



# 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

**5 February, 2017**

**5<sup>th</sup> 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 (6 February) 6:30 p.m. in Pomquet

Tuesday (7 February) 6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek

Wednesday (8 February) 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

Thursday (9 February) 9:00 a.m. in Heatherton (late Joyce Dort)

**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.

**Deacon Art** I have now experienced the joys, gifts, and faith & the lovely kindness of the church members of the Tri-Parish Grouping for a month. It falls to me to say how much I greatly appreciate the greetings, thanks and kind words expressed to me by all whom I have come into contact with so far. It is a wonderful and beautiful feeling that our Lord has given me the chance to serve the parishes of St. Andrews, Ste. Croix, and Immaculate Conception so far, during these last 31 days. It is my hope that I can continue to serve you all in my capacity as a Deacon for the foreseeable future. God Bless you All. *Art*

Applications for the Simon J Khattar scholarship are available from Mark Pettipas (902-863-5497) ([mgpettipas@nstu.ca](mailto: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 and 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](mailto:bedford@dioceseofantigonish.ca). Depending on the interest, we may develop a new class. So, if interested please call ASAP: 902-539-6188 ext. 235

We currently have 29 from Immaculate Conception, 17 from St. Andrew's and 7 from Ste. Croix parishes who have registered their names for the prayer program.

## **Immaculate Conception Parish News**

### **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church 11 – 13 August 2017**

~ Information on Heatherton area veterans from WW1 & WWII is needed. 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 info is needed for the celebrations. Please contact Regina at 902.386.2914 .. all originals will be returned.

~ 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.

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.

The Food Bank collection taken in amounted to \$19.25 and 35 lbs. The basket remains at the rear entrance of the Church for donations at any time.

**Thank you for your support:** Reg. = \$941 Loose = \$75.83 Donation = \$50 Foster Ch. = \$5.50 Initial = \$15

## 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

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

**Thank you for your support:** Regular = \$1,038.80 Loose = \$38.25 Breakfast Program = \$3.75 G. L. = \$20.00

## Ste. Croix Parish News

The community of Pomquet will be celebrating their Annual Winter Carnival with the opening Mass on Saturday, 11 February at 6:00 p.m., Ste. Croix church. Come and celebrate our Acadian heritage with us!

There is a meeting of the parents/guardians of the First Communion Class on Wed. 8 Feb. at 6:35 pm. at the school.

**Thank you for your support:** Sunday collection = \$898.25 Loose = \$64.00 Sale of organ = \$300.00

## Community News

The family of the late Chisholm MacDonald would like to express our deepest appreciation for the love and support shown to us over the last few weeks. Special thanks to Deacon Hyland for the beautiful eulogy and words of comfort. Thank you Father Gary for the funeral Mass and Father Charlie, Deacon Hyland & Deacon Art for their assistance at Mass. Thank you to the Folk Choir & Ty Wallace for the beautiful music. To the ladies of the parish who organized the reception following the funeral, thank you. We are very grateful for the delicious food delivered to our home, for all the Mass cards and cards of sympathy, and the charitable donations. Thank you and God bless. *Libby and family*

The Heatherton Walking Club meets at 5:30 p.m. (1/2 hour walk) on Sunday evenings at the Community Centre. Anyone is welcome to join.

Sincere thanks to so many good friends who joined with me in celebrating my 95<sup>th</sup> birthday to make it such a memorable occasion. Thank you Father Daniel and our two Deacons for your special blessings. To all those who attended the Open House, thank you for your cheerful greetings, your good wishes and kind words. Also to those unable to attend but sent greetings, thanks. I appreciate all the Mass offerings and enrollments, the beautiful flowers and the kind gifts and surrounded by the love of all of my family. You all made it a happy occasion. Many thanks and God bless each one of you. *Love, Kaye Fraser.*

St. Andrews Seniors Housing Association AGM, Sunday, 12 Feb. at 10 am 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 4<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Ty Wallace, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> entertainment by Robert Rennie and Friends and on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Ty Wallace returns.

### Annual Winter Carnival in Pomquet, from Saturday, 11 February to Sunday, 19 February.

~ 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.

~ 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.

~ *Fricôt Dinner*, (Acadian chicken soup/stew with dumplings; biscuits; dessert) – Sunday, 12 February from 11 to 1 at Rev P.J. Baccardax Hall \$8 adults; \$5 children.

~ 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/](http://www.facebook.com/carnavaldepomquet/) or call 902-386-2679

Thanks to everyone who dropped off slightly used winter coats, snowsuits/pants, hats and mitts for the Coats For Families program in November. To date, the Coats for Families folks have handed out 72 winter coats, 22 snowsuits, 30 pair of snow-pants, 17 pair of winter boots, 32 winter hats, and 22 pair of mittens/gloves.