

# 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  
**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

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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

### MEA CULPA

The Staff Connection I wrote on Holy Family Sunday (Jan.2-3) raised the blood pressure of a number of people (not all necessarily parishioners). It also raised blood pressure at the Pastoral Office. During a cordial conversation, I was informed that any statement said from the pulpit or printed in the parish bulletin must be in line with the official teachings of the church. My personal opinions on topics may be suitably shared at times of giving a presentation or discussion in a small group or among priests, but care must be taken in the former instances.

Theologians debate, study & discern the teachings of the church & we should be aware of the debates that go on, but the official teachings of the church must be respected & presented.

I apologize to anyone whom I offended or upset & I plan on presenting the official position of the church on many topics in the future.

In today's gospel Jesus declared that He had come to proclaim the Gospel to the poor, bring sight to the blind, set captives free & announce God's salvation. Should it be surprising thought that we, the Church, are called to continue the mission of Jesus in word & deed? Since we are the living presence of Jesus in the world now, our basic task is more "this-worldly" than "other-worldly." As the *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World* points out, while earthly progress cannot be identified with the growth of Christ's kingdom, "to the extent that earthly progress can contribute to the better ordering of human society, it is of vital concern to the kingdom of God" (art.39).

We who are called to be Jesus' disciples have the task of transforming society so that human life is characterized more by peace than by war, more by hope than by acceptance of the status quo, more by cooperation than by individualistic competition, & more by justice than by the marginalization of the weak & poor.

Peace,  
Fr. Leo



**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of January 24, 2010 (3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Read: Acts 11: 1 –12:24

Reflect: This week's section of Acts begins with Peter being challenged by the "circumcised" believers—those Christians who came from Jewish communities—for his outreach to the Gentiles. Peter stands by the call of God to all people, and continues to preach the Good News even upon his arrest by Herod. Who are the ones whom I feel "belong" in my own community? Who does not "belong"? Am I willing to welcome them into my heart and my community? Would I face arrest, punishment or death for them on account of being a follower of Jesus? 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 ...stand up to a bully in my class or workplace who is hurting someone else?
- ...welcome someone to my community who is new or different?
- ...visit someone in prison who has no one else who cares?

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. Cost is \$7.00 per person (\$5.00 for Senior Citizens and children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free, \$20.00 Family Plan) for all you can eat pasta, meatballs, dessert, and beverage. Take-outs are available. Tickets are available at the school, Parish Center or at the door. Come and help the Immaculate Conception School family celebrate 125 years of Catholic education.

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES COLLECTION**

The Special Ministries collection to be taken up next week will be used for our church Music Ministries. This will enable them to provide so much extra to enhance the beauty of our liturgical celebrations.

**BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

In today's second reading St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that we are all baptized in one Spirit and each member of the body of Christ has a particular function that affects the whole. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it..."

Today migrants and others who have been labeled "illegals" struggle because they have no means to achieve legal status in the United States. How can we turn deaf ears to those who tend the crops we eat, and do the most menial tasks just to feed their families?

**Reflection:** *Are we listening to voices that condemn migrants and preach hate? Are we willing to raise our voices for justice for immigrants? On the weekend of February 13/14 we will have an opportunity to sign postcards to our legislators asking for comprehensive immigration reform..*

**EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, January 25**

10:30 AM Catherine Waters (req. by David Penepent) - Lakeside Mass

12:10 PM Helena Kozak (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

**TUESDAY, January 26**

7:00 AM Lolita Hagin (req. by Pat Beach)

**WEDNESDAY, January 27**

7:00 AM Brian O'Connor (req. by Peter & Paulette Salmon)

**THURSDAY, January 28**

12:10 PM Alice Maynard (req. by Barbara Ruane)

**FRIDAY, January 29**

7:00 AM David R. Powell (req. by Charlie & Katie Porter)

**SATURDAY, January 30**

4:30 PM Pauline Zavaski (req. by George Zavaski)

**SUNDAY, January 31**

8:30 AM Suzanne Murphy (req. by Michael & Barbara Gera)

10:30 AM William Shippas Sr. (req. by Connie Shippas)

**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 this week-end.** 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.

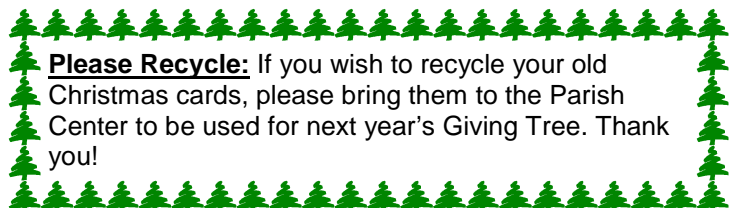
**We encourage you to be as generous as possible!**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP**

The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop is filled with new books and prayer guides for 2010. Choose from short day by day thoughts and prayers, or more involved prayer. There is a selection of books on "contemplative and centering prayer", and Matthew Kelly's "Rediscovering Catholicism", as well as new books from Scott Hahn and Mark Shea. Many items that are featured on EWTN are also offered. Please stop by and see the large selection of books and other gifts. The new store hours are Monday to Friday from noon to 5:00 PM and Saturday from noon to 4:30 PM. The shop will resume Sunday hours from 9:30 to noon in February.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER**

Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga is seeking a volunteer that would be able to assist handing out personal hygiene products at the Danby Food Pantry. Please contact Michelle Brichacek at 272-5062, ext. 27 if you are interested in helping out or to seek more information.



**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 24**

- 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 High Youth Group—Church
- 11:45 AM Senior High Youth Groups—School

**Monday, January 25**

- 10:30 AM Lakeside Mass & Anointing

**Tuesday, January 26**

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal— Church
- 7:00 PM SCC Meeting—Parish Center 2

**Wednesday, January 27**

- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus 4th Degree—Carges Hall

**Thursday, January 28**

- 7:00 PM All Committees' meeting—Carges Hall

**Saturday, January 30**

- 1:00 PM Spirit Alive Choir Rehearsal—Church
- 6:00 PM Pasta Dinner—Carges Hall

**Sunday, January 31**

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



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Eugene J. Carach from his wife Pauline

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

Special opportunities created just for you! You won't want to miss:

**Sunday, January 24th** we will be treated to a special tour of our Church with parishioner Pat Welch. Meet in the Church near the shrine of Mary at 11:45 AM.

**Sunday, January 31st** meet Tompkins County Red Cross director, John Ward in the ICS After-School room at 11:45 AM..

**Sunday, February 7th** meet The Advocacy Center Education director, Lynn Stack at 11:45 AM in the ICS After-School room.

**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.



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

Our Offering to the Lord  
 January 17, 2010

Collection 2010	\$8,270
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$293,422
Actual Collections: wk 29 of FY	\$264,838
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$28,584)

Collection 2009 \$8,229

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School Support Fund 2010 \$1,547

School Support Fund 2009 \$2,100

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Attendance 2010 718

Attendance 2009 703

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We thank the family of Robert Stolp for remembering Immaculate Conception School in the obituary of their loved one.



**KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE**

As you have been reading your contributions to our Keeping the Spirit Alive Appeal has helped our Pastoral Office offer so much to us in return for your generosity. So far we have **\$35,213.88** or **68.14%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. This is **\$98.12** behind last year at this time. Thank you for the sacrifices you are willing to make to help our various ministries. Our goal must be reached, if not by our contributions, it will come from our operating budget. **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 so that we may reach out to others who are reaching out to others for their spiritual nourishment.**

**VOCATION AWARENESS**

Today's reading from Paul's first letter to the people of Corinth tells us that we (i.e. all the members of the Church) make up Christ's body. Therefore, like Christ, our lives should always point to God. When we live our lives with our focus on God, we stay the course on our path to holiness—our vocation. God chooses some people to do this in a very public way as ordained priests and deacons, or religious sisters or brothers. Have you ever thought God might be calling you in that way? Would you like to speak to someone about it? Please contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890 or e-mail to: [vocations@dor.org](mailto:vocations@dor.org).

**IC BOOSTER CLUB TICKETS...**

are available at the Parish Center or Immaculate Conception School Office (\$25.00). We have **many tickets** and could use your help. Please stop at the Parish Center for tickets. All proceeds go to help support our Immaculate Conception School. The first drawing is on Sunday, February 8th.