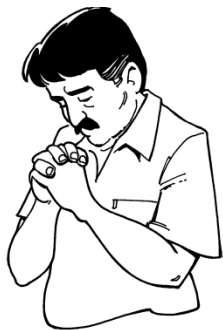


Tri-Parish News

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Mt 5:3



Mass Schedule (January, February, March 2017)

6:00 p.m. on Saturday – St. Croix

9:00 a.m. on Sunday – St. Andrews

11:00 a.m. on Sunday – Immaculate Conception

The Roman Catholic Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,
St. Andrews**

**Ste. Croix,
Pomquet**

29 January, 2017

**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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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

FLU SEASON – Precautions: With this season's influenza upon us all, numerous requests have been made by medical personnel who work with infectious diseases and others to discontinue the "handshake / kiss of peace". We may want to discontinue this gesture and that way avoid the distribution of the spread of disease.

Knight's of Columbus Simon J. Khattar Scholarship: Applications for the Simon J Khattar scholarship are now available from Mark Pettipas (902-863-5497) (mgpettipas@nstu.ca). This is a \$1000 non-renewable scholarship for high school graduates or students attending first year university, college or community college beyond the secondary level who are practicing Catholics and who are residents of Nova Scotia. On average 8 to 10 scholarships are given out provincially each year. Deadline for applications is March 10th, 2017.

Permanent Diaconate: Vatican 11 restored the Permanent Diaconate. Until recently, the Diaconate was seen only as another step on the journey to Priesthood. Diaconate is the ordained ministry of Altar, Word and Charity. This vocation is a call to single or married men aged 35-65. In our own diocese we have 9 deacons. They serve in parishes. They also serve in ministries including: the poor, sick, prisoners, youth, visitation, palliative care, shut-ins, renewal movements, chaplaincies, Social justice projects, etc. We have 9 candidates presently in the Diocesan formation program discerning a call to ordained ministry. If these ministries are attractive to you, if you sense a call to the ordained 3 fold ministry of deacons or, if you want more information, please call Fr. Bedford Doucette, Director of Deacons at The Diocesan Pastoral Center, Suite 103, 200 Churchill Dr., PO Box. 100, Membertou, NS, B1P 6G9. Phone 902-539-6188 ext. 235 or toll free 1-800-656-5311, ext. 235. Email: bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca. Depending on the interest, we may develop a new class. So, if interested please call ASAP: 902-539-6188 ext. 235

A special thank you to those who have phoned the office to say they will participate in the prayer program for our parishes. We currently have 19 from Immaculate Conception, 17 from St. Andrew's and 7 from Ste. Croix parishes who have registered their names.

Immaculate Conception Parish News

150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church 11 – 13 August 2017

- Anyone with information on veterans from WW1 and WWII who were from the Heatherton area is asked to please contact Margie at 902.386.2314 as soon as possible as the committee is going to have a display at the anniversary celebrations.
- Photos, newspaper clippings & other information is now being collected for the anniversary celebrations. If anyone has any to contribute please contact Regina at 902.386.2914 .. all originals will be returned to the owner.
- Several committees are being organized to plan the anniversary and we are looking for volunteers to help with this. Please contact the parish office or Regina at 902.386.2914 if you are willing to help.

Thank you for your support:

Regular = \$895.97

Loose = \$103.25

Solemnity of Mary = \$5.00

Donation = \$25.00

Initial Offering = \$9.00

Foster Child = \$3.50

St. Andrew Parish News

Altar Servers: Students in grades 4 and up who would like to become an altar server are asked to please sign your name and include your phone number on the sheet at the Church entrance. ~ Mary Carroll

St. Andrews monthly C.W.L meeting will be on 2 February at 7 p.m. in the Martha Room at St. Andrew Church.

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee of St Andrew Parish at 7:15 p.m. on Feb. 6th and a meeting of the full Pastoral Council at 7:15 p.m. on Feb. 7th. Both meetings will be in the Martha Room.

Prayer Shawl group will meet on Wednesday, 1 February from 1:30 - 3:00. New people are always welcome. We knit prayer shawls, hats, mitts and socks, purple hats for newborns, and micro preemie blankets and hats.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,368.00 Loose = \$53.00 Initial Offering = \$15.00
Pope's Pastoral Works = \$10.00 Breakfast Program = \$4.75

Ste. Croix Parish News

Thank you for your support: Sunday collection = \$ 935.00 Loose = \$79.55 New Year's Day = \$5.00

Diocesan News

New Hermit for the Diocese: A hermit makes a public commitment within the faith community in the presence of the Bishop to live the eremitical life, which is celibate, obedient, and simple. Embracing a life of solitude, silence, prayer, and interiority, the hermit is ever mindful in prayer, of the needs of the universal Church, local diocese, world, and all peoples. Respecting the importance of silence and solitude, the hermit chooses to withdraw from society while honoring her/his place within the heart of the world where family, friends, and the local community are a positive dimension of life. The dwelling place of the hermit is simple but moderate. The hermit may engage in a limited ministry according to her/his gifts, ever mindful that the primary apostolate is that of witnessing to the primacy of God in an atmosphere of silence, solitude, and prayer. Please pray for Sheila O'Handley as she makes her commitment as a hermit in the Diocese of Antigonish on February 5 at 11 am at Holy Cross, Glace Bay.

Community News

The St. Andrews Seniors Housing Association (S.A.S.H.A.) is looking for volunteers who are interested in being on the board of directors. If interested, or for more information, contact Joe VandeWiel at 902-968-1740

The St. Andrews Seniors Housing Association (S.A.S.H.A.) is holding its AGM on Sunday, 12 February at 10:00am in the seniors' room of the St. Andrews Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

St. Andrews Bingo Committee is looking for volunteers to work at Bingo on Friday night; anyone who may be willing to help out please call Helen at 902-863-4573 or Marie at 902-863-3279.

The community of Pomquet is gearing up for their Annual Winter Carnival, from Saturday, 11 February to Sunday, 19 February.

- The Pomquet Heritage Group invites you to a pancake breakfast at Pomquet School, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Saturday, 11 February. Adults \$7, children 6-12 yrs. \$4, 5 yrs. and under free. Also, available for sale we will have Acadian mitts, toques, and scarves.
- Back by popular demand, Pomquet Heritage is also sponsoring Acadian Trivia on Sunday, 12 February at the Pomquet Fire Hall from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call Lorraine at 902-386-2090 to reserve a table for your team of 4. Bonne chance. Merci. Pomquet Heritage group.

Pomquet Carnival Children's Parade

- **When:** Saturday, February 18th, 2017 - 12:30 PM (Parade begins at 1 PM.)
- **Location:** Ste. Croix Church (to Rev P.J. Baccardax Hall)
- **Theme:** Les métiers d'aujourd'hui et du passé
- The parade is open to children from Pomquet or who attend Pomquet School up to Grade 6. Please pre-register any participants before February 11, 2017 (no more than four children in one group) by phoning Colette (902-870-3051) or Tiffany (902-735-2105). There will be a gathering at the hall after the parade.

Antigonish Lions Club Sausage & Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, 29 January from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lions Den Highland Dr. Extension. Donations at the door for the Antigonish Food Bank. *Pancake breakfasts are held last Sunday of the month September-November January-June*

A Benefit Dance will be held on Saturday, 4 February, 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. at the North Shore Fire Hall in support of William and Collette (Keizer) Brady who lost their home and all its contents in a house fire. (Storm date: 11 Feb.). Featuring music by One Stop Entertainment, with a \$10 cover charge and cash bar. A Benefit Account has been opened at Bergengren Branch East Coast Credit Union in Antigonish. Please Join us for a night of music among friends, family and community members.