



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 9TH – SEPTEMBER 14TH

English Rosary: Saturday 4:10 p.m. / Sunday 9:10 a.m. / Polish Rosary: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 9 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Alphéda Gagnon-Murphy & parents, req. by the Estate
Wednesday, Sept. 10 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Aimee & Vangi Breault, requested by a friend
Thursday, Sept. 11 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Mary House, requested by Elizabeth DeNoble
Friday, Sept. 12 th	8:30 a.m.	+	Debbie Lynch, requested by her cousins
Saturday, Sept. 13 th	4:30 p.m.	—	<i>For the people of Immaculate Conception parish</i>
Sunday, Sept. 14 th	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+	Frank & Margaret Dooley, req. by John Bovie & Marie Moser Peter, Michal & Lola Moskal, req. by the Jakubiak family

+ Mass for the Deceased / – Mass for the Living

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Andrew Morrison, Bonnie Morley, Brian Eberle, Cathy Lochner, Dan Selby, Donna Ellis, Evelyn Crook, Francine Leger-Gillard, Gerard & Wanda Byrne, Jason Ayotte, Jo Morrison, Joanna Carlberg, John Dawson, Julianna & Mary Hauer, Kathy Hiltz, Keith Mathieson, Lauren Carey, Linda vanTol, M.J.B., Marian Dlugosz, Marie Green, Michael Dawson, Mike Fitzgerald, Mike Sullivan, Neave Alderson, Paul Rigby, Pat D., Peter McCarthy, Rose Marie Vitarelli, Sawyer Growden, Shelly Appleton, Tim Ayotte, Zita Lightfoot and those who have no one to pray for them. **MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART.**

MASS OF ST. PEREGRINE: St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Parry Sound will be offering the Mass of St. Peregrine, who is the Patron Saint of those afflicted with cancer. We have all been touched by cancer in one way or another, and this Mass is a beautiful way to unite ourselves in prayer. Mass will be followed by the blessing with the relics of St. Peregrine and also an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Anointing of the Sick. We join in prayer for those affected by cancer. In the midst of suffering, we offer spiritual healing and emotional peace. Everyone welcome! Friday, **September 12th** at 6:00 p.m.



GET YOUR AUTUMN RAFFLE TICKETS NOW! Tickets are now available for our Autumn Raffle. First prize is \$1,000 in cash donated by a parishioner. There are a total of ten prizes with other values of \$400, \$250, \$150 and \$100. *See poster at the church entrances for details.* Buy one or more books of tickets for \$20 each. **Each book gives you twelve opportunities to win!**



SAVE THE DATE—ANNUAL POLISH DINNER: On Saturday, **October 25th** at 6:00 p.m. come and enjoy a fantastic feast of roast pork & gravy, mashed potatoes, red beet dish, coleslaw and delicious Polish desserts, in our parish hall. Adult tickets are \$30, children 5-12 are \$15 and children under 5-years are free. Tickets are available after all weekend Masses or call the office to reserve your tickets...**they sell out fast!**

SPOUSES' CORNER

Time together is the greatest protector for loving relationships, but often hard to realize because of busy lives. Experts believe that **couples need to spend at least 15 hours per week together** to truly realize the bonding and support intended by God from their marriages. When you said, *"I do"*, it included wanting to spend time with the one you love. Time together can be varied: exercise, take up a hobby, cook, attend Mass as a couple. Plan time together—you will feel happier, more relaxed and more in love!





LITURGY NOTES— AMEN

Athletes aim for excellence by isolating groups of muscles to exercise and strengthen. Musicians isolate musical passages and finger movements to practice and perfect their technique. Is there some part of the Mass we could isolate and “rehearse” as we “practice” our faith? Yes, many. But to begin with the humblest word (and humility is always a good place to start), give your “Amen” a workout. If you get used to putting your heart into this word, giving it all the weight it deserves, it will make room for the Holy Spirit to seal the word in your soul. We have all heard intellectual explanations of what “Amen” literally means: “so be it” or “it is true” are often given as English equivalents. More important, however, is the meaning for saying it: “Amen” is your way of assenting in your heart and soul to the prayer that has evoked a response.

It is so much more than simply a concluding formula; “Amen” itself is praise. To practice the “Amen muscle”, listen carefully to the prayer that precedes it, consider the praise which is offered to Almighty God, or the thanksgiving reverently articulated, or the sublime truths of the faith poetically and joyfully expressed as you listen attentively to the prayer; then say “Amen” to this with your heart as well as your voice; with a joyful voice, a voice full of conviction and gratitude; and hear the voices of your brothers and sisters joined with yours in a unity of faith and praise. And be glad that God has invited us all into this Mystical Body which is the Church, a body united in heart and voice, to be a living sacrifice of praise in all that we say and do.

Letter to Parishioners

On **August 28th**, the Parish Finance Council sent an email blast to all Active Members of our parish distribution list, as well as a hardcopy mailing to those not on that list.

Basically, the letter explains that Catholic Mutual, will no longer entertain claims for roof damage as it is approximately 95-years-old and may not survive another winter. **Unfortunately, without a roof we can depend on, it will not be long before we no longer have a church to call our own.**

The Parish Finance Council are recommending that Parishioners support the following action plan to address our immediate financial situation:

- 1) That access to the church hall for those with mobility issues, be provided via construction of a commercial-grade stair lift alongside the existing basement stairway at the south-west corner of the church, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. This number also factors in the cost of expected renovations to accommodate it safely, plus a 10% buffer to cover any unexpected cost overrun.
- 2) That plans for installation of a lift be cancelled and that the funds currently invested in GICs allocated for the lift project, in the amount of \$232,800, **be repurposed to cover the cost of BOTH the replacement of the roof of the church AND the cost of installing a commercial-grade stair lift.**
- 3) That your Parish Finance Council move forward without delay to retain a roofing contractor to proceed to replace the upper and lower church roofs at an estimated cost of \$190,000.
- 4) That any excess funds remaining from lift fundraising, be applied sparingly toward other urgent needs of the church and rectory (as determined by Fr. Jozef and the Parish Finance Council), and toward clearing up any existing shortfalls in the operating costs of the parish, while the Parish Finance Council continues to consider and actively plan for a more permanent solution to address the monthly shortfalls.

FINALLY, this communication is also to provide you with NOTICE that your Parish Finance Council will be holding a meeting of Parishioners on Sunday, September 28th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the church, to answer any further questions you may have and to receive any further comments.

In the meantime, please be sure to remember in your prayers our very special and wonderful Immaculate Conception Church and the challenges we currently face. We have no doubt that our prayers to Our Lady to help our Church at this difficult time will be answered.

“We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us, and the world needs his light. Humanity needs him like a bridge to reach God and his love.” —Pope Leo XIV