



# ~ Tri - Parish News ~

## The Roman Catholic Communities of

Immaculate Conception,  
Heatherton

St. Andrew,  
St. Andrews

Ste. Croix,  
Pomquet

**17<sup>th</sup> of December 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

### Parish Office

Phone: 902-386-2810

Fax: 902-386-2183

Box 24, Heatherton  
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Heatherton, BOH 1R0

### Monday to Fridays

1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

### Emails

3catholic@gmail.com

(the parish office general e-mail)

### Fr. Dennis Lamey

902-863-4846 (or call 902-386-2810)

[dflamey@gmail.com](mailto:dflamey@gmail.com)

### Jolene Chisholm

[jolene3catholic@gmail.com](mailto:jolene3catholic@gmail.com)

### Website

[www.triparishgrouping.ca](http://www.triparishgrouping.ca)

### Facebook

Tri-Parish of Heatherton,  
Pomquet and St. Andrews

### Baptisms

Please contact the parish office  
for a registration form and to  
indicate day of baptism

### Marriages

Please phone the Tri-Parish Office  
or Fr. Dennis at least  
12 months in advance to ensure the  
marriage course is arranged

### Funeral Receptions

Heatherton: 902-870-5432

St. Andrews: 902-863-5522

Pomquet:

PJ Baccardax Hall 902-870-7721

Fire Hall 902-386-2516 or

902-863-1022

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

on request prior to Mass  
and on Saturdays at St. Andrews  
from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office  
to request a Mass offering

## ~ Mass Schedules for 23 to 25 December ~

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, 23 December at 4:00 p.m. in Pomquet

Sunday, 24 December at 9:30 a.m. in St. Andrews ~ *late David Grace*

Sunday, 24 December at 11:00 a.m. in Heatherton ~ *late Lauchie Chisholm*

### Christmas Eve

Sunday, 24 December at 4:00 p.m. in St. Andrews (Family Mass)

Sunday, 24 December at 6:00 p.m. in Heatherton ~ *late George Boyle*

Sunday, 24 December at 6:00 p.m. in Pomquet

Sunday, 24 December at 8:00 p.m. in Paqtnkek

### Christmas Day

Monday, 25 December at 10:00 a.m. in St. Andrews ~ *late Danny Carroll*

### Holy Hour /Reconciliation

There will be no Holy Hour/Reconciliation this Saturday, 16 December due to a funeral. The next Holy Hour at St. Andrew Church in St. Andrews will be on Saturday, 6 January 2024 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. with availability for Reconciliation. **Please Note:** When there is a wedding or funeral held on Saturday, the Holy Hour will be cancelled for that day.

**Sacraments** Dates, ie baptisms, etc., must be confirmed through the Tri-Parish Office. Phone 902-386-2810 or email [jolene3catholic@gmail.com](mailto:jolene3catholic@gmail.com) to arrange these.

### Notice

The office hours are Monday to Friday, 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**Please note:** Pat MacLean has retired from the Tri-Parish Office. We wish to thank Pat for all her years and efforts for the parish. When appropriate, more will follow.

A set of keys were left at the St. Andrews Glebe .. Hyundai fob on a black lanyard. If this is yours, please contact the office at 902-386-2810.

**Please Note** notices for the bulletin must be submitted on or before **Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.** in order for them to be included for that weekend. Any notices that arrive after the deadline have no guarantee of being included. Notices can be dropped off to the Tri-Parish Office or emailed to Jolene at [jolene3catholic@gmail.com](mailto:jolene3catholic@gmail.com)

**Reconciliation and First Communion** next class will be this Sunday, 17 December, from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. at the Heatherton Community Centre

**Coats for Kids:** Msgr. Hugh MacPherson K of C Council 14596 is, once again this year, collecting new and "gently used" coats to be distributed to needy individuals and families. Bins will be placed at the back of each church and you are asked to drop off your donations as soon as possible. The weather is changing and warm coats are needed now. We are accepting coats for all age groups from infants to adult sizes. Thank you for doing whatever you can to support the needy in our community.

### PLEASE NOTE

All church donations for 2023 income tax receipts  
must be received by 29 December 2023

*Thank You*

All electronic donations to the parish may be made using the following e-mails:

[heatherton.parish1@gmail.com](mailto:heatherton.parish1@gmail.com) (parish operating)

[heatherton.parish2@gmail.com](mailto:heatherton.parish2@gmail.com) (building fund)

[standrews.parish1@gmail.com](mailto:standrews.parish1@gmail.com) (parish operating)

[standrew.parish2@gmail.com](mailto:standrew.parish2@gmail.com) (building fund)

[pomquet.parish@gmail.com](mailto:pomquet.parish@gmail.com) (parish operating)

[pomquetparish@hotmail.com](mailto:pomquetparish@hotmail.com) (building fund)

*Since it is almost the end of the year and if you wish to make a donation to the church  
this is a great opportunity to do so.*

**Church Envelopes** The 2024 Church Contribution envelopes are now available in the churches. If you would like a packet, and are not already on the list to receive one, please contact the Tri-Parish Office at 902-386-2810 or take one of the unassigned boxes located in the church. **Also, a friendly reminder to please write your name and address on the first envelope you use so that we can ensure we have your correct information in the computer.**

**~ Tri-Parish Office Hours for Christmas and New Year ~**  
**Closed on 25 December 2023 and re-opening on 3 January 2024**

**~ Immaculate Conception Parish News ~**

The cleaning and decorating of Immaculate Conception Church for Christmas will take place this Sunday, 17 December directly following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend and help prepare our church for the Christmas season.

The CWL will again this year be purchasing Christmas flowers for the church. If you wish to contribute to the cost of these flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Regina (902-386-2914) or Mary Ellen (902-386-2687). If you would like to have your name and those of your loved ones acknowledged in the bulletin, please make your contribution by **18 December**.

It is time again to collect the annual CWL dues and membership dues this year are \$34.00. Genna Maas will be collecting the dues over the next few weeks. You may e-transfer her at [rogers\\_genna@hotmail.com](mailto:rogers_genna@hotmail.com) or call at 902- 870-2429 to arrange payment.

The schedule for the various ministries for the 9:30 Sunday masses for January, February, March and April will be completed in the near future. If you know that you will be unavailable for any particular Sunday, please let Regina (902-386-2914) know a.s.a.p. so that your name will not appear on that week. That way you can avoid having to seek a replacement. Thank you.

The Heatherton C.W.L. wish to thank all those who contributed to the Food Bank collection. On 13 December, \$206.00 and 23 lbs. of food was delivered to the local Food Bank. These amounts were for the month of November and the first two weeks of December.

**Funds received this week with thanks include:** Regular Sunday = \$1,335.00 Loose = \$60.00  
Shepherd's Trust = \$15.00 Advent Reflections = \$5.00 Living With Christ = \$10.00 Missal = \$10.00

**~ St. Andrew Parish News ~**

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of Christmas poinsettias for St. Andrew Church in memory of a deceased loved one may place their donation in a separate envelope along with the name of the donor. All donations are greatly welcomed and appreciated. Names will be acknowledged in next weekend's bulletin so the deadline is this weekend.

**Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with the cleaning of the St. Andrews Glebe House basement and garage on Saturday, 16 December at 9:00 a.m.**

The St Andrews CWL is now collecting dues. The price is \$35.00 and dues may be dropped to Loyola at the store in an envelope with the member's name on it or e-transferred to [mkarenssears@gmail.com](mailto:mkarenssears@gmail.com)

Plots are available in the new cemetery (annex) at St. Andrews. Call the office for pre-arranged forms & to make payment.

Work on the furnace and painting of the St. Andrew Church is continuing but we now have heat in the church.

To contribute to the Capital Building Campaign, please find more information on our website at [www.triparishgrouping.ca](http://www.triparishgrouping.ca)

**Funds received this week with thanks include:** Regular Sunday = \$1,557.00 Loose = \$5.00 Missals = \$5.00  
Shepherd's Trust = \$20.00 Giants' Lake = \$40.00 Christmas = \$105.00 Maintenance/Building = \$50.00

**~ Ste. Croix Parish News ~**

Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias for the church 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. Names will be acknowledged in next weekend's bulletin so the deadline is this weekend.

The Fr. P.J. Baccardax Hall is available for funeral receptions and other events. For more information, please contact Jennifer MacDonald at [jen-benoit@hotmail.com](mailto:jen-benoit@hotmail.com)

Pomquet Parish is looking for volunteers for the ministries in our parish. The sign-up sheet is at the entrance of the church.

**Funds received this week with thanks include:** Regular Sunday = \$949.00 Loose = \$13.90  
Missals = \$85.00 Cemetery = \$250.00 Christmas Flowers = \$95.00 World Mission Sunday = \$20.00

**~ Community News ~**

The Board of Directors of the Heatherton & Area Community Centre would like to invite the community to an outdoor drive in hot chocolate and Christmas Carol concert with Ty Wallace this Sunday, 17 December at 6:30 pm. At the same time the movie "The Grinch" will be playing inside the Centre with popcorn and hot chocolate being served.

**~ Diocesan News ~**

The following link is for the latest edition of the Antigonish Diocese newsletter, "The Seven Ears of Grain".  
<https://mailchi.mp/23dbd8567320/seven-ears-of-grain-6260953>

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