



Parish News

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	(28 May)	4:00 p.m. in Giant's Lake 6:30 p.m. in Heatherton (the late Martin Brophy)
Sunday	(29 May)	9:00 a.m. in Heatherton 10.30 a.m. in St. Andrews

Tri-Parish Committee Meetings Update May 21 2016

This committee is comprised of representation covering parishes of, Heatherton, Pomquet and St. Andrews. We commenced meeting in 2015 regarding general activity towards working together. On February 02, 2016 our 3 parish council presidents along with Father Gary and Father Andrew met to work on establishing a more focused group in anticipation of the expected formal joining of above parishes with one pastor thus creating a larger Christian Community. The new group members are: Ed Mac Donald and Sadie Benoit from Heatherton (one member resigned, new member needed) Henry VandeWiel, Marie Feltmate and Linda MacDonald from St. Andrews, Leo van Berkel, Karen Rennie and Jennifer MacDonald from Pomquet, along with Fathers Andrew Boyd and Gary MacPherson. Except for Father Andrew the remaining members are committed to continue to meet for 1 year addressing issues of concern for all 3 parishes. The committee makeup will be revisited then. Individual Parish Pastoral Councils will carry on for the foreseeable future with respective parish activities.

We held 5 meetings with very lively discussions on many topics. We initially narrowed these down to the following main concerns; mass schedule, cost sharing, glebe location, office location and anticipated staffing. There are many others to be vetted in future. It is also important to realize these main topics are of major concern to all parishioners and narrowing these down to where we came to decisions was challenging. The following 3 decisions have been ironed out.

First: Mass Schedule:

The decision is to have mass schedule set for 1 year and then revisit.

Pomquet - Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Heatherton - Sunday 9:00 A.M.

St .Andrews – Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Periodic special masses will be celebrated in Afton and Giants Lake.

Please note this Mass schedule will begin weekend of July 2nd and 3rd.

Second: Cost Sharing:

Each Parish will have their own bank account to cover their respective operating costs. Should a parishioner from 1 parish attend mass at one of the other parishes their Sunday collection envelope can be placed there and this contribution will be transferred to their own parish account.

A common joint account will be set up to handle shared expenses. Each parish will contribute their share based on their leviable income as established by The Diocese annually.

Third: Glebe location:

The Glebe house will be in St. Andrews where Father Gary will reside.

We are continuing to work diligently on office location and staffing. We all understand these changes are not easy; however, we are all doing our best to come to workable solutions in light of the changing environment. We ask for your prayerful support and patient understanding as we move forward.

We invite you to join us for the **last official Mass** at St. Francis DeSales Church in Giant's Lake on **Sunday, June 26, 2016** at 4pm. A Social to follow the Mass and Concert to follow the Social. All are welcome. A meeting will be held Saturday May 28th following the mass to plan the final mass in Giants Lake.

Notice to all eligible Confirmation Candidates: the sacrament of Confirmation for our parishes will take place at Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton on Thursday, November 17, 2016. Our journey begins with a meeting for all eligible candidates and their parents on **Sunday, May 29th**. Please choose the most convenient time for you: St Andrews-immediately after 10:30 Mass in the church; Heatherton- 7pm in the church. Registration forms and information

The Roman Catholic
Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,
St. Andrews**

**St. Francis DeSales,
Giants Lake**

May 21-22, 2016
Trinity Sunday

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Baptisms

By appointment, please call

Fr. Gary.

Marriages

Please call Fr. Gary at least six
months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before Mass
begins or anytime by
appointment

packages will be available at that time. It is most important that all candidates and parents attend. (Eligibility must be in grades 9 or higher in the 2016-2017 school year; any adult who has not been confirmed and wishes to receive the sacrament-please contact Father Gary.

A CONCERT like none other!! Sunday, June 12th at 2pm, St. Andrew's Church. The **SHINING LIGHTS**, a singing group from Halifax, will perform in the St. Andrews Church. The members of this group have either been homeless or at the risk of being homeless. The **concert is free**; however, if you wish to make a donation, the funds will go to the Sisters of St. Martha Street Ministry in Halifax. Come and meet some remarkable people!

St. Andrews Parish News:

The Annual Lobster/Ham Dinner plate take-out will be held on Sunday June 12, 2016; all orders must be placed in advance; please see committee members or MacDonald Convenience Store to book your plate. All funds raised are used for Youth Faith Formation. Lobster \$15/Ham \$10- all dinners include strawberry shortcake. Dinners will be ready following the mass and must be picked up by 1pm at the center if arrangements are not made for delivery.

St Andrews Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, 5 June, at 2:00 p.m. in the Martha Room. All chairpersons please email reports to Pat before Thursday, 2 June, so that members will have time to read the package prior to this meeting.

The Annual Spring Maintenance Levy will be taken up at the main entrance of the church on Sunday, May 28 and Saturday/Sunday June 4 & 5 to allow parishioners an opportunity to contribute.

Thank you for support and contributions received at St. Andrews: Envelopes/Loose \$1,694.14; Bucket \$18.61 (for School Breakfast Program); Pope's Pastoral Works \$302.15; Fort McMurray Fire Fund \$1,366.65; St Andrew Parish Maintenance Levy \$150; St. Francis DeSales-**Giant's Lake** \$136.00 & **Fort McMurray Fire Fund** \$125.00.

The **annual Walk for Life sponsored by St Andrews CWL** will be held on Sunday, May 29 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Containers for donations will be at the entrances to the church.

Heatherton Parish News:

The C.W.L. will be sponsoring a "**Walk for Life**" on **Sunday, 29 May**, starting at the Activity Centre at 1 p.m. and walking to the Heather Club 60. If you are unable to walk but wish to donate, please leave your donation in a marked envelope in the collection basket. All donations go to the Right to Life.

Wanted: tabs from pop, beer or soup cans to be used for the purchase of wheelchairs. Please leave these on the table near the confessional box.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 25 May, at 6:30 p.m. in the Glebe House for those who wish to help with the organizing of this year's **Heatherton Lobster Supper**. We need **volunteers** for this annual event as it is one of the major fundraisers for the year and the more help we get the easier it will be.

The **Food Bank collection** will be held at next weekend's Masses, 28 and 29 May.

Collections 15 May	Regular = \$907.50	Loose = \$92.75
Donation = \$125.00	Cemetery = \$20.00	Pope's Pastoral Works = \$225.00
Fort McMurray = \$925.61		Antigonish Diocesan Society = \$160.00

2nd Servant Day which will be held on Saturday, 4 June. The plan for the day is to gather at the Glebe House at 9 a.m. where there will be a work list and tea/coffee/juice/muffins and prayer. Please take a copy of the flyer which is located near the bulletin. More information and possible service projects are listed on this paper.

Community News

St. Andrews 4H will be collecting refundables for the CACL on the evening of Tuesday May 31st.

Oak and Owl Lobster Boil May 25th. Call Marie at 863-3279 if you wish to attend and haven't been contacted by phone. Open for social at 1:00 pm and eat at three. Salads or desserts welcome.

Dance/Live Music, Saturday June 4 ~ 8pm to 1am Heatherton Community Centre, Cost: \$10. (19 years & older) This fundraising event will support SAFE (Syria-Antigonish Families Embrace).

Now accepting applications for a summer student at the **Heatherton Activity Centre**. Please drop off resumes to the Centre Monday to Friday between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Deadline for applications is 13 June at 3:00 p.m.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with the Fort McMurray Benefit Concert held on Sunday, 15 May at the Heatherton Community Centre. The event raised over \$5,700! All of the proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross for the Alberta Fires Appeal.

CACL Ham & Bean and Auction will be held on Friday, June 3, 2016 at St Ninian Place. Viewing of auction items at 6:30pm; Dinner at 7:00pm. Tickets in advance \$15 and at the door \$20; pick up tickets at Hawthorne Convenience, MacDonald Convenience, Haley's Maytag, Janet's Canteen, or CACL at -902-863-5024.

Annual Erinville Fishing Derby-Hosted by-With A Little Help Society will be held on Saturday, May 28/16.