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This Sunday's Readings *Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7 Here is my chosen servant in whom my soul delights.
Responsorial Psalm 29 R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Acts 10:34-38 The Lord anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 When Jesus had been baptized and was praying the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him.*

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 11-Sunday - January 16

Tuesday,	January 11,	Beatrice MacDonald	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Wednesday,	January 12,	Special Intention (sick family member	6:00 p.m.	St. Paul's
Thursday,	January 13,	Beatrice Bennett (living)	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Friday,	January 14,	Anthony Green (living)	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul's
Saturday,	January 15,	Judy & Tory Andrews 50 th Anniversary	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 16,	pro populo	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul's
		pro populo	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's

Weekly Collection	January 1/2, 2021	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul's
Christmas Offering		\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 790.00
Sunday Offering		\$ 245.00	\$ 1590.00	\$ 1600.00
New Year's Day		\$ 225.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 520.00
Loose			\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00
Pastor's Dues				\$ 345.00
Cemetery Fund		\$400.00 for 2 plots		\$ 520.00 / \$20.00 IMO Dorothy Melong
Missals				\$ 20.00
Christmas Flowers				\$ 50.00
Roof Fund				\$ 340.00
Initial Offering		\$ 115.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 230.00
Donations to Parish				\$ 400.00

St. Lawrence Church: A white envelope was placed in collection containing \$50.00 with no name or number on the envelope if you like to claim it on your income tax, please phone Mary MacAskill at 902-747-2203 otherwise it will remain anonymous.

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 Volunteers for Church Synod Needed: 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.

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 not begin until next week January 16/17 Due to Covid some teachers have decided to do their classes on line. Grade 1, 3, 5, 6, will be on-line. Grades 4 and 2, and 7-10 will be in person.

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