

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 6/7, 2010

“My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone”. (Psalm 25. 15-16)

Masses: March 9-14

Tuesday,	March 9,	Arthur Diggins	St. Lawrence Church	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday,	March 10,	Wallace Landry	St. Paul	6:30 p.m.
Thursday,	March 11,	Stuart Brow	(Stations 6 p.m.) St. Paul	6:30 p.m.
Friday,	March 12,	Mary Sampson	St. Paul	9:00 a.m.
Saturday,	March 13,	Lewie Chisholm	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
		pro populo	St. Lawrence	6:00 p.m.
Sunday,	March 14,	Seward & Bradley Fougere	St. Paul	10:00 a.m.
Sunday,	March 14,	Rita DeCoste	R.K. MacDonald	3:00 p.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul’s Church, (after Mass). The readings for the coming Sunday will be examined. Please bring your missal.

Fr. Allan will be available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (confession) after Mass this Thursday at St. Paul’s.

Prayers & Sympathy: to the family and friends of the late Anela O’Neil of St. Lawrence Parish, The funeral will take place at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 8, at St. Lawrence Church. Mulgrave. May she enjoy rest eternal with our God and may Christ comfort all who mourn.

Weekly Collection February 27/28	St. Francis	St. Lawrence	St. Paul
Sunday Offerings	\$235.00	\$907.93	\$1604.01
Children’s Fund			\$20.29
Share Lent		\$20.00	
Cemetery Fund		\$10.00	

March 13/14

Lectors:

St. Francis	Betty Kavanaugh
St. Lawrence	Lorraine Henry / Berkley Guthro
St. Paul:	Linda Arsenault / Garth Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers:

St. Francis:	Edith C. / Florence C.
St. Lawrence:	Linda DeCoste
St. Paul:	Claire Bennett / Mary Pettipas / Ann DeCoste

There was a mistake in last week’s bulletin. The Legal Settlement Calculation for St. Lawrence Parish should read:

St. Lawrence:	Balance on Bank Statements, February 28, 2009: \$29,780.72
	<u>Less:</u> Outstanding cheques as of February 1, 2009: \$617.60
	Unpaid Bills of February 1, 2010 \$44,371.99
	Cemetery Funds \$4, 684.89
	Cash to remain in parish \$10,000.00
	Total amount to be remitted to Settlement Trust Account 0.00

Altar Servers Meetings: General Meeting, this Sunday **March 7**, following Mass at 11 a.m. in the Church and on Wednesday, **March 24th**, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Holy Week and Easter. All Altar Servers are encouraged to attend. Thank you

St. Lawrence Parish will be hosting a Breakfast & Bake Sale in aid of the St. Lawrence Parish Building Fund on Sunday, March 14th from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. upstairs at the Mulgrave Fire Hall. The breakfast includes ham, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast and an assortment of muffins and biscuits. The cost of the breakfast is \$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children. Hope to see you there!!

Thank You!: We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent bottle drive and breakfast for us. All the help, hard work and donations were greatly appreciated in aiding us during this difficult time. It is amazing to us how selfless the community can be when one of our own is in need. Your acts will be remembered by our family, always.

Chad Joanne, Cody, Rylan, & Gracie

Under the Direction of Marian Snair, St. Paul's Parish will once again be presenting **The Way of the Cross** on Wednesday, **March 31st at 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

St. Paul's Reconciliation: Saturday, March 6, 16 children from the year 4 program received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We congratulate them and pray that they will always have forgiveness in their hearts.

Confirmation & Encounters Canada in Ottawa: three of our recent confirmation candidates from St. Lawrence Parish will be learning life skills which will help them to share their gifts with all of God's people. Hollie Grady, Reilly Mooring and Clayton Blagdon will participate in topics such as science, technology, journalism and communication at Encounters Canada. All of this takes place over a five day period during February and March at the Terry Fox Centre in Ottawa. Blessings to all three and their parents.

"Income Tax – the Volunteer Income Tax Program": is again being offered to those who need help with or their taxes prepared. Call Patricia Shea 234-3054 for more information. This service is free of charge.

St. Patrick's Tea and Sale: Join us for the annual St. Patrick's Day Tea and Sale to be held Saturday, March 13, at St. Ninian's Place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. This fundraiser for Antigonish Right to Life features Irish fun for all ages including numerous children's game, cake walk, bake table, used books table, toy and good-used items sale, craft table, silent auction, prizes and a chance to unwind over tea. Admission is free, tea tickets are \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Donations of used items can be dropped off Friday night and baked goods will be collected on Saturday morning. For information call 863-3873.

Atlantic Marian Gathering presents "Mary, Cause of Our Joy" October 16-17, 2010 at the Murphy Community Centre, Charlottetown, PEI. Keynote speakers for the event will be Fr. Dwight Longenecker and Janice T. Connell. More information coming soon!

Directed Retreat: Friday, March 19, 2010 (beginning 7:30 p.m.) to Sunday, March 21 (ending at 1:45 p.m.), Renewal Centre, Mabou. Cost: \$170.00. Application forms available from Fr. Allan.

Development and Peace: The Bishops of Canada endorse the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. Each Lent, in co-operation with other churches, they continue to bring the needs of the Third World before the people of our country and encourage all to respond to God's generosity by supporting the works of CCOPD. On the 5th Sunday in Lent, a collection is taken up for developing countries. Christians are urged to share their goods with others and thus express in a concrete way their desire to come closer to God and all God's children as a result of their Lenten efforts. The offering should reflect the money saved through penitential fasting and set aside for God's people.

Weekend of Grace – The Weekend of Grace is pleased to announce, by popular demand, the return of Patti Gallagher Mansfield, as keynote speaker, April 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2010, at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS. Early bird registration is now open and sell-out is expected again. Please register today by to avoid disappointment. The Weekend of Grace is an annual, regional conference for Catholic woman. Call (902) 443-1330 or visit www.weekendofgrace.com \$165.00.

The Diocesan Faith Development and Ministry Program: is now accepting applications for a new class. This is a three year program held on one weekend a month whereby parishioners can not only get a lot of answers to their questions but, also grow in their faith and develop skills for ministry in their Pastoral Unit. There are quite a few parishioners across the diocese who have already gone through this program. They have enjoyed it and many are now involved in their parishes. The Program offers such courses as Scripture, Morality, History, Spirituality, Adult Religious Education, Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Modern Church Issues and so much more. If you are touched by the idea of growing with your fellow parishioners, then give a call to Fr. Bedford Doucette at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 539-6188 ext. 235 or Bernadette MacDonald at 783-2744 or look at the web page www.antigonishdiocese.com. Applications must be submitted by April 01/10.

Anyone wishing to place a notice in the bulletin please email: mary_florence47@hotmail.com or phone 234-3118 before 12 noon on Friday.

