

Immaculate Conception Parish

December 24th, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec 25 - 10:00 am - Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, Dec 26 - 7:00pm - **No Mass**

Wed, Dec 27 - 7:00pm - **No Mass**

Thurs, Dec 28 - 7:00pm- James Flynn

Friday - Dec 29 - 8:00am - **No Mass**

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays until January 2nd, 2018.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30th

Immaculate Conception, Truro - 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 31st

Immaculate Conception, Truro - 9:00 am

Sacred Heart, Millbrook - 11:30 am

St. Michael's, Brule - Liturgy of the Word 11:30 am

New Year's Day Mass: Monday, January 1st

Immaculate Conception, Truro - 10:00 am

Saturday Rosary, Devotions & Mass - On **January 6th** at 9:00a.m. we will celebrate first Saturday Rosary, Devotions and Mass.

Christmas Poinsettias - We have a care taker looking after our Poinsettias, therefore, please do not water or care for the plants. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY WEEKLY

Reflections from Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Jesus: *My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for My kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing. Take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life — for yourself, but also for other souls, especially such as are distrustful of My goodness (Diary, 1488). Soul: Your response.*

My Prayer Response: Lord Jesus, I take the vessel of trust and draw from the fountain of life. Help me to trust You even more! Help all souls striving for perfection to increase their capacity to trust in You

Diary passages in italics and bold is Jesus speaking.

2018 Collection Envelopes - The 2018 Collection Envelopes are now available in the front foyer.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Dec. 10th Collection was \$5,280.70 (**Budgeted \$4,442.30**) Immaculate Conception = \$4,566.00; St. Michael's = \$379.25; Sacred Heart = \$335.45 & Capital Campaign = \$328.00 Total Sanctuary = \$79,195.03

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Blessings for a very Merry Christmas

Announcements

Fourth Annual New Year's Day Brunch - bring a food item & willing hands and join us for our Champagne Brunch immediately following the 10am Mass on January 1st, 2018. Sign up sheet available during the Sunday Social. Contact Gail 895-2433 or Betty c.bettychapman@gmail.com

ICC Parking Safety - Please be aware that the Emergency Lanes in our parking lot cannot be blocked. Do not park outside the parking lot white lines, on the Grass, or adjacent to the Glebe House next to the hedge. There is extra parking next door in the FYI parking lot.

Multicultural Night - Many countries and cultures will be offering a taste of their food at the Multicultural Night on Saturday January 27th 5pm -6pm. Make a bid on the many items in the Silent Auction until 7pm and enjoy a drink and the wonderful music in the Pub downstairs until 9.30pm. Tickets \$15 for adults, available after Masses. 12 yrs and younger free!

Dinner Theatre 2018 - 'Must-Go Maddness' Mr. Red Cherry, owner of the local soda shop, cordially invites everyone to his 10th annual dance. It's the biggest bash of the year! Ticket sales are dancing along and with you in attendance, the event will be perfect. See Gail MacKinnon (897-2786) for tickets.

Chase the Ace - The *Ace of Spades* still hasn't been caught...so our Youth Fundraiser will continue in the new year; the weekend of **January 6th & 7th**. At that time the Jackpot will be starting at **\$5,694.50** with **11 cards left** in the deck. Congratulations to last week's winner: Keith Gillis.

Knights of Columbus Sweepstake - **Win \$25,000** in the K of C Sweepstakes. Nova Scotia only! Tickets on sale each week, after the 9:00am Mass in Campbell Hall at the Knights of Columbus table. \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Veritas Catholic Books & Gifts - Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts are open each **Thursday 11am - 4pm, Friday 10am to 5pm & Saturday 10am - 1pm**. Advent and Christmas items are arriving weekly. Entrance located in the Prince Street foyer. **Veritas will be closed for the Christmas Holidays, from December 23rd until January 4th.**

Refugee Committee - Many of you will have finished with your monthly \$20 for 12 months donations for the Hrez family. We are so appreciative of your contributions plus the time and effort many of our parishioners have given to help our Syrian family in the last year. As we announced at mass several weeks ago, we will be continuing the support our family at a lower dollar amount for a limited time. This is a usual situation with most refugee families that we have worked with, our family continues to be as independent as possible. The application for Rita's parents was submitted last week and we will wait to see what the result will be. To bring Rita's parents here, we will still need to raise up to \$18,000 to be effective. We will be in Campbell Hall after mass most Saturdays and Sundays in January to answer any of your questions should you decide to support this sponsorship.




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