

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: Is away until December 3rd
Deacon Brian: Tuesdays 1 pm - 4 pm,
 Wednesdays 9am – 4pm, or by appointment
Helen Lowthers: Mon, Wed & Fri 8:30 am – 11:30 am

1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 29th, 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 this week

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

Last Sunday of Each Month:
 4:00 pm Saint Ambrose, Londonderry
November 29th will be the last monthly Mass until the Spring

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 30th – †Mary Rogers
 Tuesday, December 1st – All Souls
 Wednesday, December 2nd – †Angela Frizzell
 Thursday, December 3rd – †Terry Delaney
 Friday, December 4th – 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 29th to December 5th

Monday, November 30th – Women of Faith Bible Study-Kinsella 1-9:30 am
Tuesday, December 1st – Women's Bible Study-Kennedy-9:30am
 - Pastoral Care-Kinsella 2-1:30 pm
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
 - KoC Exec-Kinsella 3-7:30 pm
Wednesday, December 2nd – Meeting for Mission Trip to Guatemala-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
Thursday, December 3rd – John Sands in Concert – 7:00 pm

Religious Education

This 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, all are invited. On a table near the side entrance is a basket with envelopes, containing the names of those children preparing for the sacrament. We invite those parishioners who wish, to please take one and pray for the child whose name appears.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Year 9: Class on Monday, November 30th
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.

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

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@catholiclifafax.org.

Knights of Columbus

There will be a meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30 pm in Kinsella Room #3.
 Knights of Columbus have dry wood for sale. For more information, please contact Eric Thompson at 673-3094.

Mission Trip to Guatemala

All those who are interested or can be of any help for a mission trip to Guatemala, please come for a meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30pm in Kinsella 1&2. We are looking for doctors, pharmacists, teachers, nurses, project coordinators and more.

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. Fr. Gerald David, will be joining us to celebrate the Mass. 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.

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.

Tickets will also be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend, from members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Changes to Mass Times & Office Hours

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.

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 person witnesses 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 22nd, we have raised the following amounts:

6:00 pm Mass - \$240.26

9:00 am Mass - \$235.43

11:00 am Mass - \$82.43

Our total to date is \$558.12.

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.

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

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!

Advent folders are now available at the Church entrances, and will be handed out to all our children in Religious Education classes.

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.

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 next 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.

PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

| | Actual | Budget | Variance Over/(Under) |
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| Weekly Collection for November 22nd | \$6,565.96 | \$5,525.40 | \$1,040.56 |
| Amounts Collected from January 1st to November 22nd | | | |
| Total Collections & Other Income | \$362,160.39 | \$378,809.60 | (\$16,649.21) |
| Capital Campaign Income | \$41,303.33 | \$45,000.00 | (\$3,696.67) |
| Totals | \$403,463.72 | \$423,809.60 | (\$20,345.88) |