



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR JANUARY 11TH – JANUARY 16TH

Tuesday, January 11 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Joe Moloney, requested by Jim & Colleen Shipley
Wednesday, January 12 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Marg Masters, requested by Paul & Mardi Ayotte
Thursday, January 13 th	8:30 a.m.	+ Barbara Coughlin, requested by the Estate
Friday, January 14 th	8:30 a.m.	– Private intention
Saturday, January 15 th	4:30 p.m.	– <i>For the people of Immaculate Conception Parish</i>
Sunday, January 16 th	9:30 a.m.	+ Jack Morrissey, requested by Marie
	11:30 a.m.	+ Lidia Sucharzewska, requested by daughter & family

+ Repose of the soul

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Aleesha, Neave Alderson, Audrey, Tim Ayotte, Fr. Bart Burke, Gwendolyn Craigen, Joan Cross, Donna Ellis, Teresa Garvey, Sawyer Growden, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Bill Heasely, Janice Kelly, Bradley L., Cathy Lochner, Marian, Keith Mathieson, Peter McCarthy, Margaret Shine, Erin Sullivan, Linda VanTol, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sally Weglarz, Clint Young and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FROM FR. STEPHEN: As we conclude the Christmas season, I wish to personally thank everyone who made the Christmas celebrations possible and beautiful. Many thanks go out to the choir members, readers, ushers, decorators (church looked lovely!), Knights of Columbus (for the creche), bulletin “folders”, altar servers and, of course, Fr. Stan for the Polish Mass. I also wish to thank people who have given me cards and gifts for Christmas. Thank you very much! And I wish to thank all of you who have joined me for Christmas, and those who were with me in spirit even though they couldn't physically be here. Our bonds as Catholics include being together for Mass but they are also so much more. Thank you!



OFFERTORY COMPARISON

Thank you for your ongoing generosity, especially during these trying times!

	2021	2020	2019
December	\$ 11,296.10 (4 Sundays)	\$ 11,014.85 (4 Sundays)	14,024.95 (5 Sundays)
Year-To-Date	\$113,538.89	\$124,907.86	\$140,711.99



Those unable to attend Mass at this time, please note that the Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect. **There is a secure slot in the front door of the rectory, if you wish to drop off your Offertory.** There is a box on the inside of the slot, so don't worry about whether it was received!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Our children are, in many ways, like sponges absorbing all we say and do. Even when we think they aren't watching or listening, they are often taking in our comments, actions and attitudes. In fact, our influence lasts their entire lives and impacts them throughout their lifetimes. Equally important is what we don't say about something they are seeing or hearing or doing, since silence is considered consent. Parenting takes constant work, which is why it is considered a vitally important vocation. The rewards of seeing your children grow into healthy, strong adults is worth the effort.



"BOTTLES FOR BOILERS": The boilers in the church are nearing the end of their useful lives and need to be replaced. The Knights of Columbus are raising funds for this cause. They are collecting **RETURNABLE liquor, wine, beer bottles and beer cans** the last Saturday each month at the Rectory garage between 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. However, the first pickup of the new year is **January 8th**. (NO POP CANS PLEASE.)



FUN QUIPS FROM FR. PETER SEABROOKE: Why do they say "amen" at the end of a prayer instead of "awomen"? The same reason they sing "hymns" instead of "hers".

DIOCESAN PASTORAL SURVEY: More people are joining the worldwide, Diocese-wide conversation via the survey link that is open until **Friday, January 14th**. The input is really interesting and energizing! See what they are saying and join the conversation! [Survey link](#)

SAINT JOSEPH DINNER VIRTUAL EVENT: The 6th Annual Saint Joseph Dinner, benefitting the outreach of the Peterborough Campus Ministry to Trent University and Fleming College, will be held **Saturday, February 5th** at 6:30 p.m. The evening features testimonies from students, entertainment, and fine food. The program will be livestreamed and meals will be provided through local restaurants. For tickets and more information, [visit their website](#).

COVID update from the Bishop

In the Diocese of Peterborough, Most Reverend Bishop Miehm has provided these guidelines for the implementation of the January 5th, 2022 health precautions:

- Households attending the church must maintain a physical distance of 6 feet or 2 meters between each other. Attendance at the church is limited to fifty percent of the church's posted capacity.
- The clergy and the faithful must wear a face mask in the church.
- Congregational singing is strongly discouraged at this time.
- The processional and recessional will take place respectively from the sacristy to the sanctuary and from the sanctuary to the sacristy to avoid gatherings at the church doors.
- Parish Halls are closed for the time being. The exception to this closure is AA meetings, food banks, and other designated entities.
- The Diocesan and parish staff are working remotely as much as possible.



It is hoped that these new measures will curtail or significantly mitigate the current surge of the Omicron variant and the COVID-19 virus. Let us keep one another in our prayers.

"Loving actions change history, even the ones that are small, everyday." — Pope Francis