



Tri-Parish News

Mass Schedule (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

26 February, 2017

**8th 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	(27 February)	6:30 p.m. in Pomquet (late Louis, Margaret, Michael Doiron and Anthony Deon)
Tuesday	(28 February)	6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek
Wednesday	(1 March)	ASH WEDNESDAY (see schedule below)
Thursday	(2 March)	6:30 p.m. in Heatherton (late William A. & Gladys Chisholm & deceased family)



Ash Wednesday Schedule, 1 March

5:00 p.m. Mass in Heatherton

6:30 p.m. Mass in Pomquet

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

The CWL of St. Andrews and Heatherton are sponsoring a Holy Hour every Sunday during Lent beginning March 5th 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in St. Andrews and March 12th 2017 in Heatherton at 6:30 P.M. Parishioners from all 3 parishes are encouraged to attend.

Applications for the **Knight of Columbus** 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 is 10 March.

A friendly reminder about scheduled weekday Masses: if school is cancelled there will be no weekday Mass held on that particular day.

Immaculate Conception Parish News

The deadline for submitting photos and information concerning those who served during WW1 and WWII is Friday, 16 June .. **NO LATER.** Please contact Margie at 902.386.2314 as soon as possible as there will be two plaques made to honour these individuals and will be displayed at the celebration for the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church, 11 – 13 August 2017.

~ Photos, newspaper clippings & other info is being collected for the anniversary celebrations. Please contact Regina at 902.386.2914 .. all original photos and clippings, etc. will be returned.

Stations of the Cross will be at 6:30 p.m. every Friday during Lent. All welcome.

Tax receipts for the 2016 year are located by the Confessional box. Please check if you haven't already picked yours up.

Ash Wednesday Schedule, 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Albert Chisholm and Frank Machnik

Readers: Regina Tate (1st) and Dorothy MacDonald (2nd)

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Hawes and Joan Chisholm

Gift Bearers: Ambrose and Madeline Rogers

PLEASE NOTE: Dorothy Greencorn will be making the schedule for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers & Gift Bearers for April, May and June (9 a.m. Sunday Mass). Phone her at 902-386-2045 a.s.a.p. if you are unable to serve on certain days as she will be completing the schedule by mid-March. New volunteers are always welcome.

Thank you for your support: Reg. = \$913 Loose = \$69.60 Foster Ch. = \$7.95

St. Andrew Parish News

The Rosary will be said for The Unborn Child in the St Andrews Church Sunday, 5 March at 3:00 p.m. and will be held every Sunday in Lent. Please come and join us as everyone is welcome.

Stations of the Cross will be held in St. Andrews Church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Martha Room.

Asking for forgiveness: Thirteen young Catholics received the sacrament of Reconciliation as they confessed their sins and received pardon for the first time this past Wednesday. We acknowledge their recognition of sin, their asking for forgiveness and the abounding love of God as He accepts them back to the fold. The children's names are on the poster at the back of the church which you may wish to take a look at.

Fourteen students from the First Communion class will be signing an Inscription sheet at this Sunday's mass promising to pray daily, attend mass, and follow the teachings of their classes in their daily lives. Welcome to this next step in your faith Cameron, Ben, Angus, Daniel, Santy, Lauchie, Miley, Peyton, Emilie-Kate, Stuart, Elizabeth, Addi, Zackery, and James.

This Sunday another of the First Communion students, Lauchie MacIsaac, and his family will be bringing up the gifts at offertory. It is symbolic that they carry the gifts of wine and bread that will become the blood and body of Christ, which is the underlying concept of First Communion. Thank you Lauchie and family.

There will be no classes at the school Wednesday, 1 March. Instead, families are asked to attend one of the Ash Wednesday services, either 7 p.m. at St. Andrews, 5 p.m. in Heatherton or 6:30 p.m. in Pomquet. It will be very educational for the children to participate in this service and a chance to pray together as family. The following Wednesday, 8 March we will have our last Religious Education class for ALL grades 1 to 8 students

The Annual General Meeting of St. Andrews CWL will be held **Sunday, 5 March** at the St. Andrews Community Centre. Lunch will be served at 12 noon with the meeting immediately following. Tickets for the event will be \$5.00 and are available at MacDonald's Convenience. **Deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, 2 March.**

The St. Andrews CWL will be holding a drive for the Food Bank in the upcoming weeks. We will have a box at the entrance of the church to collect non-perishable food items; as well, toiletries may also be dropped off (items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, powder, personal hygiene products).

The St Andrews Parish annual financial report will be presented in the main church immediately following Mass this Sunday, 26 February. Copies of the report will be distributed.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,623.50 Loose = \$59.50 Initial Offering = \$20.00 G. L. = \$60.00

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 7:15 p.m.** at Ste. Croix Church.

Please note change of time for this event. This presentation will be a great asset for any person who attends Mass. Parishioners from all three parishes are welcome to *attend*

The Ste. Croix Pastoral Council will meet on Monday, 27 February at 7:00 p.m. at École Acadienne.

Thank you for your support: Sunday collection = \$889.00 Loose = \$100.00 Sunday Missals \$10.00

Community News

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.

The St. Andrews District Community Centre is hosting a St. John's Ambulance Emergency First Aid course around the first week of March. The class will be two - 4 hour sessions or one full 8 hour session. The class can hold eight to twenty people. If any individuals or various organizations would like to be included in taking this course, or for more information & the costs of enrollment contact Hughie Richardson at 783-2779 or Genesta Peters at 863- 2289.

St Andrews Oak & Owl Club Annual Meeting, 6 March at 1 pm in the Seniors' Room at the Community Centre. A vote will be held on the proposed changes to the Bylaws that were distributed at the Christmas dinner. Members who did not receive a copy can contact Marie at 863-3279. Members are encouraged to attend & new members welcome.

Antigonish Lions Club Sausage & Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 26 February, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lions Den on Highland Dr. Ext. Donations at the door with funds being raised for "Kids Against Cancer" Relay for Life, St. F. X.