



Tri-Parish News

Schedule for April, May and June 2017

Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in St. Andrew's

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Heatherton

Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Pomquet

The Roman
Catholic
Communities of

**Immaculate Conception,
Heatherton**

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

**Ste. Croix,
Pomquet**

23 April, 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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Baptisms

By appointment,
please phone Fr. Gary.

Marriages

Please call Fr. Gary at least
six months in advance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before Mass
begins or anytime
by appointment

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday	(25 April)	6:30 p.m. in Paq'tnkek
Wednesday	(26 April)	6:30 p.m. in Heatherton (living and deceased C.W.L. members)
Thursday	(27 April)	9:00 a.m. in St. Andrew's
Friday	(28 April)	9:00 a.m. in Pomquet

Congratulations to the children from our three parishes who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. A special thank you to Father Gary, their parents or guardians and teachers who prepared them for this special day.

Divine Mercy this Sunday, 23 April at 3:00 p.m. On 22 February, 1931, a young Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, saw a vision of Jesus with red and white rays of mercy streaming from the area of his heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it "Jesus, I trust in you". Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy, He told her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. "Mercy Sunday" is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Fr. Gary MacPherson and the Parishioners will celebrate this devotion this Sunday, 23 April in St. Andrews Church, beginning at 3 p.m. A First Class Relic of St. Faustina will be available for veneration at this time. All welcome to attend.

"Celebrating God's Mercy" Weekend Retreat May 26-29 Claymore Conference Centre, Antigonish

The retreat director will be Father Gary MacPherson assisted by his sister, Sister Jovita MacPherson CSM. The three-day experience will emphasize Jesus' desire to share His divine mercy with each of us: "I have opened my heart as a living fountain of mercy." This divine mercy message as revealed to Sister Faustina demands of us as response in our living the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Father Gary will develop the theme of mercy accenting it as a "A Gift and a Task". For more information please contact Cathy McDougall at [902-863-1560](tel:902-863-1560) (mcdougall@hotmail.com) or Father Charles Cameron at [902-863-4373](tel:902-863-4373)

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the wonderful Easter Triduum celebrations that were held in our parishes. Many compliments were received and large numbers of individuals from all the parishes were involved. Also, to those who prepared the churches and assisted in any way, thank you.

Thank you to all those who remembered me this Easter with cards, gifts and well wishes. It is very much appreciated and I hope you and your families had a very peaceful and blessed Easter. *Father Gary*

Information for anyone interested in applying for the Fr. Charles Cameron scholarships are now available from the guidance department at both Ecole Pomquet and Dr. J.H. Gillis Regional high school. Posters are also on the bulletin boards at the entrance to all 3 churches. Deadline for applications is 15 May 2017.

The Monsignor Hugh MacPherson Knights of Columbus will have their annual spring **YARD SALE** on **Saturday, 29 May** (raindate 13 June) at the Walmart parking lot. We are looking for donations. **PLEASE** no appliances, T.V.'s or table rentals. Call Jerry at [902-870-3274](tel:902-870-3274) for any questions or anything requiring pick-up. Information to follow soon on where and when to drop off donations.

The Antigonish Diocesan Society collection is now being held (provides financial assistance to seminarians from our Diocese). To donate, include your name, envelope # and parish, and place in the collection basket.

Immaculate Conception Parish News

The annual Mass for all living & deceased CWL members & the presentation of service pins will be celebrated on Wednesday, 26 April at 6:30 p.m. A potluck supper will follow at Heather Club 60. The Club will be open from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. before Mass for contributions to the supper. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Cemetery clean-up will be Saturday, 6 May, at 8:00 a.m. (rain date 13 May). Volunteers are asked to please bring shovels, rakes, etc. to help. If anyone has a small tractor & wagon that can be used it would be much appreciated.

Silent Auction at Heatherton Glebe House, 18 Summerside Rd. on Sunday, 30 April. at 10 a.m. for closes at 12 noon. Payment by cash or cheque only. All items sold must be out by 1 p.m. unless other arrangements are made. Contents include: furniture, dishes, lamps, pictures, appliances, oil fired hot water furnace with attachments, water softener, electric water heater, pressure tank, oil tank, cast iron radiators, electric panel, cast iron bath tub, etc.

Church cleaners for the weekend of 29 April: Pauline MacAskill, Kendra MacDonald and Jeanette Brosha

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,159.60 Loose = \$199.60 Foster Child = \$24.60
Good Friday = \$925.75 + \$105.00 Share Lent = \$5.00

St. Andrew Parish News

We wish to acknowledge the very generous donation of \$1,000 towards the parish funds which was recently donated by Mrs. Mary C. Long. It was very much appreciated.

There will be a Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, 25 April, at 7:15 p.m. in the Martha Room.

St Andrew Social Events Committee Easter Basket ticket sales amounted to \$480.00 & was won by Terra MacDonald Antigonish. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the basket & those who purchased & sold the tickets. 😊

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$2,210.50 Loose = \$231.05 Breakfast = \$20.25 Missals = \$10.00
Flowers = \$110.00 Share Lent = \$205.00 Good Friday = \$1,186.00 Initial = \$10.00 Giant's Lake = \$371.00

Ste. Croix Parish News

Thank you for your support: Regular = \$1,056.00 Loose = \$296.00 Flowers = \$20.00
Easter Offering = \$735.00 Good Friday = \$ 495.00

Diocesan News

Eucharist & Mission Videoconference with Marilyn J. Sweet, M.Div., on Saturday, 13 May, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the following NSCC Campuses: Sydney, Port Hawkesbury and New Glasgow. \$20.00/person and registration is required by phoning 902.539.6188 ext. 237. Tea and coffee is provided but please bring your own brown bag lunch.

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Our Lady of Fatima, Mass will be at St. Ninian Cathedral on the five first Saturdays of five consecutive months (6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 Aug., 2 Sept.) at 9 a.m. with the opening Mass on 6 May celebrated by Bishop Brian Dunn. Mass is followed by recitation of the rosary.

Community News

Trivia Night on Friday, 28 April at the Heatherton Community Centre at 8 pm. To register contact Jillian at 870-7361 or Shelly at 870-5432. Spectators are also welcome .. Club 500 tickets will be drawn throughout the night.

Blessing of the Fleet next Sunday, 30 April at 3 pm at Bayfield Wharf. Refreshments to follow, everyone is welcome.

The children of James and Florence MacEachern, Lower South River, invite you to stop by our open house on 30 April from 1 – 4, to offer best wishes on their 60th Anniversary. To be held in the common room of SASHA, St. Andrews.

Grant School of Highland Dance is having a Dinner & Auction on Saturday, 6 May at the St. Andrews Community Centre. Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner served at 7:00pm. Brian MacDonald and Family will be entertaining along with the Grant School of Highland Dance Travel Troupe. Live and Silent Auction, 50/50 and great door prizes! Tickets are \$20.00 and can be picked up at MacDonald's Convenience or through any of the travel troupe highland dancers.

Concert in Pomquet, 23 April, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the P J Baccardax Hall in Pomquet with Tyrus Wallace, Brent MacLean, Robert & John Rennie, Brian England and Jackie Benoit. Admission by donation at the door. SPRING

Pomquet Area Cultural Recreational Community Development Association community yard sale on 6 May at the P J Baccardax hall. No appliances, televisions or table rentals. For more information contact 902-870-3279.