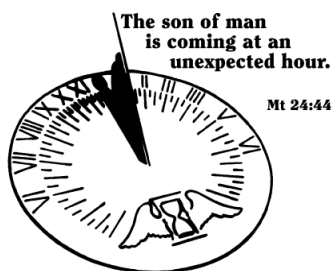


# Tri-Parish News



## Mass Schedule Weekend (October, November and December)

**6:00 p.m. on Saturday – Heatherton**

**9 a.m. on Sunday – Pomquet 11 a.m. on Sunday – St. Andrews**

### **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday (28 Nov.) 6:30 p.m. in Heatherton (late Alice Chisholm-MacDonald)  
Tuesday (29 Nov.) 6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek  
Wednesday (30 Nov.) 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's (Feast of St. Andrew)  
Friday (2 Dec.) 9:00 a.m. in Pomquet (Joe and Lydia Vincent)

**Why we do what we do when we come to Mass!** A presentation by Father Conrad Edwards, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Antigonish will take place on Wednesday, 7 Dec., at 7 p.m. at the Heatherton Community and Wellness Centre (former Heatherton School). **This presentation will be a great asset for any person who attends Mass and is especially important to all those who are involved with any ministries.** All are welcome.

**Advent:** This weekend we begin the Season of Advent and a new Church Year. We are aware that the season of Advent has two purposes: the preparation for the Second Coming of Christ, while also commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas. One of the best ways to celebrate this time of preparation is to take time to pray and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To this end each of our three Parishes will be having an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Gary available for individual confession.

**Feast of St. Andrew:** On Wednesday, 30 Nov., at 6:30 p.m. there will be Mass in St. Andrews Church followed by an hour of quiet prayer in the Church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Father Gary will be in the Reconciliation Room & available for confession.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Thurs., 8 Dec. at 6:30 p.m. there will be Mass in Immaculate Conception Church followed by an hour of quiet prayer in the Church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Fr. Gary will be in the Confessional & available for confession.

**Ste. Croix Parish:** On Friday, 16 Dec. at 6:30 p.m. there will be Mass in Ste. Croix Church followed by an hour of quiet prayer in the Church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Fr. Gary will be in the Confessional & available for confession.

December 6th is the **feast of St Nicholas** which is a major feast day for those of Dutch heritage. In order to celebrate this part of our diverse cultural heritage we will be having Mass at St Andrews at 6:30 PM on Dec. 6th. This Mass will be followed by a reception with some traditional Dutch treats along with tea and coffee in the Martha Room. Everyone from our 3 parish family is welcome to attend.

**Baptism:** Many of our family members have moved to different parts of Canada and around the world. When a couple have a child & they live elsewhere, often they feel they would like to have the child baptized in their home parish due to the fact that many of their relatives & friends are back home. I am very happy to baptize these children but there are certain things that need to be done. **1.** The parents of the child need to ask for the baptism. Often grandparents call up & request it. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith & they take primary responsibility for teaching their children, so it is best that they be the ones requesting baptism. They can email or phone me. **2.** I will also need a letter from the pastor of the parish in which they are living, giving me permission to baptize the child. They have to see the pastor in the parish they are attending & take the baptismal program in that parish. I am sure the pastor would be happy to write this letter. **All couples are urged to contact Father Gary to make preparations for baptism before the child is born.**

The Roman  
Catholic  
Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,  
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,  
St. Andrews**

**Ste. Croix,  
Pomquet**

**26 – 27 November, 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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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

**The Bucket:** Each of our three parishes has a bucket in front of the Altar at weekend Masses. At these masses when the collection is being taken up, the children are welcome to come forward & put some small coins in the bucket. The money that goes into the bucket at Immaculate Conception Parish goes to support their Foster Child. The money that comes in from St. Andrews goes to the Breakfast Program at the local school. Money that comes in from Ste. Croix goes to help needy children. None of the money stays in the parish. In a way it is children helping children.

### ~ Christmas Mass Schedule ~

**Saturday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)** 4:30 p.m. in Ste. Croix 5 p.m. in Giant's Lake  
6:00 p.m. at Heatherton 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's 8:00 p.m. at Paq'tnekek

**Sunday, 25 December (Christmas Day)** 10:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

**Saturday, 31 December (New Year's Eve)** 6 p.m. in Heatherton 9 a.m. in Ste. Croix 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's

25 children affected by poverty, natural disasters and conflict will know that others care about them because you packed a shoebox for **Operation Christmas Child** this year. Thank You to all those who participated.

## Immaculate Conception Parish News

Dorothy Greencorn will be making the **schedule** for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers & Gift Bearers for January - March (11 a.m. Mass). Phone her at 902-386-2045 a.s.a.p. if you are unable to serve on certain days as she will be completing the schedule by mid-December. New volunteers are always welcome.

The C.W.L. will again be purchasing **Christmas flowers** for the church. If you wish to contribute towards the purchase of these flowers in memory of loved ones, contact Regina at 386-2914 or Joanne at 386-2817.

**Thank you for your support:** Reg. = \$973 Loose = \$91.60 Fos. Ch. = \$5.85 Maint. = \$20.00 Mission = \$162.25

## St. Andrew's Parish News

**St Andrews Parish Fall Annual Maintenance Levy** will take place again this Sunday, 27 November. Envelopes are provided in your packet, but for those who do not use the envelopes or wish to contribute in person you may donate at the main entrance of the church. We are grateful to all who contribute to this fund to maintain our church properties.

The New Liturgical year begins on 27 November; parishioners are given an opportunity to purchase the new **2016-2017 Living with Christ Missal for \$5.00** at our church entrances.

**Christmas Flowers for the Altar:** we are offering our parishioners an opportunity to contribute toward the purchase of Poinsettias for Christmas in memory of your loved ones. Your donation will be acknowledged by list in the main foyer. Please place your intention/donation in a marked envelope (anytime before Dec. 18) in the collection basket.

**C.W.L. dues** are now due \$22.00. Karen Sears will be collecting before Mass and Loyola will accept dues at the store.

**Thank you for your support:** Regular = \$1,086.75 G.L. = \$208.00 Loose = \$90.10 Breakfast = \$16.25  
Parish Maintenance Levy = \$710.00 (Donation from CWL) Social Action = \$400.00 Sunday Missals = 124.25

## Ste. Croix Parish News

Pomquet Parish Seniors Club **Christmas Dinner** on Sunday, 11 Dec., **12:30 p.m. at Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet.** Tickets are \$12.00 each & must be purchased by **1 December.** Contact: Patsy - 386-2726; Bernadette Ch - 863-2613; Euphemia -386-2384; Jean - 863-4176; Kathleen - 386-2754; Louise - 386-2490, Theresa - 386-2388 & Anne Marie - 863-5398 (days). **Take-outs are not available but meals will be delivered to individuals with mobility issues.**

**Thank you for your support:** Sunday collection = \$1,172.43 Loose = \$68.20 Hall Rent (Fire Dept) = \$1,000.00

## Community News

**"It Takes a Village"** on Friday, 2 Dec. at 7 p.m. at the Heatherton Community Centre. Proceeds for the Heatherton Group Home & Heatherton Community Centre. Performers: Tyrus Wallace, Paul Lowe, Kenny Stewart, Heather Gillis, Yvonne Voerman, Brenda Berkvens & Leo MacDonald. Silent Auction, 6:15 to 7 p.m. and resident photograph display. Admission \$12 for adults & \$6 for 12yrs. Complimentary tea, coffee and cookies available.

**Paq'tnekek Christmas Fair** this Sunday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Paq'tnekek gym.

"Kids First", supported by the K of C, run a **"Coats for Families"** program where they collect adult and children's slightly used winter clothing such as coats, mitts, snowsuits, hats, etc. A box is located in the churches for these items.

**Tri-HEART Society meeting** Sun., 4 Dec. at 7 p.m. in the Martha Room. Existing Society members & interested community members are urged to attend ongoing settlement involvement past the 1 year mandate to be discussed.

**Lennie Gallant** and his band for an evening of music staged in the St Croix Church, Friday, 9 Dec. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new keyboard for the Pomquet Choir. Doors open at 7 for general seating, show starting at 7:30. Tickets \$23.00 at the following: Brosha's Short Stoppe, MacDonald's Convenience, Antigonish .05 - \$1.00.

In conjunction with the **Christmas Market and Sale** on Sunday, 4 December from 2-4 p.m. at the Pomquet School, the Pomquet Heritage group will have a bake/craft sale.