

# 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

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**Sunday, December 27<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

## New Year's Mass Schedule

**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 28<sup>th</sup> – †James Allan Hermanson

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – All Souls

Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Margaret Sampson

*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 27<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**The office is closed for this week. There will be no meetings or activities held during this week.**

## 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.

## 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@catholic Halifax.org](mailto:amancini@catholic Halifax.org).

## Social Card Game

We will resume our card game on Sunday evening, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

## Kane's Kitchen

Kane's Kitchen will not be held over the Christmas Holidays. They will resume serving a hot lunch on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## A Competition with your Pennies, Nickels and Dimes

There will be an update posted on or around the collection buckets for this week and next week, as the coin will not be counted in time to make the printing of our bulletin.

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Christmas 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. 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.

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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## Capital Campaign

Next week will mark the first collection of 2010 for our Capital Campaign. For everyone who has received envelopes, there is now an envelope for each month for the capital campaign. For anyone who is in need of an envelope for the collection, there are still envelopes on the tables at the church entrances for you to use.

## PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for December 20th	\$10,115.32	\$16,978.75	(\$6,863.43)
<b>Amounts Collected from January 1st to December 20th</b>			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$396,725.26	\$435,271.25	(\$38,545.99)
Capital Campaign Income	\$45,292.54	\$50,000.00	(\$4,707.46)
Totals	\$442,017.80	\$485,271.25	(\$43,253.45)