

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

2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 6th, 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

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7th – †Mary Rogers
 Tuesday, December 8th – All Souls
 Wednesday, December 9th – †Angela Frizzell
 Thursday, December 10th – Mickey Casey
 Friday, December 11th – †Wanda (Power) Bolton

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 6th to December 12th

Monday, December 7th – Women of Faith B.S.-Kinsella 1-9:30 am
 - Birth Stories B.S.-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 am
Tuesday, December 8th – Women's Bible Study-Kennedy-9:30am
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 9th – SVDP Meeting-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm

Religious Education

The Annual Advent Celebration for all elementary Religious Education children, families and friends, will take place on Friday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in Campbell Hall. Circle your calendars! A children's musical, "The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team" will be presented by the Youth Drama group. Please take an hour to enjoy this exciting production. Gather all those around you. Relax and enjoy an "Advent" treat. You will be delightfully entertained. This will mark the end of classes for elementary children until January 9th and 10th, 2010. Have a wonderful Christmas and may God Bless you all!

Confirmation Preparation Program

Year 10: Class on Monday, December 7th
Year 9: Class on Monday, December 14th
 December 14th'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 7th. 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.

Social Card Game

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

The "Mitten Tree" is now up in the foyer of Immaculate Conception, and is ready to accept your donation of mittens, hats and scarves.

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 24th: 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 25th: Immaculate Conception at 12 Midnight & 10 am
Ticket for the 4 pm & 7 pm Masses 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.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On Tuesday, December 8th, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the 7:00 pm Mass. Vicar General Fr. Gerald David, will be joining us as the main celebrant. There will be a reception to follow in Campbell Hall, and all are welcome to attend.

Catholic Women's League

Dues for 2010 are now being collected. The annual Christmas parties for the intellectually challenged and Townsview are being held on December 9th & 13th respectively. Donations of suitable gifts, with the exception of candles and scented items will be gratefully accepted. You can drop them off at the church marked "Christmas Parties" anytime up to December 6th, when they will be wrapped after our meeting at 2:30 pm. This new time of 2:30 pm will continue for the winter.

Knights of Columbus

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

Archbishop Mancini in his Oct. 2nd 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 witness that will help you open your heart to receive the Holy Spirit. The seminars begin on Tues., Jan. 12th 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 November 29th, we have raised the following amounts:

6:00 pm Mass - \$283.66
 9:00 am Mass - \$286.01
 11:00 am Mass - \$109.31

Our total to date is \$678.98

Christmas wreaths and crosses will be for sale following each Mass on November 28 & 29 and December 5 & 6. They cost \$20 each and a portion of the proceeds support youth activities in our parish. Thank you to Mistyeyed Nursery for supporting our youth in this way.

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.

Candy for Kane's Kitchen

Donations of candy are needed for Kane's Kitchen Christmas Dinner, which is being held on December 16th. The candy may be dropped off at Kane's Kitchen on Wednesdays until 1 pm or at the office during office hours. Please have donations in by December 13th, so that we may have them ready for bagging prior to the dinner. For more information, please call Blanche at 893-2360.

St. Vincent de Paul - Gifts for Needy Children

Every Christmas, our Immaculate Conception Church helps over 45 needy families through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Once again this year we invite parishioner to share in the joy of making this blessed season a joyous one for our families. We are especially inviting parents to involve children in sharing with those who have less. In Campbell Hall, following Masses on November 28/29 and December 5/6 there will be a small tree with the names of children from our sponsored families. If anyone would care to help out by selecting and donating a gift to a child, would you, after Mass, proceed to Campbell Hall, where one of our St. Vincent DePaul members will assist you in choosing a child's name. Thank you!

If there are any families wishing to light the Advent Candle at any of our weekend Masses, please contact Sara, at the Parish Office.

Christmas Memorial Service

Mattatall~Varner Funeral Home invites you to our annual Christmas Memorial Service, in honour of loved ones who have passed away. The service will be held 2:30 pm, Sunday, December 6th at Mattatall~Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Refreshments will follow. Monetary donations and non-perishable food donations will be accepted for the Colchester Food Bank.

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.

Should anyone find a pair of full-framed glasses, in a wine color, please drop them off at the Parish office, or contact Anne White at 895-4630.

Christmas Dance

There is to be a Christmas Dance held on Saturday, December 19th 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.

New Secretary for Maternity Leave

We would like to welcome Mrs. Louise Cormier, as she will begin training with Sara on Monday, December 7th through to the 16th. She will then return to fill in for Sara, while she is off on Maternity Leave, on Monday, January 4th, 2010 and will remain with us for the duration of 2010.

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.

Capital Campaign Collection

Our last collection for the Capital Campaign of 2009, will be taken this weekend at all Masses. Please pick up your envelopes at the church entrances. If anyone is interested in making their contribution via Direct Deposit, please contact Sara at the Office.

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.

PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for November 29th	\$7,795.31	\$5,525.40	\$2,269.91
Amounts Collected from January 1st to November 29th			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$369,955.70	\$384,335.00	(\$14,379.30)
Capital Campaign Income	\$41,388.33	\$45,000.00	(\$3,611.67)
Totals	\$411,344.03	\$429,335.00	(\$17,990.97)

