

# 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

**The office will be closed for the holiday season on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 and will re-open on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**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

## 4th Sunday of Advent

*Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

## MASS TIMES:

**Weekday Mass Hours:** Monday thru Thursday at 7 pm  
 Friday 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

## Christmas & New Year's 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 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mass are now gone.**

**Mass for New's Year's is as follows:**

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Immaculate Conception, Truro at 4 pm

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:** Immaculate Conception, Truro at 10 am  
 Sacred Heart, Millbrook at 10 am

## Mass Intentions

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – †Pauline MacKenzie

Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls

Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – †Perseus, Paz & Cesar Montesa Sr.

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> should have been for a Special Intention, which was missed at the time of running last week's bulletin. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.**

*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 20<sup>th</sup> to December 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Women of Faith BS-Kennedy-9:30 am  
 - Birth Stories-Chapel-7:30 pm

**Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Women's BS-Kennedy-9:30 am  
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm

**Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Baptism Preparation-Martin-6 pm

**Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve – no meetings

**Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day – no meetings

## Religious Education

Classes will resume as follows:

Jr. High levels 7 & 8 – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Elementary levels 1 to 6 – January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Wishing you a blessed and safe Christmas Season; a Joyous and Happy New Year!

## Confirmation Preparation Program

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year. Confirmation classes will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup> for Year 10 and January 11<sup>th</sup> for Year 9.

## Bible Study with Fr. Joseph

The last of our three sessions on the Birth Stories (Infancy Narratives) from the Gospels will be held after Mass on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in either the Marian Chapel, or the Church, depending on our numbers. 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.

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@catholiclifex.org](mailto:amancini@catholiclifex.org).

## Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus have dry wood for sale. For more information, please contact Eric Thompson at 673-3094.

We wish to announce the upcoming marriage of Vincent Joseph MacDonald, son of Stuart and Florence MacDonald, to Honeylyn D. Casibu, daughter of Carlesinio Casibu Sr and Pacita Casibu. The ceremony is to take place in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Tagaytay City on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

## Social Card Game

This week will be our Christmas Card Party, with lots of prizes, and our last until after Christmas. We will resume on Sunday evening, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13th, we have raised the following amounts:

6:00 pm Mass - \$531.61

9:00 am Mass - \$478.56

11:00 am Mass - \$139.54

Our total to date is \$1,149.71

## 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.

The Evergreen Crosses, displayed in the parish were donated to the Church by Michael V. Roma of Mistyeyed Gardens (897-6996).

## 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.

## Mission trip to Guatemala

All those who responded to the Mission trip, or who wish to help out in any way, please come for a meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Martin Room.

## Parish Envelopes & Direct Deposit

Please be sure to pick up your parish envelopes. We ask that you **do not** use last year's envelopes for donations made this year, as you will note your numbers change from year to year based on the number of parishioners using envelopes. Also, please write your name onto the space provided on your envelopes, to ensure if there was any error in the entering of the new numbers, we may check this against your name. If you have not received envelopes and you are interested in having them, please contact Louise at the parish office. If you have forgotten to bring your envelope or you do not currently have them but would like to receive credit for income tax purposes, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and current envelope number if you know it, on the envelope or donate using a cheque. Please keep in mind that we also have the **Direct Deposit Program**; you can have your donations extracted from your bank account weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc. You also have the choice to continue receiving envelopes if you choose this program.

## Holiday Office Hours

Please take note that the Parish Office will be closing on Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm and will re-open on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Should you call and leave a message on the office voice mail during this time, it will not be received before January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking to speak with a priest, be sure to enter (\*) and their extension number, as listed on the far left, to reach them, or their voice mails.

**Anyone with bulletin announcements for December 27<sup>th</sup> or January 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletins, please have them in to Sara by 3:30 pm on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Louise Cormier, as she will be taking over for Sara for the 2010 year, as she is off to have a new baby. Sara wishes to thank you all for your generous gifts, hugs and well wishes for her, husband Matthew, and the baby.

## Pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal

Victours International and Carlson Wagonlit/Havey's Travel is hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal from May 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The fare of \$2,669.00 includes air fare from Toronto, seven nights accommodations, breakfast and dinners, and tours. Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to be present at the commemorations in Fatima. For more information, please contact Shauna MacCallum at the Carlson Wagonlit/Harvey's Travel office at 897-2699.

## Collection Counters

Please take note, due to Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> being recognized as the Boxing Day Holiday, we will be counting on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, for next week only.

## PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for December 13th	\$7,377.89	\$16,978.75	(\$9,600.86)
<b>Amounts Collected from January 1st to December 13th</b>			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$386,609.94	\$418,292.50	(\$31,682.56)
Capital Campaign Income	\$44,864.80	\$50,000.00	(\$5,135.20)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$431,474.74</b>	<b>\$468,292.50</b>	<b>(\$36,817.76)</b>