



Tri-Parish News

Mass Schedule (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

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday	(6 March)	6:30 p.m. in Pomquet
Tuesday	(7 March)	6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek
Wednesday	(8 March)	6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's (late Norma Mattie)
Thursday	(9 March)	6:30 p.m. in Heatherton (late Charlie Decoffe)

There are Lenten messages from Pope Francis and Bishop Brian Dunn posted to the Church bulletin boards. Please take a few minutes and read these. Thank you.

The CWL of St. Andrews & Heatherton sponsor a Holy Hour every Sunday during Lent beginning 5 March at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrews and 12 March in Heatherton at 6:30 p.m.. Parishioners from all three parishes are encouraged to attend.

The Bucket: Each of our three parishes now has a bucket in front of the Altar at weekend Masses. At these masses during the time when the collection is being taken up, the children are welcome to come forward and put some small coins in the bucket. The money that goes into the bucket at Immaculate Conception Parish goes to support their Foster Child. The money that comes in from St. Andrews goes to the Breakfast Program at the local school. The money that comes in from Ste. Croix Parish goes to Sleeping Children Around the World Fund. None of the money stays in the parish. In a way it is children helping children. We wish to thank the young people and parents for their generosity.

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 10 March.

A friendly reminder about scheduled weekday Masses: if school is cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be no weekday Mass held on that particular day. Also, in cases where a funeral is held, the regular weekday Mass will be cancelled. These Masses will be rescheduled for a later date.

Please note: Pat is on holiday this coming week and Jolene will be covering her hours while she is away. The office is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish News

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

The Heatherton C.W.L. will sponsor Bingo at the Highland Crest Home on Friday, 10 March at 2:00 p.m. Anyone able to attend is asked to please phone Mary Ellen MacDonald at 902.386.2687.

There is a C.W.L. meeting in the Activity Centre on Monday, 6 March at 7:00 p.m.

Church cleaners for the month of March:

11 March -- Muriel MacDonald, Margie Bailey and Denise Sampson

25 March – Evelyn Chisholm, Joan Chisholm and Jolene Chisholm

Thank you for your support:

Regular = \$839.00 Loose = \$44.25 Foster Child = \$6.55

The Roman
Catholic
Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton**

**St. Andrew,
St. Andrew's**

**Ste. Croix,
Pomquet**

5 March, 2017

1st Sunday of Lent

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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

St. Andrew Parish News

The Rosary will be said for The Unborn Child in the St Andrews Church this 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.

First Communion: We continue this weekend having our First Communion participants bring up the offertory with their family. Last week we thank Cameron Barker and his family for bringing up the offertory. This week we welcome James and Elizabeth Noel-O'Leary and their family for participating even more in the mass by carrying up the gifts. May God bless you all.

There will be a Liturgy committee meeting on Tuesday, 7 March, at 7:15 p.m. in the Martha Room.

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

The Annual General Meeting of St. Andrews CWL will be held this Sunday, 5 March at the St. Andrews Community Centre. Lunch will be served at 12 noon with the meeting immediately following.

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).

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,862.25 Loose = \$40.25 Breakfast Program = \$12.25
G. L. = \$70.00 Initial Offering = \$5.00

Ste. Croix Parish News

Attention Parents: First Confession for the children of Grade 4 will be heard by Father Gary on 8 March at 7:30 p.m. in Ste. Croix Church.

There is a Liturgy committee meeting on Monday, 6 March, at 7:00 p.m. following Mass in the Ste. Croix Church

Thank you for your support: Sunday collection = \$1,581.00 Loose = \$88.25 Fire Dept. Hall Rent = \$600.00

Diocesan News

Ad limina Visit: Bishop Dunn will be making an *ad limina* Visit to Rome during the month of March. The visit '*ad limina Apostolorum*' is designed as an opportunity for each bishop to strengthen his own responsibility as a successor of the Apostles and to strengthen his bonds of being in communion with the Successor of Peter. The two basic purposes for the visit include: a) to venerate the tomb of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul; b) to meet with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome. An important element of the visit involves a visit with the Holy Father and a discussion with him about questions concerning pastoral ministry within the Church today. This meeting will take place on Thursday, March 16. The *ad limina* visit usually takes place every five years; however, it has been much longer than five years since the Bishops of Canada have made a visit, due to special Jubilee Years when there are no *ad limina* visits. All the bishops of Atlantic Canada will be making their visit together from March 11 to March 22. Please pray for Bishop Dunn as he makes this *ad limina* visit to Rome.

Community News

St. Patrick's Day Pub and 500 Club Draw at the Heatherton Community Centre Friday, 17 March with music by Ty Wallace from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. with a \$5 cover charge. Wear something green for a guaranteed door prize during happy hour from 8 – 9 p.m. Come socialize with friends, play a game of cards and listen to some great live music. 500 Club draws: 4 Draws \$200 ... 1 Draw \$500 ... 1 Draw \$2500

The St. Andrews District Community Center is hosting a St. John's Ambulance First Aid Course on Monday, 20 March from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The last date for entry is 8 March and the cost is \$90.00 to be paid by 8 March. For more information 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.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Tea and Sale sponsored by Antigonish Right to Life on Saturday, 11 March from noon to 2:30 at St. Ninian's Place. Door prizes, cake walk, flea market, toy, book and craft tables, count the jelly beans, silent auction, baked goods and fudge sale, and Irish table. Free admission and tea tickets are \$5/adult and \$3/child.

A reminder that the 3rd Antigonish Winter Market is held every Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at 20 St. Andrews Street (former Prissy Pig Café and Deli location). There are 33 vendors participating with home-baked goods, knitted items, jewellery, natural care products, children's items, woods crafts, just to name a few. Also, there are on-site food vendors with burritos, samosas, soup, and other quick lunch ideas for on the go.