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This Sunday's Readings *Isaiah 62:1-5 The bridegroom will rejoice over the bride.*
Responsorial Psalm 96, R. Declare the marvelous works of the Lord among all the peoples.
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 One and the same Spirit allots these gifts to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.
John 2:1-12 Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated every Saturday, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (unless it is cancelled for a funeral, etc.) and before Mass on Saturdays at St. Francis and St. Lawrence Churches. If you would like to receive Reconciliation at a different time, please phone Fr. Allan at 902 234-2387 to set up an appointment.

Masses: Masses: Tuesday, January 18 - Sunday - January 23

Tuesday,	January 18,	Tony DeCoste	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	January 19,	People on "Forever in Our Hearts Tree"	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	January 20,	Mass of Thanksgiving	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	January 21,	Leonard DeCoste	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	January 22,	Ben Pelrine	11:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Colin & Rose Turvey 61 st Anniversary	4:00 p.m.	St. Francis
		pro populo	6:00 p.m.	St. Lawrence
Sunday,	January 23,	pro populo	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul's
		Billy and Hubert DeCoste	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection	January 8/9, 2021	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Christmas Offering		\$200.00	\$370.00	\$ 20.00
Sunday Offering				\$ 1040.00
New Year's Day			\$20.00	\$ 60.00
Loose				
Pastor's Dues				\$ 80.00
Cemetery Fund			\$400.00 \$100.00 IMO Clem Lee	\$400.00 IMO Inez Pettipas \$ 60.00 IMO Dorothy Melong \$ 30.00 IMO Wilfred Landry
Christmas Flowers				\$ 20.00
Roof Fund				
Initial Offering		\$ 5.00	\$15.00	\$ 55.00
Parish Donation			\$100.00	

St. Lawrence Parishioners: 1. Please consider nominating people for parish council. Nominees should be regular Church goers Forms at church entrance. Please give them to Fr. Allan.
 2. Please enter and exit by the side doors where you can hold the railings.
 3. We need able-bodied, healthy people to shovel the front steps before Saturday evening Mass, for funeral Masses and at other necessary times. Please speak to Fr. Allan or George Freer if you can help.

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

Hospital Visitation: St. Martha's Hospital is not allowing any casual visits by anyone, including clergy unless it is an emergency. Clergy have to make an appointment through the pastoral care department to see a patient. I am unsure about the restrictions on visitation by clergy at the Strait Regional and Guysborough hospitals. ~Fr. Allan

St. Paul's Church Roof Fund: The cost of our new roof was \$33,206.25, a significant hit to our operating fund. If you wish to contribute above and beyond your usual contribution, please put your donation in an envelope with your name, envelope number, and marked Roof Fund. Thank you!

The New Sunday Missals 2021-2022 on sale at Church entrance. The cost is \$5.00 each.

Church Synod: Listening Church Pray Connect Share Your Story The Synod is an invitation from Pope Francis for us to journey together in conversation about our faith, our church, and the future. We are invited to engage as parishes, families, individuals and community groups - reflecting, discussing, and sharing our experiences, thoughts, and views. Our website has information, including the Synod questions, to help launch your journey.
www.antigonishdiocese.com/ListeningChurch

Church collection envelopes for the year **2022** are now available for pickup. **PLEASE** use these envelopes starting **January 1, 2022**. **DO NOT** use the 2022 envelopes in December 2021. If you do not see your name on a 2022 envelope collection package, please pick up a package that has no name on it. For receipting proposes, when using the 2022 church envelopes, please put your name on these envelopes for the first few weeks in January so that we can record your donations correctly on the financial records of the Parish. The COVID 19 pandemic has had a major financial impact on the collection of Sunday offerings, cemetery offerings, other offerings, and donations throughout this year. These funds are needed to pay for the general operations of St. Paul's Parish, and with major expenditures made or committed during the year (furnace and roof repair), Parish funds are being depleted. In order to remain a viable Parish, St. Paul's Parish needs the support of all parishioners to remain financially viable and in good standing with the Diocese of Antigonish. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

COVID – 19 Laws (simplified) Some items have changed 2, 5, 7, and 9.

1. Masks are mandatory in our churches and Church halls. The mask must cover your mouth and nose. Readers are exempt
2. Singing is forbidden except for one soloist.
3. Proof of double vaccination for the COVID – 19 virus is not required for Sunday Masses and weekday Masses and weekday Masses. **Regular worship** is deemed **essential!**
4. Proof of double vaccination is required for funeral liturgies, weddings, baptisms, parish council and other meetings, bible study, Holy Hours, retreats or missions, community meals / potlucks and fundraisers. Rental of our parish halls, for events like wedding receptions, Christmas fairs and workshops, etc. require proof of vaccination.
5. **Funeral liturgies** without proof of double vaccination may take place under the following rules.
 - a. maximum of **10** persons plus officiant and funeral home staff.
 - b. all present must **wear a mask** indoors and outdoors, and must **social distance**.
 - c. **no one** who is unwell may attend.
 - d. a reception after the funeral or wedding requires proof of double vaccination.
6. There are no exemptions from proof of vaccination for people entering Nova Scotia to attend a funeral or wedding. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arriving must self – isolate for at least 7 days and get 2 negative tests in Nova Scotia in order to stop self-isolating.
7. For Holy Communion, everyone must receive the Host in the hand or in a pyx. There is no receiving on the tongue until further notice. .
8. We will not be sharing the Chalice or the Sign of Peace for the foreseeable future, until it is safe.
9. Social distancing of 6 feet is in effect. The new limits on the number of people allowed are 50 people for St. Paul's and St. Lawrence churches; 34 for St. Francis of Assisi.

Religious Ed. Classes will begin this Sunday January 16th. Due to the increased cases of Covid some teachers have decided to do their classes online. Grades 1, 3, 5, 6, will be online. Grades 2, 4, and 7-10 will be in person, until it may become unsafe to gather. If this should happen, we will decide what we should do. Grade 7 Class will now be on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. There will be a short meeting after class for the **Grade 7** parents/guardians only, to discuss how the remainder of this year's class sessions will go.

Right to Life

January is membership month for Antigonish Right to Life, a local educational pro-life organization working to promote the respect for all human life in the Antigonish area. Individuals are invited to help support and enhance these efforts by contributing a membership fee of \$10 (or more, where possible). You may take out a membership by completing the form below and returning by mail or dropping off at: Antigonish Right to Life, 27 St. Andrew's St., Antigonish, NS B2G 2G9.

NAME _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

TAX RECEIPT REQUIRED ____ YES ____ NO