

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 27th, 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
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, September 28th - † Wanda (Power) Bolton
Tuesday, September 29th - † Mary Marshall
Wednesday, September 30th - † Alwin Lund
Thursday, October 1st - Bishop Currie
Friday, October 2nd - † Diane Slaunwhite
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 27th to October 3rd

Monday, September 28th - Women of Faith BS-Kinsella 1-9:30am
Tuesday, September 29th - SVDP Reception –Campbell Hall-7:30
- Women's Bible Study-Martin-9:30am
- Oil of Gladness-Kinsella 1&2-7:30 pm
Thursday, October 1st - "Four Encounters with Jesus"-
7:30pm in Campbell Hall

Religious Education

Classes begin this weekend for elementary and continue Monday evening for grades 7 & 8.
Important Meetings for September:
Between the Masses on Sunday morning, at 10:15 AM- Level 4 parents meeting in the Church.
Monday, September 28 at 7 PM–Level 3, 1st Eucharist parents meeting in Martin.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Mass for Confirmation Candidates: At the 9am Mass this weekend, we will recognize the Year 9 & 10 Confirmation candidates. They will be called forward by name to receive a special blessing, as they begin/continue their preparations to receive the outpouring of the Spirit, in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for our young people and their families as they journey in their faith
Year 10: There will be a session for the parents of the Year 10 candidates on Sat., Oct. 3rd, following the 6pm Mass. We will meet in the church.

Class Schedule: Year 9: Mon., Sept. 28, 7-9pm, Campbell Hall
Year 10: Monday, October 5, 7-9pm, 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.

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.

Musical Drama and Junior High Youth Group

We will be starting up for the fall on Friday, October 2nd 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 have started up on Tuesday mornings, 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!

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.

Pastoral Council

Please note that due to the Mass and Reception for St. Vincent de Paul, on Tuesday, September 29th, we will be changing our meeting date for Pastoral Council to Tuesday, October 6th at 7:30 pm.

The Colchester Right to Life Group invites you to stand with us Sunday, October 4th, in silent prayer and witness to the injustice of abortion for mothers and babies. Meet on Willow St. near Parker's Plants from 2:30-3:30 pm. This is a national event which takes place every October across the entire country. Everyone is welcome. Contact person: Gail Munro 895-2296

Praying the Rosary-September 23rd to November 1st

Beginning Wednesday, September 23rd, there will be recitation of the Holy Rosary before all Masses. This date marks the start of the 40 Days for Life, when we will continually pray for the protection of all life at all stages, recognizing that every life is a gift from God. If you would like to lead, there is a schedule and sign-up sheet at the Parking Lot Entrance.

40 Days for Life

Christians of all denominations are invited to join the vigil of *40 Days for Life* from September 23rd to November 1st. 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.

Don't miss Downtown Truro's 2nd Annual Senior's Expo on Thursday, October 1st, 9am-3pm at the Holiday Inn, Prince St. Over 40 exhibitors, with valuable information on a wide variety of topics. Special presentations, refreshments, entertainment and door prizes add to the fun. And admission is free! Contact Downtown Truro Partnership, for more details.

2nd Candle Light Dinner

Less than 40 tickets remain for our 2nd, 5 course Candle Light Dinner! The evening, which includes a glass of wine/non-alcoholic beverage, is to be held in Campbell Hall on Thursday, October 8th, starting at 5:00 pm. The tickets are to be pre-sold at \$20 each up to October 5th. 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. Tickets are available in the Parish Office, from Sara. Please come and join us.

Attention All Cursillistas

Please be advised of the following change for our monthly Ultreya. Effective September 2009, the meeting will now be held on the last Tuesday of every month at St. Peters school auditorium, Dartmouth. The School of Leaders will begin at 6:30 o and Ultreya to follow at 7:30 pm.

We are in need of a few more people to join our Pastoral Care Group. There are many people in our community who are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. The goal of our group is to bring Holy Communion to all those wishing to receive, yet are unable to do so on their own. For anyone interested, or for more information, please contact Deacon Brian Smith at 893-7188.

Capital Campaign Collection

Our next collection for the Capital Campaign, will be held next weekend at all masses. Please pick up your envelopes for this special collection at the entrances of the church. For anyone interested in having your contribution included with your direct deposit, please contact Sara, in the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for September 20th	\$9,744.88	\$11,331.75	(\$1,586.87)
Amounts Collected from January 1st to September 20th			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$293,541.87	\$300,517.50	(\$6,975.63)
Capital Campaign Income	\$31,291.51	\$35,000.00	(\$3,708.49)
Totals	\$324,833.38	\$335,517.50	(\$10,684.12)

Confirmation Candidates

Let us pray for our youth preparing to receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those listed in Year 10, will celebrate the sacrament on November 22nd, while those listed in Year 9 are beginning their preparations to receive the sacrament next year.

Year 9: Nathan Blois, Erin Brocklehurst, Rory Chisholm, Danielle Doran, Hannah Gillam, Bethany Hagen, Emma MacGillivray, Hilary MacIntyre, Jillian Maloney, Sarah Mantin, Alex Marchand, Janel Martell, Sean McKim, Ryann McNamara, Makayla Miller-Carroll, Oscar Moyles, Eric Pugsley, Meaghan Ramsay, MacKenzie Rathgeber, Heather Ross, Samantha Strickland & Stephanie Watson.

Year 10: Hardy Callaghan, Elizabeth Chapman, Brooke Clyde, Jordan Denny-Augustine, Samantha Ellis, Abigail Gallant, Emma Gillam, Christopher Green, Angelle Johnson, Cara Kaulbach, Sean Keeping, Robert Kennedy, Paul Langille, Katelyn MacLeod, Edin MacGillivray, Neil MacKay, Luke MacLean, Lauren Matheson, Danielle Miller, Daniel Myette, Meaghan Peck, Allysa Roy, Alexa Smith, Emily Smith, Mitchell Swett, Leo VanKroonenburg, Jacob Works, Conrad Yiridoe.