0 or Chairman, Brian Melong, 305 New Road, Havre Boucher NS B0H 1P0. Again, a third option would be to etransfer funds to Brian Melong at the following address: jbm195422@gmail.com.