

# Immaculate Conception



George Green Parish Center  
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Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. 8:00 a.m. – Noon

## 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."*

## Parish Staff

**Fr. Leo Reinhardt** – Pastor / Sacramental Preparation ext. 113  
**Sr. Edna Slyck** – Pastoral Associate for RCIA, Liturgy, Evangelization ext. 108  
**Rich Rasmussen** – HS Youth Minister, Administrator of Religious Education ext. 110  
**Carolann Darling** – MS Youth Minister ext. 109  
**Lynn Kingston** – Business Manager ext. 106  
**Diana Oravec** – School Principal 273-2707  
**Sr. Elise Quigley** – Administrative Assistant. ext. 101  
**Ginny Seacord** – Office Manager ext. 102  
**Gary Vrabel** – Music Ministry ext. 111

## Contact Information

**Immaculate Conception School** – 273-2707  
<http://schools.dor.org/ic/>  
**Religious Education Office** – 273-6121 ext. 109  
**Sacramental Preparation** – 273-6121 ext.113  
**IC Inspirational Gift Shop** – 273-6363  
**Calvary Cemetery** – 272-5780

## Sacrament of Baptism

A baptism preparation session is required before the baptism of your child. Please call 273-6121 prior to the due date for an appointment.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Please call 273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.

## Hospitalizations

Please call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

## Immaculate Conception Staff Connection

### The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany

This proclamation dates back to a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. It is also a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year’s culminating, the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord; his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial and his rising, celebrated between the evening of the first of April and the evening of the fourth of April. Each Easter as on each Sunday the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the seventeenth of February. The **Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the thirteenth of May. **Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the Easter Season will be celebrated on the twenty-third of May.

And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the twenty-eight of November. Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints and the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, forever and ever. Amen.”

(The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany as promulgated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1994)

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

### VANDALISM PREVENTION

If you are parking in the church parking lot, please be sure that your vehicle is securely locked. A car in our lot was recently ransacked and although no serious damage was done and little taken, it is important to be cautious at all times.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP

The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop will feature an after-Christmas sale. You may save as much as 25% on all Nativity sets and Christmas items. The shop reopens on Monday, January 4th for the usual hours.

### BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Today's Gospel blends good and evil as the magi journey to a distant land to honor the newborn Jesus. Because of King Herod's jealousy, their visit set off the unintended consequence of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt and the slaughter of innocent baby boys. It's tempting to think that the world has grown less harsh, but migration and violence are still the reality for children throughout the world. This year National Migration Week, today through January 9th, focuses on the plight of refugee and migrant children.

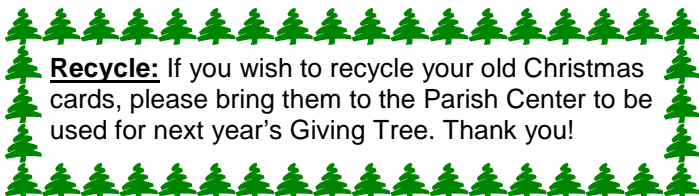
**Reflection:** *How can I honor Jesus, the refugee child, through advocacy and works of love on behalf of today's immigrant children?*

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

January is Immaculate Conception Parish's month to supply basic needs to Catholic Charities so that they may help those in need. Items sought are such things as toothbrushes and toothpaste, paper towels, toilet tissue, deodorant, powder, soap, shampoo, Kleenex, detergent, etc. There will be blue bins at the main (middle) entrance and at the two side entrances of the church. We thank you in advance for your help and support of this project.

### VOCATION AWARENESS

Following the star, the magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem in search of the newborn King. When they found Him, they prostrated themselves and gave Jesus homage. God's glory was revealed to them through a tiny baby. It was revealed to all nations and for all generations. We have been made coheirs in the promise of Jesus Christ through the Gospel. As such, it is ours to share with those around us. Our church needs people who are dedicated to spreading the good news and the promise of Jesus as a way of life. Consider a rewarding life in ministry to the church—lay ecclesial, ordained, or religious life. If you would like to talk to someone, please call the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890 or visit their website at: [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations).



**Recycle:** If you wish to recycle your old Christmas cards, please bring them to the Parish Center to be used for next year's Giving Tree. Thank you!

### EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

#### **MONDAY, January 4**

12:10 PM Veronica Fiero (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

#### **TUESDAY, January 5**

7:00 AM Louise Tudi (req. by Harry Tudi)

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 6**

7:00 AM Betty Turco—2nd anniversary (req. by Judy Turco)

#### **THURSDAY, January 7**

12:10 PM Louise, Paul & June Jacks & Virginia & Wolford Cousins (req. by Carmen Jacks)

#### **FRIDAY, January 8**

7:00 AM Rafael Edward-Oxley (req. by Adela Edwards)

#### **SATURDAY, January 9**

4:30 PM Margaret Whelan (req. by Marcia & Bernhard Behrendt)

#### **SUNDAY, January 10**

8:30 AM Catherine Waters (req. by the Staff of Herson Funeral Home)

10:30 AM Lucille Dannan (req. by her daughter)

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Thursday, January 7th, our Session will feature "The Fourth Wise Man" starring Martin Sheen. Artaban, a young wise man, desires to follow the star to the birthplace of the coming King, but he misses the caravan. He continues his search until, near the end of his life, he meets Jesus at His trial.

### ITHACA ELKS LODGE #636 HOOP SHOOT



Sunday, January 3rd at 4:00 PM at the Ithaca College Ben Light Gym. Open to boys and girls ages 8 to 13 years. We ask contestants to please provide proof of age.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting for our Middle School Youth Group will be on Sunday, January 10th from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM. We will celebrate the new year with a Gift Swap and party. Meet in the After-School Room at Immaculate Conception School. Please bring a wrapped gift, \$5.00 value, and a snack to share. If you have any questions, call Carolann at 273-6121, ext. 109.

### BULLETIN ADVERTISER

We have an opening on the back of our bulletin for a new advertiser. If you would like to make your business known to our parishioners, please contact Ginny Seacord at 273-6121.

### EPIPHANY PRAYER

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all obstacles that keep us far from you. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, our Mother, help us to know your Son.



**THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH**

**Sunday, January 3**

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church  
 11:45 AM Senior High Youth Group—School

**Monday, January 4**

1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 5**

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall  
 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal– Church

**Wednesday, January 6**

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Carges Hall

**Thursday, January 7**

12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall  
 3:30 PM Parish Finance Committee Meeting—Parish Center

**Sunday, January 10**

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church  
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall  
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall  
 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Frank Cassaniti from Louise Cassaniti

**COFFEE HOURS...**

next weekend will be sponsored by the Ithaca Council of the Knights of Columbus.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

We do have some openings, starting next week, for the sanctuary lamp in January, February and March. Please call the Parish Center if you want to reserve the lamp in memory of a loved one.

**TEEN RETREAT**

For the first time a team of high school teens from our parish will be coordinating and leading a retreat for other teens of Immaculate Conception and local Catholic parishes. The retreat is planned for the weekend of February 26th-28th. This promises to be an awesome weekend filled with prayer, fun, small group discussion and maybe even a few surprises. We are still in the planning phase of this retreat but if you are interested please contact Rich at 273-6121 ext. 110 or at rasmussen@immconch.org.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins/Cortland Counties, a locally run affiliate of Habitat International, is a nonprofit ecumenical organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing one home at a time. Habitat for Humanity brings together people from all walks of life to build simple, decent affordable homes. Habitat homes are built almost entirely by volunteers, both skilled and novice. The houses are sold to those in need at no profit. Anyone interested in volunteering or offering donations is encouraged to call Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties at (607) 898-4148 or to visit the website at: [www.tchabitat.com](http://www.tchabitat.com)

**Our Offering to the Lord  
 December 27, 2009**

Collection 2009	\$6,246
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$263,068
Actual Collections: wk 26 of FY	\$234,998
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$28,070)
Collection 2008	\$6,591
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Christmas Collection 2009	\$18,977
Christmas Collection 2008	\$16,049
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Attendance 2009	659
Attendance 2008	658
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We appreciate the suggestion of gifts to Immaculate Conception Church or School in obituary notices as a fitting and respectful way to honor deceased parishioners.



**KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE**

It is the “Year of the Priest”. We have 5 seminarians studying for the priesthood. You are asked to pray for them in their discernment process: **Peter VanLieshout, Peter Mottola, Matt Jones, David Tedesche, and Michael Costik.** Our Appeal helps in their education towards ordination. So far we have **\$31,288.88 or 60.54%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682.** Thank you for the sacrifices you are willing to make to help minister to the Diocese of Rochester. **Remember—no contribution is too small—for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation.** You may go on line to view the video if you missed it or to make a donation at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org). **May God continue to bless and your families for your outstanding generosity!**

**THANK YOU**

Another Christmas has passed with another beautiful church, wonderful music and joyful liturgies! So as not to forget anyone, we extend a huge general “thank you for a job well done” to the church decorators, our choirs, cantors, pageant directors and participants, liturgical ministers, servers, celebrant and anyone else who enriched our Christmas celebrations. May God bless you abundantly for your dedication to our parish. May you have a very happy and blessed New Year!

**IC BOOSTER CLUB TICKETS...**

are now available at the Parish Center or Immaculate Conception School Office (\$25.00). Each ticket gives you 71 chances to win amounts from \$100 to \$500. We have several tickets yet to be sold so if you would like to help us out, please stop at the Parish Center or tickets will be sold after the Masses next weekend. All proceeds go to help support our Immaculate Conception School. The first drawing is on Sunday, February 8th.