



# Tri-Parish News

## Mass Schedule for December Weekends

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

**9:00 a.m. on Sunday – Pomquet 11:00 a.m.– St. Andrews**

## **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday (5 December) 6:30 p.m. in Pomquet (late Barry Chisholm)

Tuesday (6 December) 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's (Feast of St. Nicholas)

Thursday (8 December) 6:30 p.m. in Heatherton

(Feast of Immaculate Conception followed by holy hour)

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.

Please note the letter on **Pastoral Zones** from Bishop Dunn which is located near the bulletins. Please take a copy so that you are aware of the concerns connected with pastoral ministry in the near future.

**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 Wed., 7 Dec., at 7 pm. at the Heatherton Community & 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.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** On Thursday, 8 December 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 and 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.

## ~ 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. St. Andrew's

**Church contribution envelopes for the 2017 year** are now located in the Churches. If you wish to receive a packet & are not already on the list please contact the parish office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 902.386.2810 or 3catholic@gmail.com

## **Immaculate Conception Parish News**

If you wish to contribute towards the purchase of flowers for the Church in memory of loved ones, contact Regina at 386-2914 or Joanne at 386-2817.

**C.W.L. meeting** on Monday, 5 December, at 7 p.m. in the Activity Centre.

The **Food Bank basket** is located at the entrance of the Church and groceries can be dropped off at any time.

**Thanks for your support:** Regular = \$719.00 Loose = \$61.65  
Foster Child = \$3.82 Maintenance = \$20.00 Mission = \$20.00  
Religion Book = \$6.00 Misselette = \$10.00

The Roman  
Catholic  
Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,  
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,  
St. Andrews**

**Ste. Croix,  
Pomquet**

**3 – 4 December, 2016**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### **Contact Information:**

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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

## St. Andrew's Parish News

**St. Andrews Religion Classes Grades 1-8.** In light of the current situation with the teachers, we will not be holding religion classes at the school this coming Wednesday. This was to have been our last class before Christmas. We are scheduled to start again on Wednesday January 4 however we will have to reassess the situation in early January.

**Saint Andrew Parish Christmas Pageant Family Mass December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm:** Children are invited to a practice for the pageant on Saturday, December 10 at 2 p.m. at St Andrews Church.

Members of the Parish are asked to come & help with the **cleaning of the Church** on Saturday, 10 Dec. at 9 a.m. Please bring your own cleaning supplies. This is a yearly event and is a big job! Remember, many hands make light work!

**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.

**C.W.L. dues** (\$22) Karen Sears is collecting before Mass & Loyola will accept dues at the store.

**Thank you for your support:** Regular = \$1,230.25 G.L. = \$60.00 Loose = \$30.10 Breakfast Program = \$1.95  
Maintenance Levy = \$1,240.00 September Parish Mission Loose Funds = \$162.00

## Ste. Croix Parish News

The **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 would 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.

Parents may note that the coins placed in the bucket at the foot of the altar will be donated to **"Sleeping Children Around the World"**. Please encourage your children to participate. Thank you.

**Thank you for your support:** Sunday collection = \$932.00 Loose = \$73.00 Flowers = \$20.00  
Sunday Missals = \$373.00 Parish Mission Loose Funds = \$162.25

## Diocesan News

**Celebration of Holy Investiture** Welcoming two new postulants: Sr. Maria Eleanor Rivero and Sr. Ma. Resurrection Solis who will begin their canonical noviciate **December 8**, 3:00 p.m.: Our Lady of Grace Monastery. All welcome.

## Community News

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

Regular **Tri-HEART Society meeting** this Sunday, 4 Dec. at 7 p.m. in the Martha Room. Existing Society members and interested community members are urged to attend as various aspects of ongoing settlement involvement past the one year mandate are to be discussed.

Pomquet Fire & Emergency Services **Annual Children's Christmas Party** 11 Dec. at 1 p.m. Pomquet Fire Hall for children 12 yrs & younger who live in district 5 or 7. **Pre-register by 7 Dec.** by calling Amanda at 735-2722 with parents & child's name, age & address. Food bank or monetary donation collected at door to sponsor a local family.

Pomquet Seniors Club **Christmas Dinner** Sunday, 11 Dec., **12:30 p.m. at Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet.**

**Christmas Market & Sale** this Sunday, 4 Dec., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet. Admission \$2 or \$5 per family. Vendors, 50/50, crafts & activities for the children and soup & biscuit lunch will be served. All profits from this event to the New Community Center Project! The Pomquet Heritage group will have a bake/craft sale.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Christmas Door Display Event** – Decorate an outside door of your home and then e-mail [PomquetChristmasDoorDecorating@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Lennie Gallant** in the St Croix Church, Friday, 9 December. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a new keyboard for the Pomquet Choir. Doors open at 7:00 for general seating, show starts at 7:30. Tickets on sale now (\$23.00 cash) at the following venues: Brosha's Short Stoppe, MacDonald's Convenience, Antigonish .05-\$1.00 shop.

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.

The **"Kids against Cancer"** group are hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, 10 December, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the St. Andrew's Community Centre. They are trying to raise money for the Relay for Life. To book a table please contact Brigitte Forrestall at 902.227.0503. This is a wonderful cause so hope to see you there.