



Third Sunday of Advent

The Roman Catholic
Communities of

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

17 December 2017
3rd Sunday of Advent

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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 (not 24 December)

Mass Schedule for the week:

Saturday (16 December) 6:00 p.m. Mass in Pomquet (intentions of Carol Broussard)

Tuesday (19 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in Pomquet

Wednesday (20 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Andrew's

Saturday (23 December) 6:00 p.m. Mass in Pomquet

Sunday (24 December) 9:00 a.m. Mass in St. Andrew's **NO 11:00 a.m. MASS**

A reminder that there will be a Reconciliation service at Pomquet with visiting priests for individual confessions this Sunday, 17 December, at 6:30 p.m.

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'tnekek (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 are welcome to join the new choir for St. Andrew's. Practice after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for the remainder of December.

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, rileyryn@hotmail.com or in person at any mass, the Parish Office or Father Andrew.

An open house will be held Saturday, 30 December 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.

Antigonish Right to Life cash calendars are available at a cost of \$20 each. Please call Thelma MacDonald at 783-2432 or 386-3000 if you wish to support the Right to Life.

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

PLEASE NOTE: All notices for next weekend's bulletin must be in to the office no later than Wednesday, 20 December to insure they will be included.

Tri-Parish Office Christmas & New Year's Hours: The office will be closed Friday, 22 December and re-open on Wednesday, 27 December and remain open until Friday, 29 December. The office will be closed on Monday, 1 January and re-open on Tuesday, 2 January.

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. In order to have your name included on the list of donors please respond by Tuesday, 19 December.

This 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.

Just a friendly reminder that there are still a few booklets available that were made to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton. These would make a lovely gift and can be purchased by contacting Rick Grace at 902-386-2910. They are \$20.00 each.

Thanks to the Heatherton C.W.L. for the donation of \$2,000 towards our parish funds. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,230.00 Missalette= \$10 Loose = \$38.50
World Mission = \$20.00 Donations = \$2,100.00 Christmas = \$10.00

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: Regular = \$1,806.60 Maintenance = \$110.00 Cemetery = \$50.00 Loose = \$18.00
Christmas Flowers = \$105.00 Missallettes = \$45.00 Giant's Lake = 20.00 + 90.00 maintenance

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 it's first meeting on Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. Location to be announced at a later date.

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.

To help us celebrate Christmas, 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 = \$809.00 Loose = \$39.20 Flowers = \$135.00 Hall Rent = \$1725.00

Diocesan News

Colombia Mission Trip, 13 – 20 February 2018 Join me and my group for our annual Mission to a Catholic orphanage where you can either: work directly with the children or do simple work to help improve the buildings, cook, sew, etc. Spaces are limited and are filling up quickly so don't miss out. The approximate cost of this trip is \$1,300.00. Please contact Father Andrew Gillies by e-mail at fr.gillies@yahoo.ca or phone him at 902-863-4846.

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.

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.

Family Life Ministry of Diocese of Antigonish Parenting tip: Christmas is a time of great joy and excitement for children who wait with anticipation to receive presents from Santa and other loved ones. Keeping Christ's birth at the heart of the celebration can be hard, but not impossible. We can help our children focus on the true meaning of Christmas in the following ways: place the nativity scene as a focal point in your home; assist with or contribute to charity drives; read the story of Christ's birth daily; engage in a small advent lighting ceremony each week of advent as a family; on Christmas morning sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus before you open up the gifts under tree. Christmas holds a deeper meaning for all when we stay focused on its true meaning. Used with permission from the Family Ministry Office of Diocese of Hamilton

Community News

The Homemade Gift concert was a great success. Margie, Joey, Jessica, Jamie, Daniel, R.J. and Colin want to say thank you to everyone for your support. Thanks to all the performers, Leo MacDonald, Len P.D. MacDonald. The Activity Centre and Theresa Hennessey for the delicious door prizes. Thank you to Kevin Bowie & Ed MacDonald for donating the beautiful Christmas trees. Thank you to Doreen Bailey & the ladies who donated the Christmas cookies. A very appreciated thank you to the Heatherton Community Centre and the volunteers. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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

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 CWL. Free will offering at the door.

Christmas Ceilidh at Piper's Pub in Antigonish on Wednesday, 20 December from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with special guests: MacQuarrie Highland Dancers - In support of the 2018 Scotland Adventure to the World Championships.

The last day of the Antigonish Farmer's Market for this season will be Saturday, 23 December, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. located in the 4-H Barn on the Exhibition Grounds.