

# Immaculate Conception Church

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Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Sun. 8:00 AM – Noon

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## Staff Connection...

You have likely heard by now the story of Ted Williams; not the legendary baseball player but the homeless man in Columbus, OH with a history of alcohol and drug abuse, causing him to lose his job and home many years ago. Well, Williams hit the viral world on the internet after a man in the field of broadcasting saw Williams pan-handling; holding a sign telling of his **God Given** gift and asking for \$1 for anyone who was willing to listen. His amazing voice is one that would make most television and radio broadcasters envious. Within a week of this video of him on 'YOU TUBE' the Williams video had millions of "hits". He suddenly had dozens of radio and television interviews; dozens of job offers in broadcasting including an offer from the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team. He is now the official spokesperson for Kraft Foods and was just reunited with his ailing mother after 20 years.

This story had headlines at the end of 2010; a story that needed to be told. 2010 came with many ups and downs economically and politically. In my opinion, this country was in need of a **TED WILLIAMS STORY**. In fact, Ted Williams also felt like many of us may have felt. In one of his interviews he said, "I have a book that I write in daily and I was about to write 2010—another year wasted". He never did write those words. Soon after that his life changed dramatically.

As I think about Ted and his story I keep coming back to that amazing gift of his; his voice. A voice may seem like an insignificant **GIFT** or talent but as we see with Williams **it is not**. Williams' gift caused me to reflect on my own gifts and how am I using them (or not). Am I holding tightly to my gifts because of my fear to use them or insecurities? Perhaps I am holding my own sign like Williams did—in all humility and brokenness—with a great hope that God uses them to touch others. In Williams' case God has given him the opportunity to use his voice to touch others. Granted, it may be in marketing or trying to sell a product and not necessarily to help others in a more meaningful way but, how do we know? In Williams' new found fame he has said he thanks God every day for this new opportunity. He is grateful to God for his gift and with humility in the desperation of his life he decided that he had a small gift to share. His voice brought the blessing of a smile to so many who stopped on the side of the road to pay the \$1 to listen to him.

So, what gift do you have? Take time to pray about this and ask God how you should be using your gift. You may not find instant fame like Williams—at least not in this world—but you will find a new found "fame" with God and with those whom you touch with your giftedness. Thanks for reading! **RJch**

### 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.

### SACRAMENTS

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3PM – 4:00PM

**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.

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon., Thurs. 12:10PM, Tues., Wed., Fri., 7AM, Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 8:30 & 10:30AM

DATE		EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS...THE WEEK AHEAD
Sunday,	January 23	8:30AM – Gaetano, Salvatora, Giuseppe & Gracia Ferrara by Frank & Teresa Ferrara 10:30AM – Mary Kaluf by Dave & Corky Nazer	<b><u>A Moment of Grace – DVD @ All Masses</u></b> <b>Coffee Hour following 8:30 &amp; 10:30AM</b> Masses – Carges Hall <b>9:20AM – Religious Ed – School</b> <b>11:45AM – Youth Group – School</b>
Monday,	January 24	10:30AM – Cecelia Kenney – Estate 12:10PM – Tina Marie Sacchi by Bob & Ellie Romanowski	<b>10:30AM – Mass - Cayuga Ridge</b> <b>3PM – Communion Svc. – Titus Towers</b> <b>4PM – Communion Svc. – McGraw House</b>
Tuesday,	January 25	7:00AM – Sara Delaney by Charles Izzo & Family	<b>11AM – Food Pantry – Carges Hall</b> Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday,	January 26	7:00AM – Richard Gowan by Simone, Parks & Gowan Families	<b>10:45AM – SCC – Parish Center</b>
Thursday,	January 27	12:10PM – Genevieve Semesky By Mercy Associates	<b>12:40PM – Adult Faith Formation – CH</b> <b>7PM – All Committees Meeting – CH</b>
Friday,	January 28	7:00AM – Laura Quigley by Chris Irving	
Saturday,	January 29	4:30PM – Karen L Jackson by Jeni Jackson	<b>Noon – 2:30PM – Spirit Alive Mass Set-up</b> <b>5:30PM – Pasta Dinner – CH</b>
Sunday,	January 30	8:30AM – John Parente, Sr. by Simone Family 10:30AM – Antoinette C. Argentieri by Mary Beth O'Connor	<b><u>Catholic Schools Week Begins</u></b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:30 – Spirit Alive Masses</b> <b>9:20AM – Catechists Meeting – School</b>

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK**  
**IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS**  
**OF THE BEACH FAMILY**  
**FROM PAT BEACH**



*“All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.”*

**Adult Faith Formation—January Schedule**

Thursdays following the 12:10PM Mass

**The Following DVDs will be shown:**

January 27—The Word of the Lord

*What is the place of Sunday Scripture in our lives?*

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:** Rev. Daniel J. Condon, Chancellor and Director of Legal Services, oversees four (4) Diocesan Cemeteries, the Diocesan Archives, the Diocesan Tribunal and Information Technology. Of these offices the one used most often by people is the Diocesan Tribunal for Marriage Annulments and questions about the dissolving of marriages.

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE**

This is the theme of this year's CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL. We have been praying each week, "we pray your help in achieving success in this campaign so that we can help others throughout our diocese".

This year's goal is \$52,588 compared with our goal of \$51,682 last year. We concluded last year with attaining only \$41,788.90, the rest being taken out of our operating expense budget. The financial report shows we are operating a tight budget so whatever you can contribute will help ease our budget concerns. Your donation may be placed in an envelope, mark it 'CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL' and drop it in the weekly collection. It will then be forwarded to the Pastoral Office in Rochester.

**As of this week we have collected \$32,666.57 toward this year's goal.**

You are encouraged to give to this Appeal in whatever denomination you can. Remember, no contribution is too small. We realize that many may be facing difficult times, so we thank you for the sacrifices you have made to contribute to the Appeal. In thanksgiving we pray, "Oh God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish. Strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the building of Your Kingdom here in our church and throughout the world."

**First Communion Candidates**

This past weekend, several of our youngsters were enrolled as candidates to receive their First Holy Communion April 30 & May 1. Part of the ceremony requested prayers and support from the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church. The candidates photos will be hanging in the church so that you can get to know them and their families.

Our Candidates are:

- Brian Conuel
- Grace Conuel
- Mae Conuel
- Dominic Grier
- Christopher Hemly
- Ryan Hodges
- Michael Rutzke
- Olivia Schwoeble
- Max Stephenson



OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD	
January 16, 2010	
Collection 2011	\$ 8,189
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 293,422
Actual Collections: wk 29 of FY	\$ 249,562
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (43,860)
Collection 2010	\$ 8,270
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School Support 2011	\$ 2,018
School Support 2010	\$ 1,547
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Attendance 2011	737
Attendance 2010	718
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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL	
Goal = \$52,588	
We have reached <b>67.41%</b> of our goal!	

**EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION**

*Jesus, I Trust in You*

In the spirit of "Disciples in Mission," the Evangelization Team presents these easy, everyday ways to give witness to our faith, as our Lord asked us.

**Suggestions-**

1. When you are faced with a decision or a problem, make it a habit to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance
2. Develop a habit of taking time to examine your day and note your shortcomings as you seek God's mercy.

*Be not afraid*

**"Soup-er Bowl of Caring" Help us "Tackle Hunger!!"**

A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people in our community and around the world.

Please join with our own youth as they collect non-perishable food items or cash donations to support our local Food Pantry.

Large soup pots will be available at each of the Church doors to collect your cans, change or quiet money on the weekends of Jan 29/30 and Feb 5/6. Thanks for filling the soup pots! Learn more: [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) or find us on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/souperbowlcaring>

**ATTENTION**

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
 Come and see what our YOUTH GROUP is doing to grow individually and in our faith community.  
 Join us on Sundays @ 11:45 at the IC School

**Office of Youth Ministry & Religious Education**

Rich Rasmussen ext. 110  
 Carolann Darling ext. 109

**Youth**

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