



Second Sunday of Advent

The Roman Catholic
Communities of
Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton
St. Andrew,
St. Andrew's
Ste. Croix,
Pomquet

10 December 2017
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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.

Tri-Parish News

Schedule December 2017

Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. in Pomquet

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's

Sundays at 11:00 in Heatherton

Mass and Confession Schedule for the week:

Monday (11 December) 6:30 p.m. Mass in Paq'tnkek
Tuesday (12 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in Pomquet
Wednesday (13 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Andrew's
Thursday (14 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in Heatherton (for the Wallace family)
Saturday (16 December) 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. individual confessions
at St. Ninian Cathedral
6:00 p.m. Mass in Pomquet
Sunday (17 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Andrew's
11:00 a.m. Mass in Heatherton (Walter & Vietha Diggins)
6:30 p.m. Reconciliation service at Pomquet with
visiting priests for individual confessions.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Sunday, 24 December

4:00 p.m. in Heatherton ~ 5:00 p.m. in Giant's Lake ~ 5:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's

7:00 p.m. in Pomquet ~ 8:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek (in the gym)

The complete schedules for Advent & Christmas and the 2018 weekend Masses are
now available near the bulletin.

All in the Tri-Parish is welcome to join the new choir for St. Andrew's. Practice at
8:00 a.m. Sunday for the Mass at 9:00 a.m. Our apologies for not being able to have
choir practice the last two Sundays. It was cancelled due to sickness.

Any parishioners interested in becoming **Lay Pastoral Visitors** for the Tri-Parish are
asked to please let Father Andrew know. The work of this committee will include
communion calls, home or hospital visits to the sick and shut-in or other parishioners
who may need a visit. Next meeting will be this Monday, 11 Dec. at 7:00 p.m. at the
Paq'tnkek Band Office (7 Dillon Street).

ALTAR SERVERS There is an urgent need for adults to volunteer to be altar servers
at any and all masses in the Tri-Parish Grouping. This important ministry of the Mass
will facilitate the children and other adults now serving. Please consider volunteering,
training will be given. Please contact Deacon Art at 902-870-6379,
rileyrn@hotmail.com or in person at any mass, the Parish Office or Father Andrew.

An open house will be held Saturday, December 30th, 2017, at the home of Deacon
Art Riley, 2554 Summerside Road, Afton Station, anytime between the hours of 1 to 5
pm; to help Art celebrate the anniversary of his birth 80 years ago! He shows no
signs of slowing down. Blessings and best wishes only.

Copies of the December Prayers for Priests and Deacons is now located near the
bulletins. Please take a copy.

Thanks to all of you who put coats, snowsuits, etc. in the bins at the back of the
churches. Many adults and children are going to be warm this winter because of your
kind deed. Thank you. Remember last week's Gospel, "So long as you did it to the
least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me". If you were unable to drop them off
in the back off the church you can drop them off at the Knights of Columbus toy drive
across from Coles at Antigonish Market Square in town. For The Children Clarence

Immaculate Conception Parish

The C.W.L. will be purchasing Christmas flowers for the church. If you wish to
contribute towards these flowers in memory of loved ones, please contact Regina at
386-2914 or Joanne at 386-2817.

On Sunday, 17 December, the decorating and cleaning of the church for the Christmas
season will take place starting at noon. All are invited to help out. Make it an annual
event for the family, so it is a fitting end to our 150th anniversary year.

Bazaar Report The CWL wishes to again thank all those who supported the annual Parish Bazaar. The monetary and material donations as well as the hours of volunteer time that were contributed by the parishioners was wonderful and truly appreciated. Most of the bills are in and we can now report that the bazaar's profit was approximately **\$6,500**. Many ask what the CWL does with its money. We would like you to know that we do many good things with the funds we raise. For example, we contribute to many charities: the Esk-Omi Missions, the Save the Family Plan, and Mass for Shut-ins. We, this year, have donated \$500 to Our Lady of Grace Monastery to assist them with their heating costs. We sponsor eight bingos at the local nursing homes where we provide prizes. We look after funeral receptions and other parish receptions. We provide Christmas gifts for shut-ins. And every year we make a donation to our parish. This year we are giving our parish \$2000 and have agreed to pay for the new central vacuum cleaner in the church. So again we thank all those who assist us in any way. It is through your support that we are able to continue with our many projects. **THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$827.00 Foster Child = \$8.80 Religious Education = \$10.00
Maintenance = \$20.00 Loose = \$55.00

St. Andrew Parish News

You may donate Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one; if you don't have Church envelopes you can still receive a tax receipt. Place your envelope in the weekend collection basket.

Thank you for your support: Reg. = \$1,135.00 Maintenance = \$210.00 World Mission = \$20.00 Loose = \$23.00

Ste. Croix Parish News

Ste. Croix Parish Pastoral council will meet on Thursday, 14 December at 7:00 p.m. at École Acadienne, Pomquet.

The Ste. Croix Parish Pastoral council is in need of two new members. Please be generous and consider giving your help for the benefit of the parish. Call Leo, 863-6292, Kathleen 386-2754, or Father Andrew 863-4846.

In less than 20 days, we will begin to celebrate the great season of Christmas! To help us celebrate this great feast, we have begun preparations. If you wish to donate money toward flowers in memory of a loved one, place your money in an envelope with the name of the person (s) you wish to remember, your name & envelope number. If you do not have a Church envelope number, we can still issue a receipt at tax time to help us ensure that everyone's donation is duly recorded, place your envelope in the weekend collection basket.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,206.15 Loose = \$19.00 Cemetery = \$125.00
Missals = \$325.00 Hall Rent = \$150.00

Diocesan News

A Voice: Hear, Love, Follow An Advent Youth / Intergenerational Gathering this Sunday, 10 December at 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury. Come together to embrace the Advent Season. Prayer and activities for all ages.

We are so happy that our diocese has 9 deacons who are living out their call to minister as servant of the Word, Altar and Charity. We have 8 candidates in their third year of formation and discernment asking "Is God calling me to diaconate?" That is the challenge we make to men aged 35-65: "Is God calling you to be a deacon in our diocese?" Some signs are: a desire and ability to commit oneself to this call; the physical, mental and emotional health needed to minister as a deacon; a good relationship with Christ and His Church; if married, the support of your spouse and family; and if single, the grace of living celibately. If you have any inkling or wondering if the Lord might be calling you, why not talk about it with your pastor or a deacon? You could also call the Director of Deacons, Fr. Bedford Doucette at 902-5787-4375, the Pastoral Center, Sydney. If there is sufficient interest, there is a possibility of another class in the New Year. So contact us sooner rather than later so plans can be made. We ask you to pray for our deacons & candidates and for more men to respond to the call to become deacons."

On Saturday, 16 December there will be a Day of Reconciliation held at St. Ninian's Cathedral in preparation for the Christmas season. This will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with visiting priests.

Community News

Heather Club 60 Christmas Party Members of Heather Club 60 and those 55+ who wish to become members, this Sunday, 10 December. Come at 5:30 p.m. for a Meet & Greet. Supper is at 6:00 p.m. followed by an evening of fun and fellowship. Cost is \$15 plus your \$5 membership dues for 2018. To confirm your attendance, call Gail 386-2807 or Priscella 386-2214.

St Andrews Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at SASHA this Sunday, 10 Dec. (3:30-4:30 p.m.).

Operation Shoebox: Thank you to all who generously gave to this project sending a little joy to children struggling overseas. We collected 47 boxes at St. Andrew's. Many thanks to our young people in the Religion Program, their teachers & monitors & their families who took part in collecting & packing the boxes & also brought the gifts up at the Offertory that Sunday

The St. Andrews Community Partnership meeting will be held Tuesday, 12 December at 7:00p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Open House: Come have a cup of tea with Roger Cuzner at the P.J. Baccardax Hall, Pomquet on Sat., 16 Dec. noon - 2 p.m.

Christmas Carol Sing & Concert at St. Joseph's Church, on Monday, 18 December at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a delightful evening of carol singing with musical guests. Sponsored by St. Joseph's CW. Free will offering at the door