

# Immaculate Conception Parish

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## STAFF OFFICE HOURS

**Parish Office:** Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm  
 Closed for lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
**Father Joseph:** By appointment  
**Father Dariusz:** By appointment  
**Deacon Brian:** Tuesdays 1 pm - 4 pm,  
 Wednesdays 9am – 4pm, or by appointment  
**Helen Lowthers:** Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30 am – 11:30 am

## 3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### MASS TIMES:

**Weekday Mass Hours:** Monday thru Thursday at 7 pm  
 Friday at 8:00 am  
**Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

**Anticipated Lord's Day Masses, Saturday**  
 6 pm Immaculate Conception, Truro

**Our Sunday Gathering for Eucharist**  
 9 am Saint Michael's, Brule  
 9 am Immaculate Conception, Truro  
 11 am Immaculate Conception, Truro  
 11:30 am Sacred Heart, Millbrook

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
 Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross & Soup**  
 Friday at 12:10 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 Monday through Thursday from 6 – 7 pm  
 Saturday from 10:30 – 12 noon or by appointment

### Mass Intentions

Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – All Souls  
 Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – KOC Mass for Vocations  
 Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – †Perseus, Paz & Cesar Montesa Sr.  
 Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Inmates of Nova  
 Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – All Souls  
*For anyone who would like to offer a mass offering prayer, we have a variety of Mass cards available for those who have died, for birthdays, healing and special occasions. Mass intention requests and cards are available at the parish office.*

### Meeting Schedule December 13<sup>th</sup> to December 19<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**–KOC Christmas Party – Campbell Hall  
**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**–Women of Faith B.S.-Kinsella 1-9:30 am  
 - Birth Stories B.S.-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 am  
**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**– Women's Bible Study-Kennedy-9:30am  
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm  
 -Pastoral Council-Martin-7:30 pm

### Religious Education

Classes are over now for elementary levels. Monday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, will be the last class for levels 7 and 8. Classes resume Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 for grades 7 and 8. For elementary levels (1 through 6) classes will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. May your Christmas be blessed as you rejoice in the birth of the infant Jesus. See you all in 2010.

### Confirmation Preparation Program

**Year 9:** Class on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>'s class, will be the last class until the New Year.

### Bible Study with Fr. Joseph

There will be three sessions on the Birth Stories (Infancy Narratives) from the Gospels following Mass on Mondays, beginning on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the numbers, we will meet either in the Marian Chapel, or in the Church. This is an opportunity to prepare for Christmas, in this great season of Advent.

### Immaculate Conception Cemetery

Our cemetery, located on Robie Street, has lots available for parishioners. For further information, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 893-3304.

### Christmas Mass Schedule & Tickets

Tickets are now available to be picked up at the Parish Office during the week, and at the Vestry on the weekends, for our Christmas Eve Masses, being held here at Immaculate Conception Church. Tickets are free of charge and are being used only to ensure that we stay within maximum capacity regulations. Our mass schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Immaculate Conception at 4 pm, 7 pm & 10 pm  
 St. Michael's, Brule at 4 pm  
 St. Ambrose, Londonderry at 7 pm  
 Sacred Heart, Millbrook at 11:30 pm  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Immaculate Conception at 12 Midnight & 10 am  
**Tickets for 4 pm and 7 pm are now all gone.**

For anyone wishing to contact the Archbishop, in regards to the sex scandal issues of Bishop Lahey, please do not hesitate to send him at email at [amancini@catholic Halifax.org](mailto:amancini@catholic Halifax.org).

### Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus have dry wood for sale. For more information, please contact Eric Thompson at 673-3094. The Knights of Columbus Christmas party will take place on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in Campbell Hall, beginning at 3:30 pm. All brother Knights and Families as well as widows of deceased Knights are encouraged to attend.

### Catholic Women's League

Thank You to everyone who contributed to a very successful Tea & Sale. Special thanks to Helen Withrow who made and donated the fruitcake, which was won by Gail MacKinnon. Also thanks to Densie Fraser who made and donated the afghan, won by David Stull. The gift certificates were won by Heather Fitzgerald.  
 Reminder: The Party at Townsview on Sun. Dec. 13 is changed from 6:30 to 6 pm please bring food.  
 Dues are now due.

### Social Card Game

Our weekly game is held every Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Archbishop Mancini in his Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Roman Catholic Faithful of Nova Scotia says: "It is this Spirit of God, this Holy Spirit, which we must open our hearts to receive..." **Life in the Spirit seminars** are a series of teachings and personal witnesses that will help you open your heart to receive the Holy Spirit. The seminars begin on Tues., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm in Kinsella 1&2 and last eight weeks. To register or for more information, please call Mary at 895-3014 or Judy at 897-7007.

### A Competition with your Pennies, Nickels and Dimes

After three weeks of competition, the race between the 6 pm Mass and the 9 am Mass is quite close. As of December 6<sup>th</sup>, we have raised the following amounts:

6:00 pm Mass - \$464.21  
 9:00 am Mass - \$375.86  
 11:00 am Mass - \$125.99

Our total to date is \$966.06

Seniors Band Premiere Performance – New Horizons Bands Christmas Concert on December 14 at 7:30 pm at the Marigold Cultural Centre. The combined Cobequid and Glasgow New Horizons Bands will present their first public concert. All are welcome.

For this week only, Mass for Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> will be held at 8:00 a.m.

### Sunday Missals

Our Sunday Missals for the new year are now available to be purchased at the Parish Office during the week, or at the Vestry after Masses on the weekend. Missals are \$5.00 each.

### 2010 Pro-Life Catholic Calendar

We now have the 2010 Pro-Life Calendars for sale at \$10 each. This is a great gift for your home and/or for a friends or loved one. It includes pictures of beautiful babies and children, sayings and the Popes and Saints and the liturgical calendar for feasts and the saints. If interested, please contact Gordon MacIntyre at 895-2614. This is a Knights of Columbus project.

Once again, our Advent wreath, Christmas wreaths and tree, have all been supplied by Darrell Sandeson – 897-4068. His lot of trees may be found at the corner of College Road and Main Street.

### Christmas Dance

There is to be a Christmas Dance held on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the NSCC Cafeteria from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. Proceeds from the dance are going towards the new Colchester Regional Hospital Building Fund. Tickets are \$15 per person, which includes a night lunch. There will be a licensed bar, and music is provided by DJ Harv MacArthur. Tickets available at the NSCC Business Office and MacQuarries Pharmasave on The Esplanade.

### Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2010

Our envelopes are in and ready to be picked up in the foyer of Immaculate Conception Church. Sara has pulled as many as she knows of for St. Michael's and Sacred Heart and has sent them with the priests to the churches. If you do not see an envelope with your name on it, please call Sara at the office and let her know.

### Mission trip to Guatemala!

We are organizing a mission trip to Guatemala this spring most likely during March Break, for a week. With the help of local tradesmen, we plan to build a safe playground for the children of San Jose Cahajualten School, Chimaltenango. Chimaltenango is a rural community 45 minutes from Guatemala City. We will be centered around this school. Therefore, we will also have the possibility of conducting a medical camp provided that there are doctors, nurses and pharmacists taking part in the trip. We are also looking for teachers who can be involved with the kids and anyone interested in helping with the building of the playground. Cost for this trip will be from \$1500 to \$1800 dollars. All those who are interested in this trip please contact Fr. Joseph at [josephthomas15@gmail.com](mailto:josephthomas15@gmail.com) or 903 893 7188 ext 223.

### Make Noise for Climate Change

[www.350.org](http://www.350.org)

**Come and "Make Noise for Climate Change!"  
 First United's Church Bell will ring 350 times!**

To Urge World Leaders to  
 Reduce Carbon Emissions

Join with Church Handbells and Bring Drums, Horns, Pots and Pans and Any Noisemakers and Add Your Support for Climate Change!

And Support Corinna Taylor, NSAC Masters Student, Who Is Now in Copenhagen, Representing Atlantic Canada at the United Nations Climate Change Conference

*First United Church Lawn  
 Sunday Dec. 13th at 3pm  
 ALL AGES WELCOME*

### PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for December 6th	\$6,941.35	\$16,978.75	(\$10,037.40)
<b>Amounts Collected from January 1st to December 6th</b>			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$379,232.05	\$401,313.75	(\$22,081.70)
Capital Campaign Income	\$43,949.87	\$50,000.00	(\$6,050.13)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$423,181.92</b>	<b>\$451,313.75</b>	<b>(\$28,131.83)</b>