

# 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

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 13<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

**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**  
 To resume Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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, September 14<sup>th</sup> - † Hailey Barkley  
 Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Evan Torralville  
 Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – † Grace Jardine  
 Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – † Special Intention  
 Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Steven Horvath  
*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 September 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – PARISH PICNIC 12:00 TO 4:00 PM!**  
**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> –** Year 9 Parents Meeting-7:30pm  
**Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> –** Women's Bible Study-Martin-9:30am  
 - Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm  
 -KoC General Meeting-Campbell Hall 7:30  
**Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> –** CWL Exec-Kinsella 1-6:30  
**Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> –** "Four Encounters with Jesus"-  
 7:30pm in Campbell Hall

### Religious Education

Registration for elementary and junior high classes continue Sept. 12, 19 & 20 after Masses. Suggested registration fee is \$15 per child. It is requested that 1<sup>st</sup> Penance children (Level 2) purchase a workbook at a cost of \$25. This workbook is also used for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist preparation at Level 3. The cost, therefore, covers 2 years of sacrament preparation. Classes begin Sept. 26 & 27 for elementary and Sept. 21 for grades 7 & 8. Important Meetings for September:  
 Sept. 27 at 10:15 AM- Level 4 parents meeting in the Church.  
 Sept. 28 at 7:00 PM–Level 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist parents meeting in Martin

### Confirmation Preparation Program

A meeting of parents of Year 9 will take place **Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**. Registrations can also be completed at this meeting. **First class for Year 9 is Monday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 pm** in Campbell Hall.  
**Year 10 Confirmation Candidates** who completed Year 9 and the Rite of Enrolment in the spring do not need to re-register. We will see you at your first class on **Monday, Sept . 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 9 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

Weekly card game has resumed on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm in Campbell Hall. Everyone is welcome!

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy has now begun! Any children preschool to Grade 3 (inclusive) are welcome to attend. Any junior and senior youth interested in helping out with this ministry, please call Ann at 895-7632.

Starting this month, Project Rachel (post-abortion healing) will offer their 11 week support groups for those who may be suffering because of an abortion decision. We provide support groups for couples who are parents of the aborted baby, and also support groups for women who may have chosen or been forced to have an abortion. God's call to healing is merciful and free so, come, join us on the healing journey. Contact Margo at 423-9955.  
[www.projectrachel.ca](http://www.projectrachel.ca)

### Musical Drama and Junior High Youth Group

We will be starting up for the fall on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for a fun evening of games, food and details about the upcoming events!

### Women's Bible Study

We will be start up on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in Martin Room. "The Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer is the bible study book chosen for our fall session, running until Christmas. For more information, please call Ann at 895-7632, or just show up. Love you see you there!

### Catholic Women's League News

CWL Executive Meeting: Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.  
 CWL Regular Meeting: Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
 There is a Newsletter available in the slot below the CWL bulletin board.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

All those interested in joining the RCIA program this fall, please contact Fr. Joseph via the Parish Office, or by email. The anticipated start date is set for October.

### The Mass: Four Encounters with Jesus (DVD)

Do you want to get more out of Mass? Do you want to appreciate what is happening more fully? In this best-selling series, recorded during the Year of the Eucharist, Dr. Tom Curran helps us enter the drama as he unveils Christ's presence in every detail of the Mass. In this series, you can expect: A step-by-step walk through the Mass that will help you to gain a deeper recognition for what is happening and how to respond. A new understanding of, and appreciation for, the Eucharist, and all that it represents. An opportunity to explore the riches of your Catholic faith in an easy to understand and entertaining format. A deeper understanding of who you are and the vision and purpose God has for your life. Our four sessions begin Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Campbell Hall, continuing on September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> (a Wednesday).

### Immaculate Conception Family Picnic

Immaculate Conception will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Family Picnic in our Church Parking Lot on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning immediately following 11:00 am Mass. Everyone is most welcome to attend! Planned events include live music from *The Kitchen Trio, Jim Richards, Nova Scotia Ramblers and Fred & Catherine Lawrence* from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be games for children and adults, draw and door prizes and food! Please note, that our Picnic is being held IN our Church Parking Lot, so please refrain from parking within the parking lot. There are posters with more information on our bulletin boards.

### Oil of Gladness

Our prayer group has resumed for another year in Kinsella on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. We praise God in song and prayer, intercede for our needs and those of our church and world. We share scripture and life. All lovers of prayer are most welcome.

### 40 Days for Life

Christians of all denominations are invited to join the vigil of *40 Days for Life* from September 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are asking for prayer support during this time; as well God's people are encouraged to take part at the vigil site, on South Park Street outside the Victoria General Hospital, which is the site of 1700 abortions annually. Please note that this is not a demonstration or a protest; we do not enter into discussions with people who pass by; we are simply standing and praying for 12 hours per day for the entire 40 day period. We are turning to God in prayer and fasting, relying upon Him, as He is the only one who can bring about an end to abortion in our land. For further information, please contact Julie

Culshaw by phone, (902) 455-3958 or by email, [julieculshaw@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:julieculshaw@ns.sympatico.ca).

### New Horizons Senior's Band

There is a new musical group starting in Truro this month. It's called the New Horizons Band and it is a beginner band for senior citizens. If you think you might be interested in joining this group, please contact Paul Barrett by email at [barp@eastlink.ca](mailto:barp@eastlink.ca) or by telephone at 986-1785. There are brochures available at the church, as well as the Truro Library and the Marigold Centre.

**Ring! Ring!** Can you hear the bells calling? The handbell choirs of First United invite you to become a "ringer" with us! We are looking for new ringers, lost friends and spares for the coming year. Why not give us a try. When? Every Wednesday evening, starting September 16<sup>th</sup> – Handbells at 5:30 – with beginners at 7:00. Everyone welcome!

### Knights of Columbus

KoC General Meeting on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Campbell Hall.  
 KoC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

### Town Hall Meeting

We will be holding a "Town Hall" meeting on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> following the 6:00 pm Mass. This meeting is open to everyone in our Parish. The purpose of this Town Hall meeting is to bring all groups within our Parish together, to education each other about our needs, opportunities and developments currently under way, as well as future focus for our Parish.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Candle Light Dinner

80 tickets are now on sale for a 5 course Candle Light Dinner, including a glass of wine/non-alcoholic beverage, in Campbell Hall on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 pm. The tickets are to be pre-sold at \$20 each up to October 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will not be available at the door. Entertainment will be provided, and draws for prizes. The proceeds from the dinner will be going towards the Parish Capital Campaign. There is a menu posted on the bulletin boards at the entrances for the Church, for anyone interested. Please come and join us.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has a need for a caring and compassionate individual to volunteer as a dispatcher. You would be sharing this duty with two other individuals. Training and on-going support will be provided. Please contact Larry O'Hara at 895-2260 for more information.

### PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for September 6th	\$7,475.69	\$11,331.75	(\$3,856.06)
<b>Amounts Collected from January 1st to September 6th</b>			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$257,051.50	\$277,854.00	(\$20,802.50)
Capital Campaign Income	\$24,129.39	\$35,000.00	(\$10,870.61)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$281,180.89</b>	<b>\$312,854.00</b>	<b>(\$31,673.11)</b>