



Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Mission Statement

We are the people of Immaculate Conception (est. 1860) in Ithaca, NY (Tompkins County), a Parish of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Rochester. Inclusive and rich in diversity, we joyfully embrace our baptismal call to worship, celebrate sacramental life, nurture spiritual growth, foster lifelong faith formation, minister to others, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure, and affirm the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to welcome everyone no matter where they are in their spiritual journey.

~January 1, 2012~

Staff Connection...

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS

We celebrate a new beginning with each January 1st. Perhaps we make "New Year's Resolutions" because that is the "thing to do". Do we want to loose weight, stop smoking, etc? How about reaching deeper and looking at the inner parts of our life which need help? We can begin by asking ourselves, have I prayed more this past year? How was my communication with God? Did I do all the talking or did I rest in silence to listen to God speak to my heart? What about my relationship with others? Did I reach out to others who were unable to "repay" me for giving my time, talent and treasure to family and friends? There is so much violence in the world today. It is not just war or civil unrest, but how are we in our relationship to our world? In Genesis we read that God created all things and saw that it was good. Do you still have that respect for all God has created to give Him honor and glory by how we use what God has given us? Are there people in our families and among our friends with whom we are not in good relationships with them? With whom do we need to seek reconciliation? Whom do we need to forgive? Can we have the courage to go up to them and offer reconciliation to them? Part of the "Indonesian Creed" prays, "We believe in God who is love and who has given the earth to all people. We believe in Jesus Christ who came to heal us and to free us from all bondage. We believe in the Holy Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are lovers of truth. We believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people." It concludes, "But we dare to believe—always and in spite of everything—in God's power to transform and transfigure fulfilling his own promise of a new heaven and a new earth, where justice and peace will flourish in love, now and forever. Amen." What do we believe? What are we ready to change in ourselves in order to bring about a new heaven and a new earth in our lifetime? I heard recently that we are called to be "the light of Christ" to others. However, we have to be plugged into Christ in order to transform ourselves to transform others. There is a line from the "Sound of Music"— "Love wasn't put in our hearts to stay. Love isn't love until you give it away". Let us awaken "new beginnings" in ourselves in 2012...

God's peace in 2012... Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday & Thursday—12:10PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday—7AM
Vigil Mass Saturday—4:30PM
Sunday—8:30 & 10:30AM

George Green Parish Center *** 113 North Geneva Street
Ithaca, NY 14850 *** 607/273-6121
Hours: Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM—4:00PM
Sat. 10AM—4:30PM

SACRAMENTS
BAPTISM: A preparation session is required before the baptism of your child. Please call 273-6121 prior to your due date for an appointment.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3—4PM
MARRIAGE: Please call 273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.
ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.
HOSPITALIZATIONS
Call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

Date	Mass Intentions	The Week Ahead...
Sunday 1-1	NEW YEARS DAY 8:30AM—Joseph Ciaschi by Mary Edsall-Golway 10:30AM—Louis Tangorra by Nancy Iacovelli	TUESDAY, JAN 3 11A—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS @1PM—CARGES HALL 7P—TRADITIONAL CHOIR— CHURCH
Monday 1-2	12:10PM—Bob Vann by Loretta & Philip Goss Parish Office Closed	WEDNESDAY, JAN 4 7P—PASTORAL COUNCIL—PARISH HALL
Tuesday 1-3	7AM—Betty Gaiss by Sister Edna Slyck	THURSDAY, JAN 5 12:40P—ADULT FAITH FORMATION— PARISH HALL
Wednesday 1-4	7AM—Dale Brewer by Carmen Brewer	FRIDAY, JAN 6 7:30A—EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—CHURCH 11:30A—BENEDICTION—CHURCH
Thursday 1-5	12:10PM—Veronica Fisher by Helen Fisher	SATURDAY, JAN 7 9A—BAPTISMAL CLASS—PARISH HALL 5:30P—EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—CHURCH 6P—HOLY HOUR—CHURCH
Friday 1-6	7AM—Deceased Members of the JB Alexander Family By Gloria Scalise	SUNDAY, JAN 8 COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:30/10:30 MASSES 11:45A—YOUTH GROUPS—SCHOOL
Saturday 1-7	4:30PM—Louis, June & Paul Jacks & Walford & Virginia Cousins by Carmens Jacks	
Sunday 1-8	8:30AM—Robert Avery by Lyn Mazza 10:30AM—Betty Turco by Judy Turco	

*A Sincere Thank You to the family of
 Mary Louise Capolongo Salamino Feocco
 For remembering
 Immaculate Conception Church
 In the obituary of their loved one*

*“Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto man
 His Son hath given: While angels sing with tender
 mirth, A glad new year to all the earth.”*

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Youth Ministry Programs such as diocesan-led retreats and our diocesan participation in national events like the National Catholic Youth Conference are made possible for our young people from your CMA gift. College campus ministries, sacramental development such as RCIA workshops, and marriage preparation opportunities are other programs provided by the CMA.

We have received \$ 34,299.44 in pledges—68.23% of our goal.
 Thank you for your pledges!

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OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
 December 25, 2011

Collection 2011	\$ 5,775
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 263,068
Actual Collections: wk 26 of FY	\$ 219,156
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (43,912)
Collection 2010	\$ 5,375

Christmas Collection 2011	\$ 14,144
Christmas Collection 2010	\$ 19,529

Attendance 2011	1244
Attendance 2010	402

CMA APPEAL

STEP BY STEP—BUILDING THE FAITH

Goal: \$50,269

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP
 WILL BURN THIS WEEK
 IN MEMORY OF BARBARA WILCOX
 FROM THE UPHAM & WILCOX FAMILIES

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Thank you for your support of this educational opportunity in 2011. On Jan. 5th we will resume with the DVD—“Fullness of Life: Reflections on Spirituality”. This session will be held after our 12:10 Mass in the Parish Hall. Please bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Follow The Star.....

Middle School Youth Christmas Gift Exchange!!!

Epiphany Sunday! January 8, 2012

11:45 am - 1:00 p.m.

MS Youth Room at Immaculate Conception School

All MS Youth of the Parish are invited.**

**Bring a wrapped Gift (spend no more than \$10)

Food and Beverage provided!

Welcome in the New Year with us.

Make it your first “Wise” decision of the new year!!

RSVP Appreciated: 273-6121, #109 Carolann

Family Night



When: Friday, January 6th, 2011
6p-8p

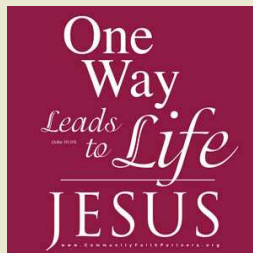
Where: Immaculate Conception School Gym

Who: Families of all ages and sizes

More Information: Call Rich at 273-6121

ALSO, PLEASE BRING PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, soap etc.) TO DONATE TO THE SAMARITAN CENTER. HELP US CONTINUE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SO MANY AFTER THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Please bring a snack item to share (keeping in mind that we do not want to sugar-up your kids).



The Ithaca Community Chorus and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Gerald Wolfe, will perform Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace," with full orchestra, on January 7, 2012 at 7:30 pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 402 North Aurora St., Ithaca. For more information, visit: <http://ithacacommunitychoruses.org/g-icccs.cfm>

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Books to Understand the Revised Mass Texts open
Mon - Fri 10-5 and Sat 12- 4:30.
Call 273-6363 w/any questions.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available. If you would like to have this lit in memory of a loved one, etc., please contact Jo-Anne in the Parish Office by calling 273-6121. Donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$20.

YOUTH GROUPS!!!

We will be meeting on Sunday @ 11:45 for some fun and excitement. Come join us and bring a friend along. Contact Carolann or Rich with any questions 273-6121. Look forward to seeing you @ the school.

Everyday Evangelization!

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- Increase your devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Pray the rosary..
- Hang a Christian calendar in your home and office. Start your year off right.

Be not afraid

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