

Immaculate Conception Parish



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Weekend Mass: Sunday: 10:30 am

Weekday Mass: Monday: 7:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2010 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Confessions: Last Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. **Weddings:** 6 months notice and a marriage course. **Baptisms:** 2 weeks notice. **Choir:** Those wishing to join our choir may speak to our Choir Director, Mrs. Rhonda Ashby, or simply come and lend your voice and rejoice with us. **Bulletin Notices:** To have your notices included in the bulletin, please leave a message at the parish office (466-5912) or email to: immaculate.church@sympatico.ca or lynniempower@aol.com

25TH Sunday in Ordinary Time In Luke's Gospel account, (ch.16.1-13), Jesus does not commend the manager's dishonesty. He does commend his shrewdness in cleverly ensuring a secure future for himself. Disciples must be equally shrewd but make very different choices: choosing trustworthy service over dishonesty for personal gain, choosing concern for others over personal needs, choosing eternal happiness above security in this world at any cost. In these very choices, disciples serve God and God alone. The reading from the prophet Amos shows the consequences of making choices for selfish personal gain and losing sight of how we are to be in relation to each. To protect ourselves and our families and to have enough to get ahead in this life, we must be shrewd about many things. Today, God's Word invites us to reflect on this: To win eternal life, shrewdness is not enough. We must care for others, be honest and trustworthy, and maintain single-minded focus on God.

REMINDER TODAY WE REVERT BACK TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MASS TIME OF 10:00 am.

Memorial Mass There will be a Memorial Mass celebrated here tomorrow evening, September 20th, at 7:00pm for Gloria & Michael Burta.

Sacrament of Marriage Please remember in your prayers Nicholas Guitard and Lindsay Murphy who were married here yesterday afternoon and for all those newly married as they enter into this covenant of love.

F.O.O.D. The Feed Others of Dartmouth list for the month of **September** is located at the entrance of the Church. We are still in need of some of the food items. We will come together to prepare the meals this coming Friday evening, September 24th @ 6:00pm. If you are able to help it would be most appreciated.

Pakistan Relief The deadline to have donations matched by the Canadian Government has been extended to the end of this month. If you wish to donate to this Flood Relief Fund envelopes for this purpose are available on the table at the entrance to the Church. Please place them in with the regular weekly collections. **Thank you** for your generous support.

RCIA The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is the process used when adults wish to be baptized into the Roman Catholic faith. Through this process candidates participate, with their sponsors, in a period of faith formation and education which spans several months and culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – at Easter. At the same time, we welcome those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and wish to join us in communion, as well as those who were baptized as Roman Catholics but were not catechized as children. Sessions will begin in the fall. Please call Sister Cecelia and leave your name.

Family Harvest Dinner Hosted by St. Peter's Knights of Columbus, Saturday Oct. 2nd at 6pm at St. Peter's School Gym, corner of Maple St. and Crichton Ave., Dartmouth. Roast chicken with refreshments and dessert. Cash Bar and Entertainment provided. [Tickets - \$15 /children under 8 - \$7] Tickets are available at the St. Peter's parish office during regular business hours; from a K of C member at St. Peter's Church main entrance after weekend masses beginning this weekend; or by calling Marcel Arsenault (449-7613) or Joe Murchie (434-6610). **Tickets will be sold only until Sept 27th and will not be available at the door.**

Community Events

Seniors' Group meets tomorrow, Monday, September 20th, at noon Mass. Come and see!!!

Senior Retreat will be held on September 25th at Blessed Mother of Calcutta Parish. A day to examine how we live our senior years as a Christian. The themes this year are: How do we keep our faith vibrant, how do we deal with loneliness, and what role does forgiveness play? Come and pray, sing, listen, discuss and of course eat. The cost is \$10.00 and it begins at 10:30am. If you are interested, please give your name to Sister Cecelia.

Prayer Service The Sisters of Charity and their associate members, along with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, invite you to a Prayer Service at St. Peter's at noon on Monday, September 27th; all are invited especially those who are unable to attend the Mass at St. Benedict's that evening at 7pm. Learn about the Vincentian family of saints and blessed, as well as pray with these saints.

40 Days for Life is a vigil of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our country. An upcoming prayer vigil will be commencing in Halifax on September 22, 2010. For more information contact Julie Culshaw, Coordinator @ 455-3958 or <http://www.40daysforlife.com> or <http://www.40daysforlife.blogspot.com>.

Adult Formation Blessed Pope John XXIII Church. This Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7pm begins a six session, bi-weekly series at our neighbouring parish in Cole Harbour. Dr. Beth Bruce, Roman Catholic Church Lay Formation Director at Atlantic School of Theology, begins the series speaking on 'Catholic Social Teaching'. All are welcome

Upcoming Noteworthy Dates

Sept. 24 th	Meal Preparation – F.O.O.D. – 6:00 pm
Sept. 28 th	Liturgy Committee Meeting – 6:30 pm
Oct. 5 th /6 th	Defensive Driving Course – 6 :30-9:30pm
Oct. 6 th	Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
Oct. 16 th	IC Potluck Supper – 5:00-7:00pm

“God works miracles all around us. We just have to open our eyes—and our hearts—to see them!”