



~ Tri- Parish News ~

December

Weekend Mass Schedule

(2021 schedule listed on page 2 of this bulletin)

~ Saturdays ~

4:00 p.m. at Ste. Croix in Pomquet (1st Sunday of each month Mass will be in French)

~ Sundays ~

9:15 a.m. at St. Andrew Church in St. Andrew's

11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton

PLEASE NOTE:

You will no longer need to phone to register for weekend Masses on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in Pomquet or Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in St. Andrew's churches.

Names will be checked off at these churches before Mass.

Those who will be attending Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Heatherton will still need to register to attend by contacting Regina at 902-386-2914 or Jolene at the office at 902-386-2810 or email jolene3catholic@gmail.com

Deadline to register is Fridays at 2 p.m.

Information and guidelines on the reopening of the churches for Masses can be found on our website page and Facebook page for your reference.

Please remember, Nova Scotians are expected to wear non-medical masks when in most indoor public spaces including places of worship or faith gatherings. You must bring your own mask while attending Mass as masks will not be provided for you.

Hand sanitizers are located at the entrances to the churches for your use before entering the Church.

The Roman Catholic Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton**

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

**Ste. Croix,
Pomquet**

27th of December 2020

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph**

Parish Office

Phone: 902-386-2810

Fax: 902-386-2183

Box 24, Heatherton
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Heatherton, B0H 1R0

Monday to Fridays

9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Emails

3catholic@gmail.com
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Fr. Andrew Gillies

902-863-4846

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Deacon Art Riley

902-870-6379

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Pat MacLean

pat3catholic@gmail.com

Jolene Chisholm

jolene3catholic@gmail.com

Website

www.triparishgrouping.ca

Facebook

Tri-Parish of Heatherton,
Pomquet and St. Andrew's

Baptisms

By appointment,
please phone Fr. Andrew

Marriages

Please call Fr. Andrew at least
12 months in advance to ensure the
marriage course is arranged

Sacrament of Reconciliation

by appointment and also
before Mass on Saturdays from
3:30 - 4:00 p.m., and also
before Weekday Mass

Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office
to request a Mass offering

~ CONFESSION SCHEDULE ~

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Monastery

New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, 31 December, Mary, Mother of God

- 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Heatherton
- Phone Regina Tate at 902-386-2914 to register



Mass Intentions

Sunday, 27 December

9:15 a.m. in St. Andrew's – late Bill MacLean

11:00 a.m. in Heatherton – deceased members of the MacDonald and Grace families

Sunday, 3 January

9:15 a.m. in Heatherton – late Lauchie Chisholm

11:00 a.m. in Pomquet – late John and Annie Deon & family

PLEASE NOTE: All notices must be received **no later than Tuesday, 29 December by 4:00 p.m.** in order to be included in the weekend bulletin of the 3 January. Any notices that come in after that time have no guarantee of being included in the bulletin. Please contact Jolene at the office at 902-386-2810 or email her at jolene3catholic@gmail.com

FOR THE TIME BEING, our priests no longer have access to patient lists. Please help us out: if you know someone in hospitals, nursing homes or at home who **requests a pastoral visit from Fr. Andrew, please phone, leave a message or send him an email** and he will get back to you right away. The hospitals have trained priests on the proper precautions and are happy to have a priest see patients there. However, the only way he'll know they have been admitted, is if you let him know. The person does not have to be in danger of death to receive the sacraments. They can receive them at any time. Also, if you would like us to pray for anyone who is sick or who has died recently, we will publish their names in our e-bulletin and our Facebook page, please email the office.

~ Tri-Parish Office Hours for Christmas and New Year's ~

Thursday, 24 December – CLOSED

Tuesday, 29 December – OPEN

Friday, 1 January – CLOSED

Friday, 25 December – CLOSED

Wednesday, 30 December – OPEN

Monday, 4 January – OPEN

Monday, 28 December – CLOSED

Thursday, 31 December – CLOSED

The Tri-Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. but will be closed to the public until further notice. If you need to contact the office phone 902-386-2810 Mondays to Friday .. Pat can be reached at pat3catholic@gmail.com and Jolene can be reached at jolene3catholic@gmail.com Monday to Friday. No walk-in visitors are permitted at this time. Should you wish to drop-off or pick-up something in person, that is possible, **just ring the doorbell** which is located at the front entrance, and Pat or Jolene will answer. **Please note the Christmas and New Year's office hours which are posted above.** You may also check our Facebook page at "Tri-Parish of Heatherton, Pomquet and St. Andrew's" or our webpage at www.triparishgrouping.ca

The "Prayer for Priests, Deacons" for January has been emailed with this bulletin and is also posted on Facebook. Let us show our love and appreciation for our priests, deacons and others serving in our diocese, by praying each day.

The church contribution envelopes for 2021 are now available and can be picked up at this weekend's Masses. The ushers will be distributing these so please check with them. If you would like a box of contribution envelopes but you are not already on the list, please contact the office at 902-386-2810. Also, you are asked to please write your name and address on the first envelope you use so that we can ensure we have your correct address.

A friendly reminder that refundables are being accepted for the Emiliani Project to help build a new orphanage for 160 children. **Bottles and cans may be dropped off to the baby barn located near the St. Andrew's church (near the side entrance) or the South River Petro-Canada (specify project).** *Thanks for your support.*

Please "like" our Facebook page "Tri-Parish of Heatherton, Pomquet and St. Andrew's" to keep up to date on events and schedules. Invite your friends to join the page as well. The link is posted below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Tri-Parish-of-Heatherton-Pomquet-and-St-Andrews-201665660699427>

There will be a Pre-Marriage Program on 29 May 2021. For more information or to register please phone 902-849-4772.

~ Weekend Mass Schedule 2021~

January, February and March

Saturdays	4:00 p.m.	St. Andrew, St. Andrew's
Sundays	9:15 a.m.	Immaculate Conception, Heatherton
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	Ste. Croix, Pomquet

April, May and June

Saturdays	6:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Heatherton
Sundays	9:15 a.m.	Ste. Croix, Pomquet
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	St. Andrew, St. Andrew's

July, August and September

Saturdays	6:00 p.m.	Ste. Croix, Pomquet
Sundays	9:15 a.m.	St. Andrew, St. Andrew's
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	Immaculate Conception, Heatherton

October, November and December

Saturdays	4:00 p.m.	St. Andrew, St. Andrew's
Sundays	9:15 a.m.	Immaculate Conception, Heatherton
Sundays	11:00 a.m.	Ste. Croix, Pomquet

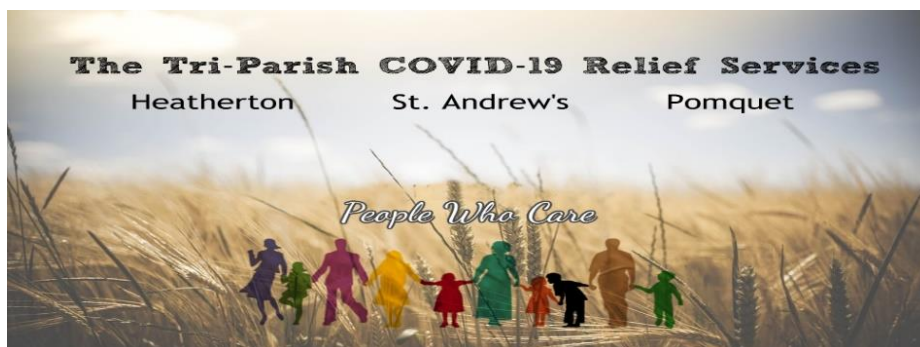
A children's bulletin is posted each week for those with little ones who would be interested in checking it out .. the link is as follows: <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>

The Tri-Parish Office has a drop-off box for envelopes which is located outside the main door of the Heatherton Community Centre. This box is locked but we ask that you please don't leave cash in this. This mailbox is emptied every evening.

~ Church Contributions ~

With the increase in concern over the spread of COVID-19 and with added precautions for everyone in Nova Scotia, the Diocese of Antigonish has added a menu item called **DONATE** to the Diocesan Website for those who wish to contribute to their parish of choice. Clicking on this main menu item **DONATE** to the top right of the Home Page of:

www.antigonishdiocese.com will enable them to contribute. The diocese will send weekly cheques to any parishes that receive donations online. **ALSO**, for our Tri Parish parishioners who may want to keep up to date with their contributions you may do so by mail to our post office box or **E-TRANSFER** to pat3catholic@gmail.com. The funds we receive will pay our operating expenses immediately. **For the amounts received during the week check the individual church section.**



TRI-PARISH COVID-19 RELIEF SERVICES

These are troubling times we are in, and chances are there are people who are going to be needing some assistance to get through this Covid-19 situation. A group from the Tri-Parish are setting up to be able to provide some assistance to individuals who live in the Tri-Parish.

PICK-UP AND DELIVERY SERVICE:

This group is currently in a position to offer a pick-up and delivery service, for pre-paid groceries, health care products, prescriptions, income taxes, etc. Should anyone in the Tri Parish require this service, call the Tri-parish office at 902-386-2810, **between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Monday - Friday only**. This is a free service being offered by volunteers from the Tri-Parish. As this service does not include the transportation of people (due to Covid-19), should you require transportation please call Antigonish Community Transit book a ride at 902-867-0411.

KEEPING IN TOUCH SERVICE:

There are some people in the Tri-Parish who might be living alone, have no family in the area to have a chat with or simply no one to talk to. If you are one of these people or know of someone who would appreciate a call once in a while to say hello and make sure you are alright, please call the Tri-Parish office at 902-386-2810 and get your name on a list **between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Monday - Friday only**.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Tri- Parish Covid-19 Relief group are now in a position to assist anyone in our communities (greater parishes of Heatherton, Pomquet and St Andrews) struggling as a result of Covid-19. While we will never be able to replace your income we may be able to provide some emergency assistance with groceries, utility bills, transportation to out of town medical appointments, etc. Phone 902-386-2810, Monday to Friday, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. or email jolene3catholic@gmail.com

~ Diocesan News ~



Antigonish/Guysborough Deanery:

St. Ninian Cathedral 98.9 XFM Radio/online (audio only) <https://www.989xfm.ca/listen-live/> Sundays 8:15 a.m.

Glace Bay/New Waterford Deanery: **Holy Cross, Glace Bay** Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/holycrossglacebay/>

St. Anne, Glace Bay Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnesGB>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StAnnesGB> YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/MusicMutt/featured>

Inverness Deanery: **St. Joseph, Port Hawkesbury** Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StJparish2020/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJeNyI7D8dhAmh-aSjOgiWA>

St. Peter, Port Hood Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Peters-Parish-Port-Hood-112285003736500>

Northside/Victoria Deanery: **Holy Family, Sydney Mines** Facebook Search 'Holy Family Parish Sydney Mines'

Pictou Deanery: **St. John the Baptist, New Glasgow** Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StJohntheBaptistNewGlasgow/>

Sydney Deanery: **Holy Redeemer, Whitney Pier** Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/holyredeemerwhitneypier/>

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marguerite-Bourgeoys-Parish-215232988817352/>

St. Theresa, Sydney YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYB8RYu9dA5_-A7Ibewde8g

Our Lady of Fatima YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiyi2-UM7gs4gQcpspyNLLA>

Fr Patrick O'Neill Facebook Search 'Patrick O'Neill – personal page with live-streamed homilies and daily Rosary

~ Immaculate Conception Parish News ~



Christmas Flowers for the Church .. Thank you to the following people who made donations towards the purchase of Christmas flowers in memory of loved ones who have passed away:

In memory of Tat, Frank, & Jack Grant & Fr. Ed Grant and Joan Bailey by *John and Doreen Bailey*

In memory of Martin, Sadie & Barbara Bowie by *the Bowie Family*

In memory of the deceased members of the Breen and Chisholm families by *Lorraine & Leo Bowie and Charlene & Brian Kelly*

In memory of Agnes and Donald X. Chisholm by *the Chisholm family*

In memory of Cathy Chisholm by *Paul Chisholm*

In memory of Donald Chisholm and William and Gladys Chisholm & deceased family members by *Evelyn and family*

In memory of Lauchie Chisholm by *his family*

In memory of Wilfred Chisholm by *Pauline and families*

In memory of Sandy Chisholm, Joe & Irene Bowie, Mary Grant, and Shirley Layes by *Theresa Chisholm*

In memory of Alex J. and Jean Chisholm by *a friend*

In memory of all deceased parishioners by *Joyce and Jerry Dobbin*

In memory of Kaye and John D. Fraser & deceased family members, Alexander and Jennie MacDonald & deceased family members, and Lauchie & Theresa MacDonald by *Laverne Fraser*

In memory of the deceased members of the Glenn family by *Margie and Claude*

In memory of Eugene and Clarita Chisholm by *Paula Kirk*

In memory of Cliff LeBlanc and Mary & James Delorey by *Margaret LeBlanc*

In memory of Willie & Bernie MacDonald, Shirley & Howie Etheridge, Kenny & Jill Brymer, Martin & Alice Brophy and deceased members of Brophy & Farrell families by *Eddie and Margie*

In memory of Allan J. MacDonald and Gerard MacDonald by *Florence MacDonald*

In memory of Donnie MacDonald by *his family*

In memory of Jean & Angus Kennedy, Myrtle & Donald J. MacDonald, Raymond and Archie MacDonald by *Janice, Lawrence, and Kimberly MacDonald*

In memory of Duncan, Annie, Brendan, and Maureen MacGillivray by *Kevin and Muriel MacDonald*

In memory of Joseph MacPherson by *Mary and girls*

In memory of deceased members of the D'Eon family by *Madeline and Ambrose Rogers*

In memory of Anna & James Tate and Laurene Kennelly by *the Tate family*



Funds received this week with thanks include:

20 December collection ... Regular Sunday = \$1,975.00 Loose = \$11.80 etransfers = \$100.00

~ St. Andrew Parish News ~

Important Notice to St. Andrews & Area Residents: We have begun our 5 year CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. Please consider making a pledge towards Church renovations and the new cemetery. Thank you, Linda MacDonald, Loyola MacDonald - Co-Chairs

We would greatly appreciate and welcome your donations to help defray the cost for the Christmas Poinsettias for St Andrew Church and St Francis DeSales in memory of our deceased loved ones.

Funds received this week with thanks include:

20 December collection ... Regular Sunday = \$940.00	Loose = \$37.00	etransfers = \$400.00
Cemetery = \$100.00	Social Action = \$500.00	Christmas = \$20.00
Flowers = \$105.00	Missals = \$155.00	Giant’s Lake = \$559.68

~ Ste. Croix Parish News ~

You can view this beautiful painting which is now hanging in Ste. Church.



Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias for the church (i.e. in memory of a deceased family member) may place their donation in the weekly collection in a separate envelope with the name of the donor and the deceased. All donations are greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Funds received this week with thanks include:

20 December collection ... Regular Sunday = \$645.00	Loose = \$20.75	Cemetery = \$100.00
Initial Offering = \$10.00	Flowers = \$55.00	

~ Community News ~

Paul MacDonald from Loch Kathrine lost his home and all belongings in a house fire a couple of weeks ago. He has 4 children and he is in need of financial support to rebuild and replace all that he lost. An account has been set up at East Coast Credit Union and would appreciate any financial support anyone can give.

The 2021 Pro-life, Catholic calendars are now available for purchase at the Respect Life Centre, 27 St. Andrews St., (telephone [902-863-6636](tel:902-863-6636)). The calendars are \$20 each and feature pictures of local children, Saints days for every day of the year, monthly Scripture quotes, and the possibility to win more than \$4,000 in cash draws. They make great gifts for the person who has everything, while supporting local pro-life effort. You may also contact Frank Machnik at 902-386-2825 if you wish to purchase a Pro-Life Calendar.

~ Notice to all parishioners to please remember your parish in your estate planning ~

