



Tri-Parish News

January, February and March 2018

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

Mass Schedule for the week:

Monday	(29 January)	6:00 p.m. in Paq'tnkek
Wednesday	(31 January)	9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's (Fr. Larry Gillis)
Thursday	(1 February)	9:00 a.m. in Heatherton (Pat Chisholm)
Saturday	(3 February)	4:00 p.m. Mass in St. Andrew's (Bill Vosman)
Sunday	(4 February)	9:00 a.m. Mass in Heatherton (John and Mary Bailey & deceased family) 11:00 a.m. in Pomquet

A 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.

Volunteers required: a minimum of six parishioners from our Tri-Parish will be trained by St. Martha's Hospital to visit our parishioners there. To sign up for this training, please sign the sheet located at the entrance of the Church. This sheet will be posted for a couple of weeks, please sign up (even if you have shown interest in the past) if you are interested in helping with this important ministry. We already have 3 who have contacted the office and will need three more please.

Liturgy committee meeting Monday, 29 Jan. at Paq'tnkek (7 Dillon Street) 6:30 p.m.

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

First Communion will be held on 3 and 4 March 2018.

The next Confirmation class is Thursday, 1 February, 7 p.m. in the Martha Room.

All mail is to be sent through the Tri- Parish office only (Box 24, Heatherton, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, B0H 1R0). Please do not leave mail in the Church or Glebe House. Also, all notices for the bulletin and bookings are to be sent to the office by mail, email or phone. Thank you for your understanding.

In recent days, concerns regarding the annual Canada Summer Jobs Grants has been in the news. The government has made a policy change in the application process for the Canada Summer Jobs Grants. This change is substantially contrary to Church teaching. It seems that this new change makes parishes no longer eligible to apply for these grants. In response, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on the recent changes to government requirements for "Canada Summer Jobs" program. Attestation must now be included that "both the job and the organization's core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights". This insistence on reproductive rights (which specifically includes "the right to access safe and legal abortions"). This new policy conflicts directly with the right to freedom of religion and conscience which too are enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as in associated case law. It seriously undermines the right to religious freedom since the Government of Canada is limiting the right of religious traditions to hold, teach and practice their principles and values in public. There will be unfortunate consequences on the ground: summer camps will be forced to close; the services of numerous non-profit organizations will be reduced; valuable opportunities for apprenticeship will be lost. These effects, to name but a few, will be felt in Catholic diocese and organizations as well as in many other faith communities across Canada. Let us respond to this new policy which seems to exclude Christian employers and other employers with traditional views about life, marriage and sex from obtaining grants to employ students for the summer. Please Google "Canada now discriminating against prolife employers" and sign the petition.

The Ham & Bean Lunch which was scheduled for Sunday, 28 January in Pomquet has been postponed. 50/50 tickets sale is still on and will be drawn for on 28 Feb. To volunteer to help with fundraising, please contact the Tri-Parish office.

**The Roman Catholic
Communities of**

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

**28 January 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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

Immaculate Conception Parish

Church contribution envelopes are located near the bulletins for those who don't have any yet and wish to be included on the list. Please put your name and address on the first envelope you use so that we can enter it and the envelope number in our records.

Thank you for your support: Reg. = \$905.00 Loose = \$95.40 Initial Offering = \$15 Solemnity of Mary = \$5.00

St. Andrew Parish News

First Confession for St. Andrew's will be held on Wednesday, 28 February, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew Church.

Church contribution envelopes are located on the back table for those who don't have any yet. Please put your name and address on the first envelope you use so that we can enter it and the envelope number in our records.

Thank you for your support: Sunday Regular = \$1,217.00 Loose = \$60.65 Solemnity of Mary = \$25.00
Initial Offering = \$25.00 Missalette = \$5.00 Giant's Lake = \$95.00 + \$5.00 (missalette)

Ste. Croix Parish News

First Confession will be held this Wednesday, 31 January at 6:30 p.m. in Ste. Croix Church.

Ste. Croix Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Janet Chisholm (President / Finance), Cecilia DeLorey (Vice-Pres/ Religious ed.)

Leo van Berkel (Past President/Finance/Tri-Parish), Kathleen Benoit (Secretary/Religious ed.)

Robert Benoit (chair Finance), Wesley Martell (Finance), Vivian Doiron (chair Liturgy), Effie Vincent (Liturgy)

Maureen DeYoung (Liturgy), Anthony Van Berkel (chair Grounds/ Buildings) Gerard Chisholm (Grounds/ Buildings)

Joseph Durant (Grounds/Buildings). Also, as ex-officio (working with council members for the parish)

Jessie DeYoung (Religious ed.) Lillian Van Berkel (Liturgy), Donna Benoit (Liturgy) Carmel MacPherson (Liturgy)

Raymond Decoste, John Doiron and Paul Doiron (Grounds/ Buildings), Karen Rennie and Jennifer Macdonald (Tri-Parish). Parishioners may contact anyone of the above with questions, concerns or a thank you.

Signed, The Parish Council

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,324.00 Knights of Columbus = \$100.00 Loose = \$16.00
Initial Offering = \$45.00 Roof Repair = \$1,935.00 Solemnity of Mary = \$110.00 Hall Rent (Fire Dept.) = \$600.00

Diocesan News

Ignite...Your Faith Journey Diocesan Youth Gathering - Saturday, 14 April, 2018. Our Lady of Fatima is hosting a day of friendship and faith. Open to youth preparing for Confirmation and older. 11am - 4pm, with Mass at 4:15pm
Register through your Parish Office or contact Allyson Langley [902-562-3934](tel:902-562-3934) or Cathy Walsh [902-870-9117](tel:902-870-9117)

Women's Prayer Breakfast How does faith inform my life? Guest speaker: Ms. Patricia Fricker Bates, LL.B., LL. M., Auditor, Matrimonial Tribunal, Diocese of Antigonish 8:30am - 10:30am Saturday, 10 February, St. Ninian Place, Sponsored by St. Ninian's CWL Tickets: \$15.00 (\$7.50 for students) available at St. Ninian Parish Office ([863-2338](tel:863-2338)).

Community News

The Heatherton Fitness Centre is extending their hours to offer daytime hours. In addition to the evening hours the Fitness Centre will now be open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (evening hours, Sunday, 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) \$3.00 drop in fee or \$25/month. As always, we rely on our volunteer base to be able to open and close the fitness centre. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please send us a message through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/heathertonfitnesscentre/> or by emailing heathertonfitnesscentre@gmail.com.

Bilingual On-Call Term Post Office Assistant in Heatherton .. to find out more and apply, please visit www.canadapost.ca/careers and search for Job ID: JO118-1066

There will be a Tri-HEART meeting Saturday, 3 February immediately after St Andrews Mass (5:00 p.m.) in the Martha Room. Agenda distributed to mail-out list but others are invited to attend as discussion and planning continues for sponsoring additional refugee families under the Family Links program. This will include a related family from the El Imam family already living in the St Andrews convent, plus co-sponsoring with St Ninian's CARE group two Somalian sisters and four children.

Children's Parade - Pomquet Winter Carnival: Open to all Pomquet children and/or students of Ecole Acadienne de Pomquet - up to Grade 6; max four children per entry. Saturday, 24 February - 12:30 (Eglise Ste Croix to Salle Baccardax). Theme: Acadie de nos Coeurs. Pre-registration (before 17 February): call Tiffany ([902-735-2105](tel:902-735-2105)) or Colette ([902-870-3051](tel:902-870-3051)) *no motorized vehicles but decorated bicycles are allowed*

The Antigonish Lions Club will be hosting a Sausage & Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, 28 January at the Lions Den on Highland Drive Ext. from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Donations at the door with money raised going to assist an individual in need of a wheelchair.

Pancake breakfasts are held last Sunday of the month September-November January-June