



Tri-Parish News

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. Andrew's

Ste. Croix,
Pomquet

12 February, 2017

**6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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Baptisms

By appointment,
please phone 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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday (13 February) 6:30 p.m. in Pomquet

Tuesday (14 February) 6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek (late Melissa Johnson)

Wednesday (15 February) 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

Thursday (16 February) 9:00 a.m. in Heatherton (late Belle Chisholm)

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.

Applications for the Simon J Khattar scholarship are 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.

Prayer Program: Thank you to those who are participating in this program. We currently have 29 from Immaculate Conception, 18 from St. Andrew's and 7 from Ste. Croix parishes who have registered their names. A friendly reminder of what this involves: 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.

Ash Wednesday Schedule, 1 March

5:00 p.m. in Heatherton

6:30 p.m. in Pomquet

7:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's

Immaculate Conception Parish News

We presently need five volunteers to take up the collection at the weekend Masses. If you are willing to have your name added to the list please let Regina know by calling 902.386.2314. Women are certainly welcome to volunteer.

There are Save the Date Cards for the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church available by the bulletins if you would like to take one for yourself or to send to a family member or former parishioner who lives away.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,142.00 Loose = \$59.00
Foster Child = \$.80

St. Andrew Parish News

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

First Communion Offertory: Our First Communion students continue with their religion lessons as they prepare for this important sacrament. We pray for these students as they journey along their learning path and grow in their faith. We thank Santiago Hudson and his family for bringing up the offertory at the January 29 mass. On February 12, we recognize Daniel Boyle and his family as they present the offertory gifts. May God bless all our First Communion students and their supporting family members.

Eucharistic Ministers please note: When Deacon Art is assisting at Sunday Eucharist we will only require three Eucharistic Ministers instead of four. We will leave the schedule as is and suggest that the one listed for choir stay back. We will still need four if Deacon Art is not there.

Annual Financial Report: The St Andrews Parish annual report will be presented in the main church immediately following Mass on February 26th. Copies of the report will be distributed.

First Confession will be held for the grade 4 class of St. Andrews religious education program. There will be 13 students and their families participating in a small ceremony & private confession on Wednesday, 22 Feb. at 6:30 p.m. Parishioners are also invited to attend as we support our students in their journey of God's love & acceptance.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$2,233.85 Loose = \$16.10 Breakfast Program = \$3.80
G. L. = \$128.00 and \$10.00 for Initial Offering Needs of the Canadian Church = \$10.00 Initial = \$10.00

Ste. Croix Parish News

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 Thursday, 2 March, at 7:00 p.m. at Ste. Croix Church.

This presentation will be a great asset for any person who attends Mass.

Parishioners from all three parishes are welcome to attend

Thank you for your support: Sunday collection = \$1059.00 Loose = \$48.00 SASC = \$575.00
Cemetery Donation = \$100.00 Hall Rent Chase the ACE = \$600.00

Community News

PLEASE NOTE: Missing Camera – Deacon Art has misplaced his Canon T3 EFT camera, which is in a shoulder case together with some expensive lens and more importantly some very personal family and parish pictures. If someone should know of its whereabouts he would be most appreciative. For the return of the Camera, he is offering a monetary reward to the person returning it. If he happens to locate it himself, he will offer the same reward to the church. If the camera has been “borrowed”, it would be wonderful if the SIM card, at least, could be returned for the personal pictures contained on it. Nothing ventured nothing gained. St. Anthony pray for me. Thank you all.

The Heatherton Walking Club meets at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings at the Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

The Antigonish Women's Centre and Antigonish Senior Safety are hosting a free Legal Information Session on Wills, Power of Attorney and Q & A with Lawyer: Adam Rodgers at the Heatherton Community Centre 28 February from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. For more information please call Marcia 863-8668 or Shannon 318-0372.

Highlander Curling Club is Celebrating its 25th Anniversary!! Saturday, 18 February, 3 - 5pm Open House 4 -5 p.m. Hot Shots Competition (Prizes will be awarded - Sign up at the club), 5- 6 p.m. Cake cutting/refreshments and speeches. Come out and celebrate 25 Years of Curling in our community!!

St. Andrews Seniors Housing Association AGM this Sunday, 12 February at 10:00 a.m. in the seniors' room of the St. Andrews Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

The St. Andrews District Community Centre is going to host a St. John's Ambulance Emergency First Aid course around the first week of March. The class will run about 4 hours. The class can hold eight to twenty people. We are asking if any individuals or various organizations would like to be included in taking this course. We are only in the planning stages and would like to get more participants to attend this very important event. For more information and the costs of enrollment please contact Hughie Richardson at 783-2779 or Genesta Peters at 863- 2289.

Pomquet Chase The Ace: Looking for something to do on Saturday nights. How about a chance to win \$17,500.00. Tickets sold between 7 and 9 with draw taking place at 9:15pm. Feb 11th entertainment by Robert Rennie and Friends and on Feb 18th Ty Wallace returns.

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

~ Pomquet Carnival Children's Parade Saturday, 18 February, 12:30 PM (Parade begins at 1) at the Ste. Croix Church (to Rev P.J. Baccardax Hall) **Theme:** Les métiers d'aujourd'hui et du passé. Open to children from Pomquet or who attend Pomquet School up to Grade 6. Pre-register before 11 February (no more than 4 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.

~ Evening of music (bilingual) Tuesday, 14 Feb. at the Pomquet Fire Department at 7 pm. For adult (Invite your love one for the St-Valentin!)

~ Community coasting Party and BBQ, Thursday, 16 Feb. at École acadienne de Pomquet 6:30pm to 8:00 pm, weather permitting. For information on events: www.facebook.com/carnavaldepomquet/ or call 902-386-2679.

The Mini Trail Community Center (rte. 337) in Lakevale, Antigonish Co. is having a Pancake & Sausage buffet which will include Tea, Coffee, Juice and a freshly prepared fruit cup on Sunday, 26 February from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Cost will be \$10 for Adults, \$6 for Children. Takeout also available (902-863-4292). Storm date: 5 March.