



# ~ Tri - Parish News ~

## All Masses have been cancelled for the next 2 weeks.

We will publish a notice on Facebook and via email  
once we have the date we can return.

### *The Roman Catholic Communities of*

**Immaculate Conception,  
Heatherton**

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

**Ste. Croix,  
Pomquet**

**2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Parish Office**

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#### **Monday to Fridays**

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#### **Emails**

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[www.triparishgrouping.ca](http://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  
6:00 – 6:30 p.m., and also  
before Weekday Mass

#### **Mass Intentions**

Contact the parish office  
to request a Mass offering

A letter from Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick

April 28, 2021

My Dear People,

With their third COVID-19 update in two days, Premier Iain Rankin and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Robert Strang announced a province-wide shutdown for the next two weeks effective today.

The directive mandates that there be no in-person faith gatherings \* in the province for the next two weeks. I support this shutdown and direct that our churches remain closed to the public until further notice. Our diocesan and parish offices will be closed to the public during this time.

The new variants of this pandemic have been spreading rapidly. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus by staying home and limiting our interaction with others. Our faith is essential to us. Please continue to pray for those who are sick and for those who care for them. As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, we pray that the patron saint and protector of the universal Church and the principal patron saint of Canada will guide us in the path of life. Stay safe and keep well.

Fraternally,

+ Wayne Kirkpatrick

(Most Rev.) Wayne Kirkpatrick

\* "...the provincial directive mandated that "there be no in-person faith gatherings in the province for the next two weeks" but along with this same directive there was a note indicating that "wedding and funeral ceremonies can have five people, plus officiants."

"...We could offer a private wedding or funeral Mass/Service with no more than 5 people plus the priest/deacon officiant, but we will not offer Mass open to the public. Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick"

This Sunday, 2 May, 5th Sunday of Easter, is Recognition of Diaconate Sunday. This is a great opportunity for deacons and parishes to appreciate the gifts they all bring to parish and diocesan ministry.

#### **Please Note**

The Tri-Parish Office will be closed to the public for two weeks. You may phone, email, or use our drop box at the office and we'll be happy to help you! Our Covid-19 Relief Service committee is also here for you.

The May issue of "The Word Among Us" (Daily Meditations for Catholics) is now available for purchase at the entrances of the churches. The cost will be \$3.00 per issue. Please phone the office if you wish to purchase one.

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/>

Msgr. Hugh MacPherson, K of C Council 14596, is inviting applications for the Fr. Charlie Cameron Scholarships. Three, five hundred dollar (\$500) scholarships may be awarded, one to a high school graduate in each of our three parish communities, St. Andrews, Pomquet and Heatherton. Information concerning the criteria for applying for this scholarship is available at the guidance office of your school, or by contacting Grand Knight Wayne Mullins at [waynemul1950@gmail.com](mailto:waynemul1950@gmail.com)

**Bottle Refundables for Emiliani Project in Colombia:** Thank you to everyone who continues to drop off their refundables (drop off location is near the side of the church in St Andrew's) and please spread the word that we are doing this, so that we may continue to help get more children out of poverty. **PLEASE NOTE:** For those who wish to make a monetary donation, please visit <https://emilianiproject.org/donate/> directly - it will be received in U.S. dollars ... OR you may make a donation in Canadian cash. We are unable to accept cheques or issue charitable tax receipts.

## ~ Church Contributions ~

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](http://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](mailto: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.**

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 on work days.



### TRI-PARISH COVID-19 RELIEF SERVICES

Covid-19 continues to be in our midst and there continues to be a need to wash our hands, wear a mask and social distance. The Tri-Parish Covid-19 Relief Group continues to be available for pick-ups and delivery, visits with seniors or anyone who is housebound and to assist anyone 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 utility bills, groceries, transportation to out of town medical appointments, etc. Phone 902-386-2810, Monday to Friday, between 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. or email [jolene3catholic@gmail.com](mailto:jolene3catholic@gmail.com). If you are aware of someone who maybe in need of some of these services, please contact us at the above number/e-mail address.

## ~ Diocesan News ~



Please see the following link for a list of the Masses online in our Diocese: <https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/churches-online/>

## ~ Immaculate Conception Parish News ~

The Right to Life Walk, sponsored by the Heatherton C.W.L., that was to be held this Sunday, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

### Funds received this week with thanks include:

Regular Sunday = \$770.00                      Loose = \$24.35                      e-transfers = \$100.00

## ~ St. Andrew Parish News ~

The Roast Beef Dinner, put on by Mary Grace and her sisters, in memory of their parents has been SOLD OUT but has been delayed due to the new restrictions from our Premier and Dr. Strang. We are adhering to the Covid rules and will be announcing the new date, once these restrictions are lifted and everyone will be safe.

Thank you to all who supported this and as mentioned earlier, all the profits will go towards the Capital Campaign underway here in St. Andrews. The Co-Chairs of the Capital Campaign thank Mary and Grace family for supporting this much need campaign, and urge others to complete their pledge forms if they have not already done so; We anticipate repairs/graveyard work to proceed sometime in 2021.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** - we are sure you all noticed the barometer on the lawn of the Church in St. Andrews; Well, the mercury is now on the barometer and you can see it is starting to rise! We urge you to complete your pledge sheets; we have had a few calls where the forms have been lost/misplaced. Please call the Parish Office at 902-386-2810 and we will gladly send you another form. You may also get a brochure at the weekend Mass so please ask one of the ushers if you would like one. Thanking you in advance for your kind financial support of this very big project for St. Andrews Church.

**Funds received this week with thanks include:**

Regular Sunday = \$870.00	Loose = \$64.00	Antigonish Diocesan Society = \$10.00
Popes Pastoral Works = \$10.00	Maintenace = \$50.00	etransfers = \$50.00

**~ Ste. Croix Parish News ~**

**Funds received this week with thanks include:**

Regular Sunday = \$735.00	Loose = \$69.25	Initial Offering = \$20.00
Good Friday = \$40.00	New Year's Day = \$50.00	Antigonish Diocesan Society = \$10.00
HST Rebate = \$2,335.17		

**~ Community News ~**

The Heatherton Activity Centre is holding their AGM Monday, May 17/21 at 7pm. Due to Covid19 restrictions, space is limited. If you would like to attend, please contact Treena at 902-386-2808, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.- 3:00 p.m, before May 7<sup>th</sup>. Masks are mandatory, and social distancing will be in place. You will be asked to sign in for contact tracing.

Thank you from the Paul Family

From our request for bedding and towels for the burnt out Paul family we received about a dozen items either dropped off at the Tri-Parish Office or picked up. In addition, we received \$200.00 in financial donations (100.00, 20.00, 10.00, 20.00, 50.00) which were used to buy bedding and towels at Walmart. The Paul family were very appreciative and want to thank anyone who were able to help them. In addition to the bedding/towels, the Covid 19 Relief group bought them Walmart and Sobeys gift cards.

The Darryl MacLean Beach Party event, sponsored by the St. Andrew's District Community Centre, has been cancelled. Door tickets are being refunded. Please call or text 902-870-1344.

If you, or someone you know, need assistance getting booked for a COVID vaccination please call Delores Burton at 902-863-9531. Please leave a message and she will return your call ASAP.

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