



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 15, 2012~

Staff Connection...

Immaculate Conception Church

THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE—NEED YOU

As we turn our thoughts from Advent/Christmas/Epiphany to a new year, we also look to what lies ahead for each of us as well as others. Most of us are able to have some input to what happens in our lives and take responsibility for our decisions.

There are others who do not have that “luxury” in their lives. On **January 22, 1973**, the United States Supreme Court passed **Roe vs. Wade**, giving women and men the permission to choose which unborn baby lives and dies. Since that time millions have been aborted. They have forgotten the sanctity and dignity of all of God’s children from the womb to the tomb. In going back to Genesis, we read that God made all things and saw that they were good. In creating man and woman and saw that they were VERY good, made to God’s image and likeness. Can there really be a respect for others when WE ignore the need to pray for an end of abortion? Can we ignore the need to pray for young mothers who have had abortions and are seeking healing for this wrongful deed? Can we ignore the young mother in need of support so she does not use abortion for “convenience sake”?

Today, we can also include respect for all life—no matter what the age or circumstance. There are men and women on death row awaiting the call to be a victim to capital punishment. Modern science is revealing continually that some in of the “cold cases” the accused is found innocent. How many who have died from this decision of the legal system, would have been found innocent?

Our youth are suffering from bullying. How are they being respected for being different? Who are the role models for our youth today? What is our role in showing a respect for those different from us?

Each year the **Diocesan Public Policy Committee** has asked us to consider being a voice for those who can not speak for themselves. This year we are asked to be more informed about mental illness and its treatment especially as it relates to young people. Mental illness is not a “senior citizen” disease. The medical profession is looking into this need, however communication among all the professionals involved with the young person’s life is not as comprehensive as it should be. Many are put on medicines which lead to depression and vice versa.

The weekend of February 11/12, we will be invited by our **Service Team** to sign a petition seeking help for people in our community those who struggle to maintain mental and emotional well-being. It is our responsibility to be informed and to act, to be the voice for those who have no voice in this area. Perhaps we know of a someone in need. Let us not forget to sign and pray for all those who are suffering from this imbalance in their lives.

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

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

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

Date	Mass Intentions	The Week Ahead...
Sunday 1-15	8:30AM—Mary Kalaf by Sam & Betty Leonardo 10:30AM—Albert Iacovelli by Nancy Iacovelli	SUNDAY, JAN 15 1ST EUCHARIST ENROLLMENT— AFTER MASSES 11:30A—RCIA @ PARISH HALL
Monday 1-16	12:10PM—Rita Bangs By Smithy Sumter Parish Office Closed	MONDAY, JAN 16 6:30P—CONTEMPORARY CHOIR—SCHOOL
Tuesday 1-17	7AM—Gladys & Adelaide Glaser & Deceased Members of The Glaser Family by Kerman Glaser	TUESDAY, JAN 17 11A—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS @1PM—CARGES HALL
Wednesday 1-18	7AM—Robert Avery by Bob & Ellie Romanowski	7P—TRADITIONAL CHOIR— CHURCH 7P—STEWARDSHIP MTG—PARISH HALL
Thursday 1-19	12:10PM—Lina & Louis Denecke by Gordon & Laura Myer	WEDNESDAY, JAN 18 7P—KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-CARGES HALL
Friday 1-20	7AM—Michael Jackson by Sr. Edna Slyck	THURSDAY, JAN 19 12:40P—ADULT FAITH FORMATION— PARISH HALL
Saturday 1-21	4:30PM—Ralph & Betty Mazza by Lyn Mazza	3:30P—FINANCE COUNCIL MTG-PARISH CEN
Sunday 1-22	8:30AM—Gaetano, Salvatara, Giuseppe & Gracia Ferrara by Frank & Teresa Ferrara 10:30AM—Lucille Dannan by Sandie Sutfin	SUNDAY, JAN 22 COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:30/10:30 MASSES 8:30A—BAPTISM MASS 11:45A—YOUTH GROUPS—SCHOOL 5P—FAMILY BASED-PARISH HALL

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Wonderful news—we are at 73.53% or 36,964.44 against our goal \$50,269. Last year we were at 64.94% so your generosity is noted. The front of the bulletin talks about the **DOR Public Policy Committee**. Its role is to advise Bishop Clark on public policy matters, meet with legislators, and work to encourage parish participation in social justice advocacy. It addresses issues at the local, state, national and international levels. Once again your donation is helping our brothers and sisters here and around the world. Remember—every \$ helps. **Thank you again for your pledges!**

Enfield 5th Grade Pancake Breakfast

Sunday **January 22nd**, 8-11am @ The Moose Club, 367 Elmira Rd. Ithaca, NY. Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs to Order, Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Toast, OJ, Tomato Juice, Coffee. Adults - \$6; Kids 9 and under - \$4
Please come and support our 5th grade class!

Last call for all submissions to our Parish Directory!

If you or your group would like to get photographs into the directory they need to be submitted to the parish office or electronically to mjasinski@twcny.rr.com by 3pm Friday January 20th. We'll be submitting our proof to Olan Mills on Monday January 23rd. Thank you!

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF ALBERT IACOVELLI
FROM NANCY IACOVELLI

YOUTH GROUPS!!!

We will **NOT** be meeting Sunday Due to the Holiday on Monday. Have an enjoyable weekend. We Look forward to seeing you next weekend.

Bulletin Advertisers

We have several openings on the back of our bulletin for new advertisers. If you would like to make your business known to our parishioners, please contact Ginny Seacord at 273-6121. Thank you.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

January 8, 2012

Collection 2012	\$ 7,989
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 283,304
Actual Collections: wk 28 of FY	\$ 239,590
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (43,714)
Collection 2011	\$ 8,330

Christmas Collection 2011	\$ 17,645
Christmas Collection 2010	\$ 19,529

Attendance 2012	731
Attendance 2011	617

CMA APPEAL

STEP BY STEP—BUILDING THE FAITH

Goal: \$50,269

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This week begins a 3-week series on Christian Prayer. 3 techniques of the St. Ignatius spirituality will be discussed—meditation, contemplation, and examination of consciousness. Hand outs will be given out. Everyone is invited to attend one or all of the sessions. This session will begin after the 12:10 Mass. Please bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.

GO BLUE KNIGHTS!

Come support our very own Immaculate Conception Basketball Team “The Blue Knights” in action! This weeks games are 5:30p on the 17th @ Cortland, 18th @ ICS and the 21st @ Newark Valley. Check our website for a complete schedule. www.icsbasketball.com

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 a large blue bin at the main (middle) entrance of the church for your donations. We thank you in advance for your help and support of the project.

Food for Thought Raffle Early Bird Winners January 9 & 11th were:

Marie Kapur, Vestal & Diana Dunham, Ithaca Don’t forget there’s still time to buy your raffle ticket for 9 more chances to win \$50 to \$600 in gift cards. Monday-Wednesday-Friday drawings taking place with the grand prizes being drawn at the Catholic Schools Week Pasta Dinner on Saturday, January 28th. Tickets are \$10.00 each and benefit Immaculate Conception School.

IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE

THE IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY. WE ARE STILL HAVING A CHRISTMAS BLOWOUT AS WELL AS NEW ROSARIES AND BOOKS COMING IN .

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THE SHOP 1 SATURDAY A MONTH. HOURS ARE NOON- 4:30PM AND FREE PARKING IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL THE SHOP AT 273-6363 IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT. IT IS A VERY RELAXING AND SPIRITUAL ENVIRONMENT TO SPEND TIME IN.

Everyday Evangelization!

CONVERSATION WITH GOD

- Pause to find God’s beauty in the weather every day.
- When you are faced with a decision or a problem, make it a habit to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Be not afraid

In the Image of God: Access to Mental Health Care:

The Diocesan Public Policy Committee is asking us to learn more about mental illness and its treatment, especially as it relates to young people, and to advocate on behalf of families who are struggling to get adequate care and support for family members who suffer from mental illness. The Regional Social Ministry Committee of the Tompkins County Catholic Parishes is pleased to sponsor:

In the Image of God: Access to Mental Health Care Presented by Deacon Brian McNulty, Chaplain, Rochester Psychiatric Center and Deacon I. Michael Magione, Chaplain at the Elmira Psychiatric Center.

Sunday, January 29, 2012

1:15pm (Refreshments & Conversation)

1:30 – 2:30pm (Presentation)

at Immaculate Conception Church (in Parish Hall, basement of Church) Corner of Geneva and Seneca Streets, Ithaca NY

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday January 28th, 5:30PM, Pasta Dinner, Carges Hall Kickoff of Catholic Schools Week!

Light Weigh is still here for you!

Would you like to attain peace with food? The Light Weigh program continues through this winter on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room in St. Catherine of Siena parish hall. Monday Jan. 16th we cover Week 7 of the 12-week Catholic Scriptural course dealing with spiritual growth with weight loss as a side benefit. Returnees are welcome to join us. Bring your Light Weigh workbooks and a Catholic bible. Newcomers are also welcome to learn more about the program. Contact Pat Ober 273 5277 or pober@me.com for further information.

PARISH STAFF

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<http://schools.dor.org/fic/>
Inspirational Gift Shop 273-6363
Calvary Cemetery 272-5780

Looking for a Fantastic 7th thru 12th grade Catholic Education?

Look no further: Notre Dame Junior High and High School in Elmira, NY is opening its doors to you! Notre Dame seeks to create life-long learners, critical thinkers, and compassionate, responsible citizens of the world. There is an **Open House for 7th and 8th grades on Sunday, January 22 from 1 until 2 pm**. Those who sign-in will be entered to win one of three \$500 tuition credits. Can't make it? **Just call (607) 734-2267 to schedule a tour**. Space is limited--there will only be 50 spots offered for each junior high grade this upcoming academic year. Registration has already begun for the junior high and the **formal registration for the high school begins Sunday, February 5 from 11am to 2 pm and Monday, February 6 from 3:30 to 8 pm**. Registration can be done on line, just go to the Notre Dame High School web site: www.notredamehighschool.com.

Job Opportunities at Holy Cross Church

Secretary - Holy Cross, Freeville, NY - seeking applicants for this part-time position (9-12 hours/week, 3-4 hours each of three days) to provide skilled secretarial service and related office services in the Parish Office. Duties and responsibilities will include answering the phone, welcoming visitors, processing mail, managing the parish calendar, facilities schedule coordination, maintaining office files and lists, posting weekly offerings, preparing parish items for weekly bulletin, maintaining sacrament records, preparing bulk mailings, maintaining inventories of liturgy and office supplies, purchasing of approved supplies, making deposits and assisting the business manager as needed.

Qualifications include a degree in secretarial science or equivalent experience, proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, ability to honor and maintain confidentiality, ability to work effectively with a diverse group of individuals and ability to present and maintain a welcoming, positive presence.

Business Manager - Holy Cross, Freeville, NY - seeking applicants for this part-time position (8-10 hours/week) to provide accounting, budgeting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, vendor ledger, financial record-keeping and reporting, analysis, account reconciliations, acting as liaison to the Holy Cross Finance Council, contact for information technology (computers and systems), and overseeing collection teams. Duties for the Cluster Parishes (Holy Cross, All Saints (Lansing), and St. Anthony (Groton)) involve implementation of the finance and human resources policies and procedures of the parish and the Diocese of Rochester, preparing the cluster payroll, managing information in the Paychex System, maintaining original human resource and personnel files, auditing the All Saints and St. Anthony financial reports prior to the respective finance committee meetings, preparing cluster combined financial reports, acting as staff liaison to the Cluster Finance Council and attending meetings, budgeting for shared expenses of the cluster, including billing and reconciliation of shared expenses.

Qualifications include a degree in accounting or business management with a concentration in accounting proficiency/experience in electronic accounting (Peachtree and/or Sage/MIP preferred), proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, ability to honor and maintain confidentiality, ability to work effectively with a diverse group of individuals and possess people and communication skills.

**Please respond by JANUARY 25 and send resume and cover letter to:
Fr. Eloo, Holy Cross Church, 375 George Rd., Freeville, NY 13068
or via email: malachynw@gmail.com**



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need.

When: Super Bowl Weekend - February 4th & 5th

Where: Collection receptacles will be placed at the entrances of the church

What: Cash donations OR non-perishable food items

Please give generously as EVERY dollar and non-perishable food item will be donated to our own Food Pantry. IF you have questions please contact Rich or Carolann at the parish office 273-6121.