

Immaculate Conception Church



GEORGE GREEN PARISH CENTER ••• 113 North Geneva Street ••• Ithaca, NY 14850 ••• 607-273-6121

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

PARISH WEBSITE: www.immconch.org

February 6, 2011

Staff Connection...

David Livingstone spent 30 of his 60 years as a missionary & philanthropist in Africa. He was internationally famous because of his travels & his work for the Royal Geographical Society. Among those deeply affected by Livingstone was Henry M. Stanley, a reporter sent in 1869 to find Livingstone who had not been heard from for years & was presumed dead. He found Livingstone in Tanzania in 1871.

Of his encounter, Stanley wrote, “I went to him as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in London...I saw this solitary old man there, & asked myself...’Is he cracked or what? What is it that inspires him?’ For months after we met I simply found myself listening to him, wondering at the old man carrying out all that was said in the Bible. ...Little by little his sympathy for others became contagious...seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness...I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it.”

By his example & dedication, Livingstone served as the salt & light that transformed Stanley. In today’s readings, Tristram and the Matthean Jesus similarly challenge believers to be the salt & light that will transform themselves &, through them, the world.

Throughout the month of February, we will be hearing & reading about the Mass in preparing for the introduction of the Third Roman Missal in November. Whether you are 8 or 80 years old, at some point in your life, you have probably struggled with the question, “Why do we have to go to Mass?” You may not feel like going at times. You may not like the music or the homilies. You may think Mass is boring. You may feel as if the parish is not welcoming. You may try to convince yourself that you can pray just as well outdoors or in the comfort of your own home.

What if you changed your attitude about going to Mass? What if you began to think of Mass as the time in the day when you can connect with God & with other people in a special way? What if you concentrated on the things you like about your parish instead of what you don’t like? What if you made Mass a priority and fully decided to actively participate in every facet of the Mass: silence, responses, postures & song?

Let us use this month to reflect on what the Mass is all about; let us enter into this celebration not looking to be entertained but to understand that we are gathered to give thanks & praise to Our Lord for all that has been done for us. Then perhaps our responses, our singing, our welcome, our active participation may have an affect on someone who is struggling with their faith, who is in need of comfort or is seeking a community to join.

Fr. Leo

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.

ANOIDING 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

**February 6, 2011 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection—Building Maintenance**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS...THE WEEK AHEAD
Sunday, February 6	8:30AM—Rex Hildreth by Patricia Darling 10:30AM—Rose Knight Speno by the Ober Family	9:20AM—Religious Ed—School 11:45AM—Youth Group—School Gym
Monday, February 7	12:10PM—Esther & Michael Chordash by Richard Chordash	1PM—Rosary Making—Parish Center 3PM—Mass Videos 1 & 2—McGraw House 7PM—Mass Videos 2, 3 & 4—Carges Hall
Tuesday, February 8	7:00AM—Paul O. Rapone by Jean Ford	11AM—Food Pantry—Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday, February 9	7:00AM—Kaye Ryan by Simone, Parks & Gowan Families	10:45AM—SCC—Parish Center
Thursday, February 10	12:10PM—Deceased Members of the Reynolds & Whalen Families	12:40PM—Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall
Friday, February 11	7:00AM—Rosa Crass by Trink & Ortz Orzino	6PM—Mother/Son Dance—School Gym
Saturday, February 12	4:30PM—Esther Wilczak by Dinah Collins	9AM—Family Based—Carges Hall 11:30AM—First Eucharist Day of Prayer- CH
Sunday, February 13	8:30AM—Aaron Corina (21 years) by the Corina Family 10:30AM—Sue & Wang Tang by King & Jean Tang	Coffee Hour after 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses—Carges Hall 9:20AM—Religious Ed—School 11:45AM—Youth Group—School Gym

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK


IN MEMORY OF
JACK WALPOLE
FROM MARY WALPOLE & FAMILY



“Many of the great achievements of the world were accomplished by tired and discouraged men who kept on working.”

DINNER and a MOVIE...

Come join us on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12th** for a Dish-to-Share and a movie after the 4:30PM Mass. We will be featuring either *THE LOST VALENTINE* with Betty White or *EAT, PRAY, LOVE* with Julia Roberts. Beverage and Dinner set-ups will be provided!! Come join us & meet some great people!!



Adult Faith Formation—February Schedule

Thursdays following the 12:10PM Mass
The Following DVDs will be shown in February:

February 10th—Say Amen to What You Are
—we are sent out to nourish others as we have been nourished.

Catholic Charities needs our help....So as to help those in need

Catholic Charities is in need of personal hygiene and a few other items. These items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, paper towels, toilet tissue, deodorant, powder, bar soap, shampoo, Kleenex™, detergent, etc. The blue bins will be placed at the doors of the church for your convenience.

Also, donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your continued support in assisting those who are less fortunate at this time.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Deacon John Brasley is the coordinator for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. This branch of the Diocesan Office helps us appreciate and understand more fully the role of dialogue with those of other faiths, both Christian and non-Christian.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL is having registration for new students for the 2011-2012 school year on the following dates:

Sunday, February 6, 2011—11AM to 2PM
 Monday, February 7, 2011—3:30PM to 8PM

For additional information please contact:

Sister Nancy Kelly, RSM
 Notre Dame High School
 1400 Maple Avenue
 Elmira, NY 14904
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OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD	
January 30, 2010	
Collection 2011	\$ 7,205
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 313,658
Actual Collections: wk 31 of FY	\$ 263,281
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (50,377)
Collection 2010	\$ 6,610

Special Ministries 2011	\$ 1,354
Special Ministries 2010	\$ 1,490

Attendance 2011	755
Attendance 2010	684

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
 Goal = \$52,588
 We have reached **67.83%** 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. **Wear a cross or crucifix or a religious medal everyday as an expression of your faith.**
2. **Give generously to those in need of you time, talent or treasure.**

Be not afraid

PUBLIC POLICY PETITIONS

We are gathering signatures on petitions to encourage NY State legislators and the Governor to prioritize job programs, subsidies for day care and transportation for low-income workers as they make their difficult budget decisions. These petitions are sponsored by the DIOCESAN PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE and the SERVICE TEAM at Immaculate. The petitions will be available for signature near the doors of the church on Feb. 12/13 and again on Feb. 19/20.

IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE
 "THE LITTLE SHOP OF FAITH"
 SUPPORT YOUR PARISH SHOP

DURING FEBRUARY, THE IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE WILL HAVE A "FIND THE HEART & SAVE 25% SALE" ANY ITEM IN THE SHOP IN THE SHAPE OF A HEART IS ON SALE. THIS INCLUDES ROSARIES, MEDALS.... AND SURPRISE ITEMS DISPLAYING A HEART STICKER.

Open M-F 10AM—5PM - Saturdays noon to 4:30
 Call 273-6363

Make this shop your first STOP!

ATTENTION

6th-12th 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

Corner

PARISH STAFF	CONTACT INFORMATION
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Ginny Seacord ext. 102 Office Manager	E-mail: Lynn Hathaway @ lhathaway@immconch.org
Gary Vrabel ext. 111 Music Ministry	Bulletin requests must be received no later than close of business on Tuesdays.

Please update your address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses as often as necessary. This helps us keep in touch with you. Send any new information to;
churchemail@immconch.org
 Or call Lynn Hathaway in the Parish Office@ 273-6121