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# Immaculate Conception, Heatherton

St. Andrew, St. Andrews

Ste. Croix, Pomquet

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### The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

# **Tri-Parish News**

# Mass Schedule (January, February, March 2017)

6:00 p.m. on Saturday – Ste. Croix

9:00 a.m. on Sunday – St. Andrews

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

### **Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday (9 January) 10:30 a.m. funeral of Mary Bouchard in Pomquet

Tuesday (10 January) 6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek Wednesday (11 January) 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

Thursday (12 January) 9:00 a.m. in Heatherton (late Lauchie Chisholm)

### A New Year – A New Prayer Program – And you are invited!



Many of you are aware of the Pastoral Work and Planning going on in our diocese because of this fact, Father Gary would like to start a very simple Prayer Program for the needs of our Antigonish Diocese beginning New Years Day: simply say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be to the Father each day.

The one Our Father is for the needs of our very own diocese, asking God to give us all that is needed. The one Hail Mary is for the needs of our pastoral unit churches of St. Andrews, Ste. Croix, St. Francis and Immaculate Conception. The Glory Be is to be prayed by parishioners for the needs of their own individual parish. If you are willing to join in this Prayer Program please call Jolene at the Tri-Parish Office and give her your name. A special thank you to those who have already phoned the office to say they will participate in this prayer program .. we currently have 5 from Immaculate Conception, 4 from St. Andrew's and 2 from Ste. Croix parishes who have registered their names.

The next meeting of the Tri-Parish committee will be held on Thursday, 12 January at 7:00 p.m.

Notice to Those Involved in Ministries: With the arrival of the new deacon to our parishes, there are a few changes in the responsibilities of the various ministries in our church. Also it is time to review and update our responsibilities. There will be a series of meetings on Monday evening, January 16<sup>th</sup> in the vestry of Immaculate Conception Church according to the following schedule:

6:30 – readers

6:50 – extraordinary ministers of communion

7:10 – sacristans

7:30 – those taking up the collection

If you are unable to attend please contact Regina to get necessary information.

Although this meeting is being held in Heatherton, those involved in these ministries in St. Andrews and Ste. Croix are certainly welcome to attend. After all we should all be "on the same page". The Bishop and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission have issued guidelines that all parishes are expected to follow and we will review them at these meetings.

**Thanks from Deacon Art:** Please accept my humble thanks and great appreciation for the welcome that Teresa and I received from all the parishioners of the Tri-Parishes during the Masses held last weekend. We were accorded a wonderful welcome in each of the three parishes as I took up a wonderful beginning of my new appointment during the New Year's masses. I look forward to assisting Father Gary, the parishioners and the Diocese in the future to come. God Bless you all. Art

**Prayer for Priests and Deacons** for the month of January is located near the bulletins. Please take a copy.

A reminder that **Church contribution envelopes** for the 2017 year are now located in the Church. If you wish to receive a packet, and are not already on the list, please call the office at 902.386.2810 or email <a href="mailto:3catholic@gmail.com">3catholic@gmail.com</a>

## **Immaculate Conception Parish News**

There will be a pastoral council meeting on Tuesday, 10 January at 7:00 p.m. in the Glebe House.

**2017 will mark the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton**. More information will be available within the near future and on how you can help with this event.

**Thanks for your support**: Regular = \$930.00 Loose = \$170.00 Foster Child = \$5.60 Solemnity of Mary = \$413.00 Initial Offering = \$204.00 Christmas = \$120.00

### St. Andrew's Parish News

St. Andrews grade 1 to 8 Religious Education classes will continue for the second half of the schedule. Due to the school cancellation, classes resume on Wednesday, 11 January from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Classes will run each week until March break. The last class will be on Wednesday, 8 March.

There will be a meeting of the Properties committee on Tuesday, 10 January, at 7:00 p.m. in the Martha Room.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be Tuesday, 7 February, at 7:00 p.m. in the Martha Room.

St. Andrew's C.W.L. -- The first meeting of the 2017 year will be Thursday, 5 January 7 p.m. in the Martha Room.

The complete ministries schedule for January, February and March is now located in the Church. Please take a copy if you are listed to serve. If you are unable to serve on your appointed day, please find a replacement to fill in for you.

**Thank you for your support:** Regular = \$1,265.00 Loose = \$21.55 Initial Offering = \$189.00 Solemnity of Mary = \$567.00 Missalettes = \$5.00 Bucket = \$.50

## Ste. Croix Parish News

Pomquet Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Monday, 9 January at École Acadienne de Pomquet at 7:00 pm.

Thank you for your support:

Sunday collection = \$1,090.00 Loose = \$37.00 New Year's Day = \$430.00 Initial Offering = \$360.00

# **Community News**

6 week Fitness Classes starts on Wednesday, 18 January, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Heatherton Community Centre (\$48.00 for the 6 week session). Everyone welcome. A minimum of 10 people are needed for these classes to happen so please phone Debbie at 902.232.2484 .. there is a drop in fee of \$10.00 if you cannot attend all classes.

Crib games at the Heatherton Community Centre every Saturday starting at 1:00 p.m.

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

January is membership month for Antigonish Right to Life, a local educational pro-life organization working to promote the respect for all human life in the Antigonish area. Membership fee of \$10.00 may be paid at the Respect Life Centre, 344 Main St., Antigonish.

Antigonish Lions Club Sausage & Pancake Breakfast 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.