

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

Sunday, January 17th, 2010

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, January 18th – Margaret Sampson
Tuesday, January 19th – Vocations
Wednesday, January 20th – †Tenie Nauffts
Thursday, January 21st – Gill Salmons
Friday, January 22nd – Joanne Owens
For anyone who would like 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

January 18th to January 22nd

Monday, January 18th – Women of Faith-Kennedy- 9:30 am
-Year 9 Confirmation
Tuesday, January 19th – Women's BS-Kennedy-9:30 am
-Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
-KoC General 7:30pm
- Pastoral Council 7:30pm

Confirmation Preparation Program

Year 10: Monday, January 18th
Year 9: Monday, January 25th

Religious Education

Last weekend marked the return to regular class times ending the Christmas break. Welcome to all! There is an important time change which is as follows: **Saturday, February 6th, 2010 – Classes will be held at 3:00 p.m.**, as mass will be held at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Sunday morning classes are not affected. Please mark this on your calendar.

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@catholicahifax.org.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus will be holding a 1st Degree on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 3.00pm in Kinsella 1 and 2.

The next general meeting of the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:30 pm in Campbell Hall.

Catholic Women's League

CWL Annual and General Meeting and election of officers, with social to follow, is January 17th in Campbell Hall at 2:30pm. Dues are now due.

Social Card Game

Weekly card game is held Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Card Party

45's, Bridge, Crib - January 19th @ 1 pm - Memorial Hal, First United Church - Lunch & Prizes. Bring a friend.

Recycle 2010

Newspapers/flyers/refundable containers will be collected on January 23, 2010 at 100 Young Street, Truro, from 9:00 am - 12 noon. **We also accept any and all types of books - no plastic covers please.** For pick up information, please call Gordon Benjamin @ 893-9896 or Hugh Macleod @ 893-9386

A Competition with your Pennies, Nickels and Dimes

As of January 10th, we have raised the following amounts:

6:00 pm Mass - \$765.25
9:00 am Mass - \$579.99
11:00 am Mass - \$213.99
Our total to date is - \$1559.23
Only three weeks left!

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.

Haiti Earthquake

The earthquake that struck Haiti has taken thousands of lives and left thousands more homeless. It has destroyed much of the health and education infrastructure and continues to cause unimaginable suffering for the whole population.

The church of Halifax wants to assist in the relief effort to alleviate the suffering and to help in the early stages of people rebuilding their lives.

A second collection will be held for this weekend to support the victims. The funds will be sent to Caritas Haiti through Development and Peace.

One of the victims of the earthquake is the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Most Rev. Serge Miot.

Pilgrimages

Apr 6-16, \$2850: Fatima, Santarem, Garabandal, Santiago de Compostela & Oviedo. Info: Marie 207-868-5027 / bubblepink49@hotmail.com

Apr 26-May 4, \$2070: MEDJUGORJE. Info: Nina 902-888-2291 / kevin.morrell@pei.sympatico.ca. **Both pilgrimages fee include** return airfare from the Maritimes, accommodations, daily breakfast & dinner and local guides.

Choirs for Comfort Concert

On **Sunday, February 7, at 3:00 pm**, the 6th Annual Choirs for Comfort Concert will take place at **First United Church**. This concert includes *First United Church Adult Choir* and the *Mel-O-Dees* both under the direction of Chris Bowman, *The Cantabile Boys' Choir*, co-directed by Ross Thompson and Chris Bowman, *The Cantabile Singers*, directed by Ross Thompson, *Truro Elementary School Choir*, directed by Marie Braedley, *Truro Youth Singers*, directed by Ann Legere, *the Novatones*, directed by Sheena Henderson, *First Baptist Girls' Choir*, directed by Jeff Joudrey, and the *CEC choirs* directed by Emily Scammell. Donations to support Maggie's Place. This concert is sponsored by **"Music Under the Steeple."**

Book Club

There will be a Book Club on **"The Case for Christ"** by Lee Strobel beginning on January 22 a.m. & p.m. If you are planning to attend please contact Fr. Joseph at josephthomas15@gmail.com or 893 7188 ext 223.

An Evening with Mother Teresa

There will be a short presentation on Mother Teresa and some information about her book "The Joy in Loving" on February 1, 2010 following the Mass at 7:30 p.m. If you need further info, please contact Fr. Joseph at josephthomas15@gmail.com or 893 7188 ext 223.

Congratulations

Sara and Matthew Forbes, had a healthy baby boy on January 11th, he weighed 9 lbs.

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.

Collection

Collection for the week of January 10th was \$6,597.61

Lenten Fish & Corn Chowder Luncheons

Tickets will be sold in advance for the Lenten Fish and Corn Chowder Luncheons. First lunch will be February 19th through to March 26th. Cost of the tickets: \$35.00 for all six lunches or \$7.00 for the Corn Chowder and \$8.00 for the Fish Chowder at the door. You can purchase tickets at the Office.

Project Guatemala

Multicultural Night: February 6th at 5:30 p.m. – There will be 100 tickets pre-sold. Tickets are now available after each mass.

Silent Auction: Beginning January 23rd and ending February 6th. Bidding sheets for select items will be located on the Bulletin Board outside the Parish Office. For more information call Marlene: 897-4574 or Helen: 893-5422