



Tri-Parish News

Mass Schedule Weekend (December)

6:00 p.m. on Saturday – Heatherton

9:00 a.m. on Sunday – Pomquet

11:00 a.m. on Sunday – St. Andrews

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday (12 December) 6:30 p.m. in Pomquet

Tuesday (13 December) 6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek

Wednesday (14 December) 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

Thursday (15 December) 9:00 a.m. in Heatherton (late Theresa MacDonald)

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE:

Ste. Croix Parish: On Monday, 12 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.

Thank you to all those who attended the workshop this past Wednesday evening on "Why we do what we do when we come to Mass". It was a wonderful turn-out and it was nice to see such a great crowd in attendance.

~ Christmas Mass Schedule ~

Saturday, 24 December (Christmas Eve)

4:30 p.m. in Ste. Croix 5:00 p.m. at Giant's Lake 6:00 p.m. at Heatherton

7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's 8:00 p.m. at Paq'tnkek

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

Saturday, 31 December (New Year's Eve) 6:00 p.m. in Heatherton

Sunday, 1 January (New Year's Day) 9 a.m. in Ste. Croix 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's

Immaculate Conception Parish News

To **volunteer** to serve as a Reader, Gift Bearer, Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister, or Hospitality Minister for our parish, please contact Dorothy Greencorn at 902-386-2045.

The C.W.L. will be purchasing **Christmas flowers** for the Church. If you wish to help with the purchase of these flowers contact Regina at 386-2914 or Joanne at 386-2817.

The C.W.L. is sponsoring **Bingo** at the R.K. MacDonald Nursing Home on Tuesday, 13 December, at 7 p.m. Please phone Mary Ellen at 902.386.2687 if you can help.

A reminder that the **Christmas Schedule** is located on the Church bulletin boards. If you are unable to serve on your appointed day, please find a replacement.

The CWL would like to thank all parishioners who so generously contributed donations & gave of their time to make our **annual parish bazaar** a success. The event realized a total profit of \$6,524.19 (dinner profit -\$3,524.43; other activities profit \$2,807.76). The money raised will allow our Council to continue to support our parish (\$2,000 donation) & to continue our other works (Christmas gifts to shut-ins, support for bingos at the nursing homes, assistance to the sisters at the monastery & contributions to charities).

I wish to **thank you** all for the Mass cards and flowers in memory of my sister, Alice MacDonald. A special thank you to Father Gary for the beautiful Mass for Alice, the lector, gift bearer, altar servers and choir for the lovely music. May God bless you all. *Danny and Theresa MacPhail and the family of Alice.*

Thanks for your support: Regular = \$881.00 Loose = \$45.70
Foster Child = \$7.55 Donation = \$100.00

St. Andrew's Parish News

Christmas Flowers for the Altar: you are invited to contribute toward the purchase of Poinsettias in memory of your loved ones. Please place your intention and donation in a marked envelope (by December 18) in the collection basket.

St. Andrew Parish Christmas Pageant for the family Mass, 24 Dec., at 7:30 p.m. – The last practice for the children in the pageant will be **Saturday, 17 December, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Church. It is very important to attend this.

The Roman
Catholic
Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,
St. Andrews**

**Ste. Croix,
Pomquet**

10 – 11 December, 2016

3rd 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

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$941.00 G.L. = \$25.00 Loose = \$108.25 Missal = \$44.00
Flowers = \$110.00 Breakfast = \$5.00 Maintenance = \$170.00 World Mission = \$20.00

Ste. Croix Parish News

Ste. Croix Parish Council needs 3 members to join the council beginning 2017. This is an important time to give your opinions, help & support with Parish decisions. Serving ones Parish is a privilege. Please be generous. We encourage male volunteers. Thank you for your attention. Call Kathleen at 902-386-2754 or Leo at 902-863-6292.

The Parish Council is asking for **volunteers to shovel snow** around the church properties. This will include cleaning the church and Glebe House steps. Also all steps at the Hall as well as cleaning around the entrance to the Old Fire Hall (SASC). If so inclined please call: Anthony at 902-863-1022 or John at 902-386-4490.

There will be a **Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, 15 December, at 7:00 p.m. at Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet.

Seniors Club **Christmas Dinner** this Sunday, 11 December at **12:30 p.m. at Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet**. Please note that take-outs are not available but meals will be delivered to individuals with mobility issues.

Thank you for your support: Sunday collection = \$1,490.25 Loose = \$71.00 Flower Donations = \$185.00
Hall Rent SASC = \$575.00 Cemetery = \$30.00

Community News

Heatherton Christmas Tree Lighting: The entire community is invited to Christmas Tree Lighting at the Church on Wednesday, 14 December at 6:30 p.m. Following the lighting all are welcome to the Community Centre for hot chocolate, hot apple cider, and cookies. Santa Claus will join us to greet the children. **Note:** In case of inclement weather, the lighting will take place on Thursday, 15 December.

A friendly reminder that there is a **Crib game** every Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Heatherton Community Centre.

Right to Life Loto 2017 Calendars are now available. They make a great Christmas gift! Please call Frank at 386-2825.

Heather Club 60 will be having their Christmas Party this Sunday, 11 December. Members who have not yet confirmed their attendance may do so by calling Gail at 386-2807.

A sincere **thank you** to all who supported our 2nd annual concert IT TAKES A VILLAGE. It was a great success. With much appreciation on behalf of the Heatherton Group Home, performers, Heatherton Community Centre. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Heatherton Development Cultural & Wellness Association would like to extend the sincerest of **Thanks** to all who made our recent auction such a success. Many vendors & individuals were generous enough to make contributions so that we could realize the maximum benefit from our efforts and we truly appreciate the support. To all who placed bids & took home the items, we appreciate your support so much. We are hoping to continue this annual event in the years to come.

There will be a **Paq'tnekek Christmas Craft, Bake and Yard Sale** this Sunday, 11 December from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Paq'tnekek Community Gym. Tables are free to vendors and admission is also free.

St. Andrew's Community Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, 16 December, at 6:00 p.m. on the SASHA grounds. The emcee/host for this event will be Owen McCarron.

Pomquet Fire & Emergency Services **Annual Children's Christmas Party** this Sunday, 11 December at 1 p.m. at the Pomquet Fire Hall. For children 12 years & younger from district 5 or 7. Food bank, or monetary donation collected at

2nd Annual Community Christmas Door Display Event – Decorate an outside door of your home and then e-mail PomquetChristmasDoorDecorating@gmail.com to register. Entries will be put on a viewing list so the community can admire your creations. Each entry will be entered in a grocery gift certificate draw to be done at Chase the Ace on 17 Dec. Contact Susan Doiron at 386-2610 or Colette Rennie at 870-3051 for more info.

The **Pomquet Fire Department card games** are held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Pomquet Fire Hall.

Donations of slightly used winter clothing is now being collected for **“Coats for Families”**, supported by the Knights of Columbus. The box is located in the Church for coats, hats, mitts, snowsuits, etc.

Please join the students at Highland Academy of Learning for their annual Christmas production, featuring the play **“It's a Wonderful Christmas”** and Christmas carol medley, on Tuesday, 13 December at 1:00 p.m. at the Heatherton Community Centre (in the gymnasium). Refreshments will be served following the show.

New Year's Adult Dance on Saturday, 31 December, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.) at St. Ninian's Place. \$20.00/person or \$35.00/couple. Limited number of tickets available at Hawthorne Convenience, Webb's Superstore, Shell – Sobey's Express or the St. Ninian Parish Office. Music by One Stop Entertainment.

Don't forget to shop local and attend the **Antigonish Farmers Market's** last two markets of the season on Saturday, 17 December from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, 18 December, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.