

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
The office will be closed for Labour Day, Mon., Sept. 7th.
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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, September 6th, 2009

MASS TIMES:

Weekday Mass Hours: Monday thru Thursday at 7 pm
Friday at 8:00 am
No Mass on the Holiday Monday for 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Stations of the Cross & Soup
To resume Friday, September 18th 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 7th – **No Mass Today!**
Tuesday, September 8th – † Roley Delaney
Wednesday, September 9th – † Roberta King
Thursday, September 10th – † Mary Marshall
Friday, September 11th – † Irvine & Mary Long
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 6th to 12th

Monday, September 7th – Labour Day!
Tuesday, September 8th – Oil of Gladness in Kinsella 1&2 at 7:30
- KoC Executive in Kinsella 3 at 7:30
- Pastoral Care Committee in Kinsella 1:30
Wednesday, September 9th – SVPD Meeting in Campbell Hall

Religious Education & Confirmation

Welcome back to our 2009-2010 program! Registrations for elementary & junior high students will be held after each mass this weekend and also September 12th, 19th & 20th after masses. The suggested fee this year for registration is \$15.00 per child. Classes will begin September 26th, 27th & 28th. There are several meetings planned, so please take note of times and grade levels on the schedules that you will receive when registering and be present for meetings. We look forward to another positive year for all our parents and students.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Registration for **Year 9 Confirmation** takes place this weekend, September 5 & 6 after each Mass. **A meeting of parents of Year 9** will take place **Monday, Sept. 14th at 7:30 pm**. Registrations can also be completed at this meeting. **First class for Year 9 is Monday, Sept 28th 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. 21st 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!

Bulletins

The bulletins are being printed once again, on a weekly basis. If you have any announcements that you would like to have printed in our bulletin, please submit them to Sara in the Office by 3:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Catholic Women's League News

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

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

Collection Counters

A new schedule, is in your mail slot on the landing going downstairs, for anyone who has not picked up their new copy.

Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

Will take place on Tuesday, September 8th in Kinsella Room.

Booking Rooms for Your Events

Reminder to all of you who have weekly, bi-weekly or monthly events or meetings that you would normally have rooms booked for: Please contact Sara when you know of the dates you will be needing rooms in the fall. We do not want anyone to be without their room.

Truro Youth Singers

Truro Youth Singers are accepting new members from the ages of 8-13 years old. This girls' choir rehearses from September to May after school on Friday afternoons. For more information, please contact Choir Director, Ann Legere at 895-6532 or annlegere@eastlink.ca.

St. Vincent de Paul

Our fall session will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 pm. New members are most welcome.

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 17th at 7:30 pm in Campbell Hall, continuing on September 24th, October 1st and October 7th (a Wednesday).

Immaculate Conception Family Picnic

Immaculate Conception will be holding our 1st Annual Family Picnic in our Church Parking Lot on Sunday, September 13th, 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.

Church Picnic Draw

During our Parish's 1st Annual Family Picnic, on September 13th, we will be holding a draw for a number of great prizes. We have 6000 tickets printed, priced at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The prizes include: Propane BBQ, Faux Fur Coat, Bistro Set, Superstore Gift Cards, Basket of Toys, MP3 Players, Child's Electronic Keyboard, Bouncy House and McDonald's & Subway Gift Cards. We need your help with selling all our tickets. If you are able to take a book or two of tickets, please stop into our Parish Office, and see Sara. Also, if you have tickets in your possession that are already sold, please bring them and the money in to Sara, or place in an envelope, with the Sunday collection.

Knights of Columbus

There will be a meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, September 8th in Kinsella #3 at 7:30 pm.

Hospitality List

The Hospitality list for September is now in the mail slot on the landing going down stairs.

Office and Mass Times

Please take note that on Monday, August 3rd, the Office will be closed for the Labour Day Holiday and there will be no Mass celebrated at Immaculate Conception.

Collection Counters will count on Tuesday morning at 9:00 am for this week only.

Capital Campaign Update

This weekend at all Masses, we will be having our monthly collection for the Capital Campaign. If there is anyone who wishes to have their contributions included with their direct deposit amounts, please contact Sara in the Office, for more information.

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 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.

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 or by telephone at 986-1785. There are brochures available at the church, as well as the Truro Library and the Marigold Centre.

Thank You!

Deacon Brian and Shirley would like to thank everyone who came out, prepared food, and helped in any way to celebrate their 30 years of marriage and his fifth anniversary of being at Immaculate Conception Parish. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated, and you are always in our prayers. God Bless you all!

PARISH OFFERING FOR 2009

	Actual	Budget	Variance Over/(Under)
Weekly Collection for August 31st	\$7,685.26	\$6,165.20	\$1,520.06
Amounts Collected from January 1st to August 31st			
Total Collections & Other Income	\$249,575.81	\$277,854.00	(\$28,278.19)
Capital Campaign Income	\$21,682.46	\$30,000.00	(\$8,317.54)
Totals	\$271,258.27	\$307,854.00	(\$36,595.73)

