

**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"

Bulletin for August 9-16, 2020

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Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm
Sunday Collection:
August 2, 2020: \$2,032.00

Thank you for your generosity



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they

see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. (Loyola Press)

COVID-19: Update

We continue to have weekday masses at 9 a.m. Monday - Thursday at 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.

There are 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

Parish News

Because of COVID-19 we have had to cancel the Annual Palmer Road Picnic for 2020 which is our major fundraising event of the year. In its place we have organized several smaller fundraisers to help us through these difficult times. We know we can count on your continued support for these upcoming events. Special thanks to those who have already purchased tickets.

August 16, Take Out Meal

On Sunday, August 16 we will be having a take-out meal: Lobster burger plate with potato salad, coleslaw, vegetables and desert. Limited tickets \$15.

Palmer Road Picnic Elimination

Draw: August 16

Main Prize \$3,000

50/50 and other great prizes

Tickets \$25 each and tag it for an extra \$5 for the 50/50 draw. Purchase four tickets, \$100 in memory of a loved one. Names will be published and read out during a special mass as well as during the elimination draw event which will be held online. Purchase eight tickets, \$200 and you or your business become a Sponsor. Income tax receipts are available. Tickets are available from April Delaney, Ruby Arsenault, Sandra Arsenault, Jean Willcock. For more information contact April at 902-882-4444 or email the parish office at palmerroadparish@gmail.com

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday: 10/08 9:00 a.m.
Deceased family members of McNally family by Nora & Frank McNally
Tuesday: 11/08 9:00 a.m.
Special Intention by Norma
Wednesday: 12/08 9:00 a.m.
Shirley Ellsworth by Don & Nellie
Thursday: 13/08 9:00 a.m.
Terry Pickens by wife Betty
Friday: 14/08 No Mass

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16th, 2020**

Saturday: 15/08 (Bilingual) 4:00 p.m.
For the People
Sunday: 16/08 (M) 9:00 a.m.
Roy & Josephine Jones by Linda, Gifford & family
(PR) 11:00 a.m.
Elaine Cormier by the family

BULLETIN: Bulletin announcements accepted up to Tuesday at 12 Noon in written form or by email: palmerroadparish@gmail.com
Office hours: Monday & Thursday 9:30 am - 5 pm

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 will be cancelled when there is a funeral, but please remember that anyone can attend the funeral of a brother or sister in Christ. The Mass Intention scheduled for that day will then be offered at a later date.
Please 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.

