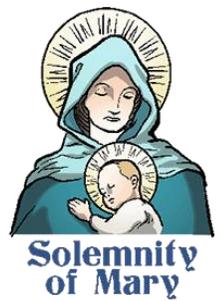




Tri-Parish News

January, February and March 2018

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Heatherton
Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in Pomquet



The Roman Catholic
Communities of

Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton
St. Andrew,
St. Andrew's
Ste. Croix,
Pomquet

31 December 2017

*Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
&

1 January 2018

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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Baptisms

By appointment,
please phone Fr. Andrew

Marriages

Please call Fr. Andrew at
least 6 months in advance

Sacrament of Reconciliation

15 minutes before and after
weekday Masses or by
appointment

Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office
to request a Mass offering

Mass Schedule for the week:

Sunday	(31 December)	6:00 p.m. Heatherton
Tuesday	(2 January)	9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's
Wednesday	(3 January)	funeral at 11:00 a.m. in Pomquet (Carol Broussard)
Thursday	(4 January)	9:00 a.m. Mass in Heatherton (Geraldine Martin)
Saturday	(6 January)	4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Andrew's
Sunday	(7 January)	9:00 a.m. Mass in Heatherton (Joseph & Martha Fougere) 11:00 a.m. in Pomquet

With Gratitude ...

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all those who helped with our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Our Tree Lightings and Reconciliation Service were wonderful ways to prepare for Christ's birth. To all those who served in various ministries, decorators, flower donors and all those who took part - your generosity is much appreciated.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts. You have helped to make this Christmas "the most wonderful time of the year!" May you be blessed with peace in your hearts and homes in 2018!

Fr. Andrew

The Tri-Parish Office. The office will re-open on Tuesday, 2 January, regular hours of 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

A friendly reminder about scheduled weekday Masses: if school is cancelled there will be no weekday Mass held on that particular day for Heatherton or Pomquet. Masses will still be held in St. Andrew's and Paq'tnkek if school is cancelled.

Church contribution envelopes for the 2018 year are now available in the Church. If you wish to receive a packet and are not already on our list, phone the office at 902-386-2810 or e-mail to 3catholic@gmail.com

The January prayers for Priests and Deacons is now available by the bulletins. Please take a copy.

Immaculate Conception Parish

The schedules for January, February and March are now available for pick up near the bulletins. If you are scheduled to serve, please take a copy for reference.

150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church books can be purchased from Rick Grace at 902-386-2910. \$20 each

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$743.00 Foster Child = \$1.70
Christmas = \$1,951.70 (includes loose)

St. Andrew Parish News

Altar Server schedules for St. Andrew are ready for pick up in the Martha Room.

Thank you for your support: Sunday Regular = \$3,326.75 Missalette = \$5.00
Reg. Loose = \$28.00 Social Action = \$100.00 Giant's Lake = \$184.40
Religious Education = \$90.00 Christmas Flowers = \$240.00
Maintenance Levy = \$75.00 Christmas = \$2,263.95 (includes loose)
Christmas Flowers = \$100.00 Christmas Giant's Lake = \$1,365.80

Ste. Croix Parish News

EMERGENCY FUNDS REQUIRED: We have a major church roof leak requiring immediate repair. Estimated cost over \$6,000. Repairs are expected to be completed before Christmas. Funds are needed to cover this cost. Please be generous & place your donation in an envelope with your name and church envelope number marked "roof repair".

Parishioners are invited to join a new fundraising committee for Ste. Croix Parish which will have its first meeting on Thursday, 11 January at 7:00 p.m. at the P.J. Baccardax Hall. All are invited to attend.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,910.00 Reg. Loose = \$20.25 Christmas Flowers= \$130.00
Roof Repair = \$400.00 Yard Sales = \$20.00 Christmas = \$1,980.25 (includes loose) Missalettes = \$40.00

Diocesan News

Relic of St. Francis Xavier The relic of St. Francis Xavier (the right forearm and hand) is coming to St. Francis Xavier University on January 8th, 2018, beginning with a service at 1 pm at the Chapel, followed by an afternoon of veneration and concluding with Mass at the Chapel at 6:30. This is an opportunity to rediscover Francis Xavier as one of the most exciting and adventurous figures of the 16th century. The visit of this relic will be a wonderful opportunity for people of faith to seek the intercession of St. Francis Xavier.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service will be Wednesday, 24 January at 7:00 p.m. at St. James' United Church in Antigonish.

Family Family Life Ministry of Diocese of Antigonish Parenting Tip: The New Year is a time for all of us to reflect on the past and see if positive changes are needed in our lives. Are there changes you would like to see in your family - more time spent together, a greater number of meals shared as a family, increased sharing of events in each others lives, or an increase in peaceful family time? Discuss what changes each family member would like to see and then write out an action plan - a how to, so you will accomplish one or two of your goals. Your children will learn how to set goals and action plans, while all of you will benefit from positive changes that will strengthen your relationship as a family. Used with permission re: Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

Marriages CAN go the distance, and the annual recognition of Canada's Longest Married Couple proves it. Nominate your loved ones by submitting the names of husband & wife, wedding date, current home address and the contact info of the person submitting the nomination to: Ernesto and Analillian Ayala 113-7471 Blundel Rd, Richmond, BC, V6Y-1J6, or canada@wwme.org, or [604-337-5845](tel:604-337-5845) Deadline Feb 28, 2018. All nominations will be recognized.

Make a Call for Conscience: Over recent months, it has become increasingly clear that the conscience rights of Nova Scotia doctors are not being adequately protected. A leading N. S. medical regulator recently told doctors they must participate in euthanasia by making an "effective referral" even if this would require them to violate their conscience. It was made clear that the penalty for refusing to comply could be discipline for "unprofessional conduct". Performing or referring for assisted suicide & euthanasia involve killing a patient. This is directly opposed to the teachings of many faiths & the traditional Hippocratic oath. Most health care professionals embarked on their careers to heal people, not kill them. No Nova Scotian should be required to be involved against their will. Other provinces have found ways to provide access without forcing people to act against their moral convictions. We need to let the Minister of Health of Nova Scotia know that we need legislation to protect conscience rights in our province. In November, Manitoba legislators passed a Bill which said that Manitoba health care professionals could not be compelled to participate in assisted suicide. We need a similar bill here in Nova Scotia. Visit http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/nova_scotia today to write the Minister of Health & all three party leaders. Conscience rights are an all party issue. We need our legislators to show their support for N. S. health care professionals. **The deadline is 11 January 2018.**

Community News

Heatherton 500 Club Fundraiser \$25,000 in prizes to give away in 2018! Tickets are \$100 each and all proceeds go to the Heatherton Community Centre. These tickets make a great Christmas gift! For tickets call 902-867-0130.

"The Recipe", a unique cookbook featuring various recipes from the Antigonish area is now available for purchase. All proceeds go to the Antigonish County Adult Learning Association to help fund its programs for 2018. They are \$10 each and can be purchased at the front desk of the Antigonish library or at ACALA's office (room 120).

The Antigonish Winter Market will be returning for its fourth season starting on Saturday, 27 January, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the former National Philatelic Centre building at 75 St. Ninian Street. You can follow us on Facebook to get more details of the participating vendors and musical acts.

