

# 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

### JANUARY MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The meeting opening with a period of prayer & reflection on Luke's gospel of Jesus in His home synagogue proclaiming from the prophet Isaiah's, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." & Jesus telling the people this prophecy is being fulfilled in Him.

There were no questions or concerns brought forward from parishioners or members.

We spent a fair amount of time discussing 3 chapters from Judith Kollar's book, "A User-Friendly Parish" entitled: "The Parish Staff: Who Does What?; The Parishioners: Who Does What?; & What Does It Cost to Belong?" The parish staff & areas of responsibility are listed on the bulletin cover every week. The size of staff has decreased over the past few years but the responsibilities have been picked up by the remaining staff. Financial concerns are part of the reason why replacements were not hired. We next listed the major groups, committees & teams in the parish. When someone volunteers, is there adequate training provided for the volunteer? The council feels that training is provided & enrichment opportunities are provided. It is felt that the groups, committees & teams serve a useful purpose. In the final chapter, we discussed the financial expectations the parish expects of its members. We also discussed the other ways that parishioners can donate which are described in a brochure developed by the Stewardship Committee located at the doors of the church.

The Service Team reported on the Giving Tree program. About 300-400 cards were placed on the tree & only ONE was not returned. 27 families were registered, one family consisted of 2 people & the largest was 2 parents & 10 children. Thanks to all who helped with this endeavor.

There have been 280 blue lanyards made & most of them have been distributed. Council members remarked that they have been asked about various ministries on their lanyards.

There will be a Fish Fry held on Friday Mar.5 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

We prayed & the meeting ended about 9 PM.

Fr. Leo

**BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

Today's reading from Isaiah speaks of the "covenant of the people". The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that God established the covenant with the people, "so that they would recognize Him and serve Him as the one living and true God". (62)

And how are we to serve God? By becoming a light to the nations, opening the eyes of the blind, and bringing out prisoners and those who live in darkness. The Diocesan Public Policy Committee has asked parishes to heed that call by learning about and advocating for one group who lives in the shadows of our society—undocumented immigrants.

The Catholic Church has a rich heritage of being an immigrant church. We are living proof that immigrants bring gifts, not burdens, and they should not be turned away. Take action to bring them out of the shadows by participating in Public Policy Sunday 2010.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP**

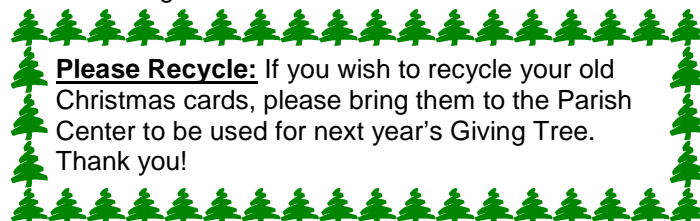
The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop is featuring an after-Christmas sale. You may save as much as 25% on all Nativity sets and Christmas items.

**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**

This is **National Vocation Awareness Week**. How fitting that the week begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of His public expression of the life that God the Father had called Him to. In much the same way, each of us is called by nature of our own baptism to publicly live our life as a sign of God's love in the world. We do that through many different vocations—married and single life, ordained and religious life. Let us pray in a special way this week for all holy vocations. Let us also pray that women and men will generously answer God's call to he religious life and ordained priesthood to serve our local church. If you would like to speak to someone regarding a possible vocation to ordained or religious life, please contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890 or visit the website at: [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations). You may e-mail them at: [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org).



**Please 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 11**  
12:10 PM Joyce Broadhead (req. by Joe & Mary Kohm)
- TUESDAY, January 12**  
7:00 AM Eileen Mary Graham (req. by her daughters)
- WEDNESDAY, January 13**  
7:00 AM Louisa Massicci (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)
- THURSDAY, January 14**  
12:10 PM Sister Judy Kenrick (req. by the Mercy Associates)
- FRIDAY, January 15**  
7:00 AM Betty Manning (req. by King & Jean Tang)
- SATURDAY, January 16**  
4:30 PM Ralph & Betty Mazza (req. by Lyn Mazza)
- SUNDAY, January 17**  
8:30 AM Carmella Petito (req. by Sam & Joanne Bonanni)  
10:30 AM Peter DeMott (req. by Joe & MaryAnn Patterson)

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Our next Adult Faith Formation Session will be held on Thursday, January 21st after the 12:10 PM Mass. The topic will be "Inside the Vatican". Come, bring a lunch and enjoy community.

**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](mailto:rasmussen@immconch.org).

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins and Cortland Counties can transform vacant lots into attractive, simple, decent affordable housing. They can renovate vacant, run-down homes for partner families. They can provide interest-free mortgages to qualifying low-income families so that they can own environmentally green homes that enhance their safety and security. But they need buildable lots, parcels of land, and vacant houses for rehabilitation, preferably donated, to make it happen. For the land/property owner, a donation can result in significant tax benefits while helping our community and families in need. If you are interested, please call Habitat for Humanity at (607)898-4148 for more information.

**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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH**

**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 Group—School

**Monday, January 11**

- 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 12**

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

**Thursday, January 14**

- 7:00 PM Welcoming Committee—Parish Center

**Friday, January 15**

- 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Social—Carges Hall

**Sunday, January 17**

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
- 10:30 AM Baptism Mass— Church
- 11:30 AM RCIA—Carges Hall
- 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Velma Edsall & Thelma Houseworth from Mary Edsall– Golway.

**EVERY CHILD BRINGS US GOD’S SMILE**

From the United States Council of Bishops we read: “The reciprocal love between the Father and the Son is so great that a third Person results from it—the Holy Spirit. By analogy, when husband and wife are united in love, they are able to produce a third person—a child, a fruit of their love. The conception of a child is a reflection of the Holy Trinity, of God Himself.” This was their reflection for Respect Life Sunday on October 4, 2009.

On December 12th we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary is pictured with a sash around her waist which is the Mexican symbol of pregnancy. Pope John Paul II offered a prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe on January 25, 1979. In part, he prays: “O Immaculate Virgin, mother of the true God and mother of the Church! You, who revealed your clemency and your pity to all those who ask for your protection, hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust, and present it to you Son Jesus our sole Redeemer. Grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families, so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children.”

We now prepare to observe a “Day of Prayer and Penance for Life” on January 22nd, a day to reflect on the lack of dignity of human life through abortions. This weekend we are invited to pray this intercession: For all baptized Christians, that we live out our baptismal call to be witnesses to the truth of the Gospel and God’s love for human life...

**Our Offering to the Lord  
 January 3, 2010**

<b>Collection 2010</b>	<b>\$13,293</b>
<b>Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)</b>	<b>\$273,186</b>
<b>Actual Collections: wk 27 of FY</b>	<b>\$248,291</b>
<b>OVER/(UNDER) to date</b>	<b>(\$24,895)</b>
<b>Collection 2009</b>	<b>\$12,769</b>
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<b>Building Maintenance Fund 2010</b>	<b>\$1,948</b>
<b>Building Maintenance Fund 2009</b>	<b>\$1,571</b>
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<b>Attendance 2010</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>Attendance 2009</b>	<b>721</b>
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**We thank the family of Marguerite Dininny for remembering Immaculate Conception Church and School in the obituary of their loved one.**



**KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE**

So far we have **\$34,123.88** or **66.03%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. Last year we were at 65.60% with a total of 32,747.10. I am amazed we are doing so well with the economy being what it is, but then again—why should I be— knowing your devotion to your Church. 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.** The deficit also will come out of our operating expenses so help us to better minister to you, by “safe-guarding” our operating expenses. 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 in 2010...**

**LIGHT WEIGH**

Would you like to attain peace with food? The Light Weigh program, a 12 week Catholic Scriptural course could very well be the answer to your prayers. For over ten years now, Light Weigh has helped many who struggled with weight loss. An introductory DVD will be shown on Tuesday, January 26th, starting after daily Mass, around 9:30 AM, in the St. Catherine of Siena lounge room, just outside the chapel. There is a materials fee for the program. Newcomers and returnees welcome. Questions? Contact Pat Ober at 273-5277 or: [pober@mac.com](mailto:pober@mac.com).

**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 **many 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.