

Immaculate Conception



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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
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Contact Information

Immaculate Conception School – 273-2707
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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

“ASSESSING FAMILY PROBLEMS”

By Sister Fran Ferder, FSPA

The first step involves a *willingness* to take an honest look at my family life—not the neighbors’ or the relatives’—but mine, *ours*. It is done through quiet reflection of the everydayness of our life together.

- A) What is the predominate mood of our family?
- B) How do I feel and act toward each member of my family?
- C) How do other family members seem to feel and act toward me?
- D) What causes tension in the family? How do we handle it?
- E) What do I contribute to the tension?

A second involves *accepting* what I see. It is vital that I own the problem or problems I have identified through the process of reflection. I do this by admitting, first to myself, perhaps even out loud, “*We do have a problem—we are hurting—there is a part of our family life that needs healing.*” Once I can do this, I am able to experience an amazing new freedom inside. A third step involves identifying—specifically—their source. It means giving a name to the problem. Sometimes this is easy because the problem is obvious, and the tensions surrounding it are quickly visible. Other times it is more difficult because the problem is more subtle.

The fourth step involves *evaluating the seriousness* of the pain. For example, what kind of impact does the problem have on each member of the family, children as well as adults? Who is most affected by the problem and how seriously? Is anyone in the family unable to continue their routine responsibilities because of the problem? Can we handle it alone, or do we need some additional support? All normal and well-adjusted families experience tensions, crises, and problems from time to time. However, these daily tensions or occasional crisis situations should generally not incapacitate any member of the family for a long period of time.

The fifth step involves exploring solutions. Exploring solutions always means talking out loud about the problem within the family. Opening up the issue is the first step toward healing. In addition to reflecting, talking with others, and solutions need to be explored through prayer. Families need to pray for healing.

(excerpts from *Healing Family Hurts* published by Paulist Press)

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM



GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of January 17, 2010 (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Read: Acts 10: 1—49

Reflect: The early indications in Acts that the Good News is meant for everyone, not just the Jewish community, begin to take form in this section of Acts. Peter's vision and understanding that God shows no partiality to humanity set the foundations for the further spread of the Good News to all of the world. As one who follows Christ, do I show partiality with some people? Are there some people in my life whom I believe are unworthy of the Good News? Do I share my faith with everyone with the same passion, or are there some who cause me to hold back?

Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts?

Act it out! *How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?*

Could I ...explore any racist, sexist, or otherwise discriminatory thoughts that I have and challenge myself to live differently?

...teach my children about impartiality and the Importance of justice?

...write an editorial letter in my school newspaper in support of a local issue of justice or against an act of discrimination?

How else could I act it out?

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Mark your calendars for Saturday January 30th from 5:00 to 7:30 for our Pasta Dinner. Tickets are available at the Parish Center, School or at the door. More info to follow...

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 18

12:10 PM Donna Benedict (req. by Gwen Parr)

TUESDAY, January 19

7:00 AM Barbara Jacques (req. by Sonny & Mary Camobreco)

WEDNESDAY, January 20

7:00 AM James Clynes (req. by Family)

THURSDAY, January 21

12:10 PM Leo Maliski (req. by Fred & Pat Ciaschi)

FRIDAY, January 22

7:00 AM Larry Brown (req. by the Brown Family)

SATURDAY, January 23

4:30 PM David Damian (req. by John & Josephine Churey)

SUNDAY, January 24

8:30 AM Gaetano, Salvatora, Giuseppe & Gracia Ferrara (req. by Frank & Teresa Ferrara)

10:30 AM Steven Netti (req. by Steve & Irene Scott)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 18th for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 19th at 8:30 AM.

RESPONDING TO THE CHURCH IN HAITI

Responding to the unfathomable devastation in Haiti and in cooperation with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Clark has requested that all of our Faith Communities conduct a second collection for that cause. **This collection will be taken up the weekend of January 23/24.** The money collected will be sent to the Catholic Relief Services, which is mounting a tremendous effort to help and already has committed \$5 million to help.

These funds will be used to provide immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care, as well as to the long term need to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in Haiti.

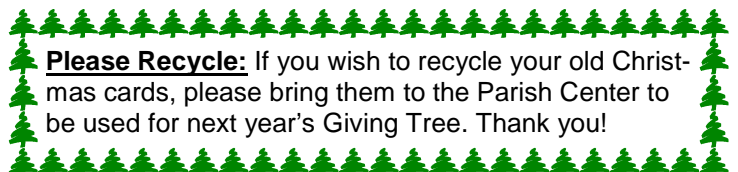
We encourage you to be as generous as possible!

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". Martin Sheen will narrate insight into the remarkable history of the holy city and the unique traditions that have survived for nearly 2000 years. Come, bring a lunch and enjoy community.

SPIRIT ALIVE MASS

Our next Spirit Alive Masses will take place on Sunday, January 24th. The contemporary and traditional choirs will come together during both Masses to provide music for the liturgies. So, and come and enter into our most perfect form of prayer in this very special way.



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!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, January 18

- 4:00 PM McGraw House Communion Service

Tuesday, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 20

- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council Meeting—Carges Hall

Thursday, January 21

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Sunday, January 24

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

SPIRIT ALIVE MASSES



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Jack Walpole from Tom and Ann Herson and family

SANCTUARY LAMP

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

COFFEE HOURS....

next week will be sponsored by the Wednesday morning Small Christian Community group.

VOCATION AWARENESS

St. Paul tells us today, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit," and "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." We know that no two people are exactly alike. Each of us has unique gifts and talents for building up God's Kingdom on Earth. What are your unique gifts? How are you using those gifts to make this world a better place? Have you ever considered using them in service to our Church? Our local Church needs gifted women and men who have a desire to serve as lay and ordained ministers. Could that be you? Think about it. If you would like to speak to someone regarding a possible vocation to ordained priesthood or religious life, contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890 or e-mail to: vocations@dor.org.



the sick of our parish and for all our men and women in the service of our country.

**Our Offering to the Lord
 January 10, 2010**

Collection 2010	\$ 8,277
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$283,304
Actual Collections: wk 28 of FY	\$256,568
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$ 26,736)

Collection 2009 **\$ 7,760**

Attendance 2010 **695**

Attendance 2009 **561**

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

We are continuing to focus on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Children as we progress towards the Lenten Season. We have 11 men, women and children who are part of our process. Your contributions to the "Keeping the Spirit Alive" Appeal contribute to the diocesan support of this process. So far we have **\$34,983.88** or **67.69%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. Thank you for the sacrifices you are willing to make to help our various ministries. **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. **May God continue to bless and your families for your outstanding generosity so that we may reach out to others who are reaching out to others for their spiritual nourishment.**

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.

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.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
March 19th-21st, 2010
@ CASOWASCO CONFERENCE CENTER
A RETREAT CENTER IN MORAVIA ON 200 WOODED
ACRES THAT
INCLUDES A MILE OF SHORELINE.**



Retreat Theme: “Take, Bless, Break and Give!”

THE WEEKEND IS

INTERGENERATIONAL – Families and parishioners of all ages and states of life come together for:

PRAYER – with others in community or alone; ritually or spontaneously

LEARNING – at presentations and activities designed both for age-groupings and community

WORSHIPPING – as we celebrate Eucharist and other devotions

REST – in the time we spend in quiet prayer, walking the grounds, quietly reflecting in the chapel or outside

FELLOWSHIP – enjoying old friends and new during the programs and free time together

SPIRITUAL – personal growth through Sacramental celebration, reading of Scripture, listening,
discussing, active participation, prayer and discernment

FUN – a break from our hectic daily routine, spectacular landscapes and scenery, great company, abundant
food mixed in with meaningful, lighthearted retreat activities

FAITH SHARING – we are the Body of Christ and all that we do with and for one another in our daily
lives is a sharing of what we believe

Our retreat facilitators for the weekend will be Deacon John Brasley and his wife Belinda Brasley

TO REGISTER, PLEASE RETURN THIS NEATLY PRINTED FORM TO THE PARISH CENTER .

Person Making Reservation _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Fax _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Please indicate in the blank before each grouping how many individuals (counting yourself) will be attending in your party.

____ Adult (19 and older) ____ Youth (13-18) ____ Children (4-12) ____ Infant (3 and younger)

Please list any specific dietary needs on the back – **the food services staff is able to provide special meals with advance notice.** Please enclose \$25/person for registration deposit. During the retreat, participants will receive envelopes and suggested guidelines for giving. We ask that donations be according to ability. For questions or more information please call Rich Rasmussen in the parish center 273-6121 ext. 110. Thank you!

Teen Retreat Coming In February



RFC?

RFC, or “Reaching for Christ”, is a full-weekend Catholic retreat experience run by high school youth and intended for other high school youth who want to explore their faith and what it means to be a Catholic. It’s an opportunity to talk about your faith and beliefs with other teens, get your difficult questions answered, and think about what role God does play, and should play, in your life in today’s world. The weekend is run entirely by youth who design the schedule and activities and lead the discussions themselves! Complete with some great food, time for sports and socializing, and unexpected surprises, RFC is a fun, meaningful experience - guaranteed to exceed your expectations and better your faith life in a way you’ve never experienced before!

When and where?

The retreat will be held in the Immaculate Conception School building in Ithaca, NY. It starts on Friday, February 26th at 7PM and concludes with 10:30AM mass on Sunday, February 28th. We are considering making this just a one night retreat so stay tuned for final details. It is an overnight retreat, so bring your sleeping bag!

What can I expect during the weekend?

The weekend will include several youth talks, small group discussions, prayerful experiences, and lots of fun activities. The retreat is put on by high school youth who will make sure that it’ll be an experience that other high school youth will enjoy!

Who’s invited?

Any and all high school youth are invited to attend. They don’t have to belong to any particular parish, but the retreat is definitely targeted to Christian youth.

How do I sign up?

A registration form will be in next week’s bulletin! Cost for the weekend is \$35 which includes meals, supplies, and room and board for the weekend. For more information or to request additional forms, contact Ryan Barba, retreat coordinator and youth ministry volunteer at (401)330-6148, or Rich Rasmussen at 607-273-6121 ext. 110.

Spend a weekend with Christ. It could change your life!