

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 15th, 2009 MASS TIMES:

Weekday Mass Hours: Monday thru Thursday at 7 pm
 Friday at 8:00 am
Thursday's Mass will be at 8:00 am for this week

Anticipated Lord's Day Masses, Saturday
 6 pm Immaculate Conception, Truro
November 21st – Mass will be at 4:00 pm

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

Last Sunday of Each Month:
 4:00 pm Saint Ambrose, Londonderry

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, November 16th – †Bill & May MacDougall
 Tuesday, November 17th – KoC Mass for Vocations
 Wednesday, November 18th – †Peggy Kontak
 Thursday, November 19th – †Ena MacIver
 Friday, November 20th – †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 November 15th to November 21st

Sunday, November 15th – CWL General-Campbell Hall-6:30 pm
Monday, November 16th – Women of Faith Bible Study-Kinsella 1-9:30 am
 - NET Retreat for Grades 7-10
Tuesday, November 17th – Women's Bible Study-Martin-9:30am
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
 - KoC General-Campbell Hall-7:30 pm
 - Pastoral Council-Martin-7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 18th – Religious Education Committee-Kinsella 2-7:30pm
Friday, November 20th – Musical Drama
 - Thrive

Religious Education

On Monday, November 16th, all Grade 7 & 8 students are encouraged to join in the NET Retreat, being held in Campbell Hall from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Supper will be included. Don't miss out on this opportunity.
 Reminder of classes on **Saturday, November 21st,** are being held at 3:00 pm, prior to Mass at 4:00 pm, due to the Santa Claus Parade.
On Sunday, November 29th, at the 11:00 am Mass, be reminded of the Rite of Enrolment for the 1st Penance children. A reception will follow in Campbell Hall. Parents, please drop your food contributions off at the kitchen. All children to be in Kinsella 1 & 2 by 10:30 am.

Confirmation Preparation Program

NET RETREAT: On Monday, November 16th, the NET (National Evangelization Team) returns for an evening retreat from 5-9 pm in Campbell Hall. This retreat is part of the Year 9 Confirmation Program, but an invitation is extended to all those in years 7-10 to join us for the retreat. Pizza and ice cream will be served at 5 pm followed by games, prayer, witness talks, small group sessions and music.
YEAR 10 CONFIRMATION: As we draw closer to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates are reminded of the following important dates/events:
Tuesday, November 17th: Rehearsal at 6 pm for candidates and their sponsors.
Sunday, November 22nd: Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11 am Mass. Candidates and Sponsors are asked to be in the Chapel at 10 am.
Monday, November 23rd: Dinner for newly Confirmed youth at 6 pm in Campbell Hall.

Knights of Columbus

There is a General Meeting for all KoC on Tuesday, November 17th at 7:30 pm in Campbell Hall.

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.

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

Catholic Women's League

The next CWL Regular Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15th at 6:30 pm, in Campbell Hall.
 Dues for 2010 are now being collected.
 The Christmas Tea and Bake Sale is November 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Advance tickets will be available at the Church Office. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under the age of 10. Donations of baked goods, preserves and used books will be gratefully accepted on Friday November 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For craft donations, please call Jane Allen at 895-6529 for arrangements to pick up or drop off.

John Sands - In Concert

Please join us on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm, here at Immaculate Conception Church to enjoy the wonderful music of John Sands, organist. Tickets for the event are \$10 each and are available at the Parish Office, or by contacting Sally Baird at 893-7723. A reception will be held following the concert, in Campbell Hall. This event is sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Changes to Mass Times & Office Hours

On Tuesday, November 17th, the office will be closed at 3:00 pm, instead of 3:30 pm.
On Thursday, November 19th, Mass will be at 8:00 am.
On Friday, November 20th, the office will be closed all day.
On Saturday, November 21st, we will have Mass at 4:00 pm, and Religious Education Classes will be held prior to Mass at 3:00 pm. This change is due to the Santa Clause Parade, taking place in the early evening.
This month (not this week, as originally stated) will mark the last monthly Mass at Saint Ambrose, in Londonderry, until the spring. We will have Mass at Christmas time. Please watch future bulletins for time announcements.
On Thursday, December 3rd, Mass will be at 8:00 am.

A Competition with your Pennies, Nickels and Dimes

From the beginning of November to the end of January, we will have jars placed at each entrance of the church for your pennies, nickels and dimes. We would like to make it a small competition between all the Masses, and any other form of coin will not count towards the totals. The jars will be emptied after each mass and will be counted before the next week and you can track your progress. Once it is all over, we will have a small party for the mass that raises the most money. All the funds collected from this competition will then go towards the Capital Campaign. (This competition is being coordinated by Wayne Caines and the Finance Committee.)

There is a "Book of the Dead" located at the front of the church, where you may write in the names of any loved ones lost. During the month of November, we will pray for their souls.

Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale

Making the world a better place! Ten Thousand Villages is coming to Immanuel Baptist Church! The Friends of Ten Thousand Villages-Truro is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America.

The festival sale will be held on Friday, November 27th, from 10 am to 9 pm and Saturday, November 28th from 10 am to 5 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church, 295 Young St., Truro. Admission is free.

The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information, please call Brenda Leenders at 893-4197.

Ernst Family in "A Family Christmas Concert"

Music at First presents the Ernst Family in "A Family Christmas Concert", Sunday, November 22nd at 3 pm at the First Baptist Church, 795 Prince Street. The Ernst Family is a vocal ensemble from Lunenburg County, NS consisting of nine members, aged seven to adult, singing everything from solos to eight-part harmony. Most of the music is sung a cappella, with an occasional piano or guitar accompaniment. This concert will truly help you get in the Christmas spirit and one which the entire family will enjoy. Tickets: \$12 for adults and \$5 for students.

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!

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The revised winter schedule, is now available in your mail slot located at the bottom of the stairs. If you wish to have this schedule emailed out to you, please send an email to Angele at joeandangele@ns.sympatico.ca.

PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for November 8th	\$6,159.43	\$5,525.40	\$634.03
Amounts Collected from January 1st to November 8th			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$349,814.37	\$367,758.80	(\$17,944.43)
Capital Campaign Income	\$40,510.73	\$45,000.00	(\$4,489.27)
Totals	\$390,325.10	\$412,758.80	(\$22,433.70)

