

**Immaculate Conception Church
Palmer Road
Our Lady of Assumption Mission
Miminegash**

Parish Mission Statement

We are called as God's people to love, serve, grow in faith and journey with all walks of life"

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**Sunday Collection:
August 16, 2020: \$2,223.00**

Thank you for your generosity



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. (Loyola Press)

**Elimination Draw/Lobster Meal:
Thank You**

Special thanks go out this week to all those involved in making our two recent fundraisers a total success: The Elimination Draw and Lobster Meal Dinner, held Sunday, Aug 16 were both sold-out events. Congratulations to the \$3,000 Grand Prize Winner, Wilhelmina Kenny of Northport; second place winner H&R Block (Connie Jendrick) who won the \$500 furniture set donated by Tignish Co-op: 50/50 winner Jim McCarthy, Elmsdale (\$1,545) and all those who won prizes during the draw. Thank you to Trevor and April Delaney for their hard work and dedication in organizing the Elimination Draw. Also, thank you to all our sponsors and to all who bought and sold tickets or helped in any way. Without such tremendous support and dedication these events would not be possible. We also want to acknowledge the following for their donations: Local fishermen for their generous donations of lobster, Tignish Cooperative Member Relations Committee, Tignish Credit Union, Royal Star Foods, Leo Handrahan (blueberries), Alfred Arsenault of Urbainville (potatoes), Alberton Lions Club (for use of their drum), all who donated prizes and those who made monetary donations.

We also want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our picnic co-chairs, kitchen staff and the many volunteers who worked to make the pick-up and delivery of our meal such a success. Despite Covid-19 we continue to find alternative ways to keep our parish alive and active. Thank you once again for your tremendous support.

Mass During COVID-19

We have weekday Mass at 9 a.m. Monday - Thursday at Palmer Road (even if there is a funeral that day).

On the weekend there are **three Masses**: Saturday **4 p.m.** (Bilingual), Sunday **9 a.m.** Miminegash and **11 a.m.** Palmer Road with attendance of 50 people at each mass. Social distancing practices are still in effect at all masses. Please use hand sanitizer on the way in and out and we ask that you respect social distancing at all times. Although it is not mandatory at this time, please feel free to use a face mask if you wish. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from attending Mass.

Volunteers

As everyone knows we are living in a different time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are thankful that our Church is open again and we can have weekday masses as well as Sunday, even though attendance is limited to 50. Perhaps our biggest challenge in ensuring the safety of parishioners is the extra time it takes for sanitizing the Church following each mass. We have generous volunteers but even they sometimes need a break. If anyone would like to help we would be happy to have your assistance. Names and phone numbers need to be taken at all masses and the church is sanitized after each mass. It doesn't take long with two or three individuals helping, so if you have time and can help we would be most grateful. Please call or email the parish office (902-882-2622) or palmerroadparish@gmail.com to leave your name.

Diocesan News

Connolly Estate Bursaries: Applications accepted until August 31, 2020. Connolly Estate bursaries are open to residents of PEI who are full-time students enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited university. In addition, applicants must demonstrate that they are Roman Catholic, are Irish in heritage and have material financial need (parental income applies if applicant is under 22). College students who are completing a joint program/degree must be enrolled in the university portion of their studies to be eligible. Apply at www.owenconnollyestate.com by August 31st. Recent bursaries have been in the range of \$2,000/year, though they vary depending on market returns and the number of applicants. Bursaries are available for a maximum of four years.

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**Three weekend Masses:
50 in attendance at each Mass**
4 p.m. Saturday (Bilingual) Palmer Road
9 a.m. Sunday Miminegash
11 a.m. Sunday Palmer Road

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 24/08 9:00 a.m.
Patrick Mallett by Marie, Lindsay & Spencer
Tuesday: 25/08 9:00 a.m.
Florrie Mills by Nora & Frank McNally
Wednesday: 26/08 9:00 a.m.
Alyre & Freda Wedge by Diana Gaudet
Thursday: 27/08 9:00 a.m.
Annie Gaudet by the family
Friday: 28/08 No Mass

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30th, 2020**

Saturday: 29/08 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
Ivan Doucette by Irene Arsenault
Sunday: 30/08 (M) 9:00 a.m.
For the People
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Molly Gallant MacDonald by Mom, Dad & family

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com
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BAPTISMS: Baptisms are held by appointment as required. Please Contact the Parish Office for information and to make arrangements. (882-2622) or email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com

Please Note:
The weekday Mass : During this time of Covid-19, Weekday masses are still held even when there is a funeral the same day.
Please remember to include a phone number with your mass intentions. Thank you

Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis for August 2020

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

