

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
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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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FEB. 3, 2010

Opening Prayer was based on the weekend Gospel & how are we willing to true in God & "...put out into deeper waters." When has our community been called to take a risk & trust in God's support?

There was clarification sought about the Stations of the Cross scheduled for Feb. 26 & the article in the bulletin seeking people who could speak different languages. Also the meal before the Stations is asked to be an International dish which is meatless.

The team reports reported on the activities they are planning. The Community team is busy with the newsletter which should be coming out shortly. The Service team reported on the Public Policy initiative on Immigration Reform which will be presented to the parish on the weekend of Feb. 13 & 14 & cover a couple of weekends thereafter. Parishioners will be asked to sign a sheet of postcards that will be sent to their Congressional representatives. They can sign them at Mass or take them home & return them. They will be asked NOT to separate the cards but to leave them together.

The Evangelization team will be putting a new prayer in the back of the hymnal which will be prayed during Lent.

I shared with the council the formation of a committee consisting of school parents, members of the Finance Council & parish staff to make mandatory diocesan changes to the tuition scale which can no longer include the selling of Script (Gift Cards) for a lowering of tuition. Also any application from a Catholic family applying for tuition assistance (from Kindergarten up) has to approved by the committee.

The council then reviewed the last 3 chapters of "A User - Friendly Parish" by Judith Ann Kollar covering the areas of the parish in the community & in the world; how does the parish communicate; why be user-friendly. One of the questions was: "What 2 things are absolutely necessary if you want people to change?" Patience, communication, openness were among the answers. Amen. Fr. Leo

IMMIGRATION REFORM INFORMATION

Next weekend you will be invited to sign postcards addressed to members of the US Senate and House of Representatives. Our Senators are Kirsten E. Gillibrand and Charles E. Schumer. Representatives—24th District—Michael A. Arcuri and 22nd District—Maurice D. Hinchey. There was an extra page in last week's bulletin about this issue. Please read and pray about it to make an informed decision next week.

LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus will host a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 5th at Immaculate Conception's Carges Hall from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The menu includes fried fish, broiled fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, potato salad, and dessert. The dinners will be available for eat-in or takeout. The cost is \$10.00 per dinner. A children's macaroni and cheese meal is also available for \$6.00. The monies raised from this event will be used to support the Knights of Columbus' charitable activities. Dinners will be sold by advanced sale tickets only. Tickets are available at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center.

FAREWELL TO...

Father Martin Kuusangnayir. All are welcome to attend a farewell reception at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall on Sunday, February 14. Father Martin will be presiding and preaching at all Masses that weekend. The reception will take place immediately following each of the morning Masses (9:00 and 11:30 AM). Please stop by to express your gratitude for Father Martin's generous and dedicated services to our Tompkins County parishes.

BABY FOOD JARS AND COFFEE CANS NEEDED

Rich and Carolann are planning a special "Lenten Faire" event for religious education and family based religious education families this month. They are in need of clean, empty baby food jars and 1lb coffee cans. If you have any of these items please drop them off at the Parish Center. Thanks you!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK
BECOME A "FAN"

Immaculate Conception Church now has a fan page established on Facebook. You can receive updates on events and parish news by becoming a "fan." Go to www.facebook.com and search Immaculate Conception Church. Click on our site then click "become a fan."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, February 26th, our Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. We are looking for your linguistic help. Will you come to the Stations and say a prayer or two in your native (or near native) language? We are especially looking for speakers of French, German, Italian, Vietnamese, Dutch, Polish, and Spanish, but all speakers of various languages are welcome to participate! Please contact Maria DiFrancesco at 564-7218 or at: mdifrancesco@ithaca.edu for more information on how to participate.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 8

12:10 PM Paul O. Rapone (req. by Jean Ford)

TUESDAY, February 9

7:00 AM David Bordoni (req. by Larry & Lena Siany)

WEDNESDAY, February 10

7:00 AM Carole Harvill (req. by Sister Edna & Sister Elise)

THURSDAY, February 11

12:10 PM Ted Matosich (req. by Sonny & Mary Camobreco)

FRIDAY, February 12

7:00 AM Pauline St. Pierre (req. by Frances Shady)

SATURDAY, February 13


4:30 PM Aaron Corina (req. by the Corina Family)

SUNDAY, February 14

8:30 AM Lena Ciaschi (req. by Marge Ciaschi)

10:30 AM Wing & Sue Tang (req. by King & Jean Tang)

GET INTO THE ACTS

 Week of February 7, 2010 (5th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Read: Acts 13: 44 –14:28

Reflect: Paul and Barnabas encounter some problems in Lystra when the people misunderstand the healing of the crippled as meaning that Paul and Barnabas are the Greek gods Hermes and Zeus. The cultural expectations of the community made it difficult for them to understand Paul and Barnabas' message, even after they tried to make it clear that they are human beings, not gods. Try as they might the influence of the people's culture created a barrier to their preaching, although some did hear and believe. Are there aspects of my culture that make sharing the Good News more difficult? How does that change my call to discipleship and my ability to preach the Good News?

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 ...be sure to connect my actions with my faith

When I offer to help or volunteer in my community?

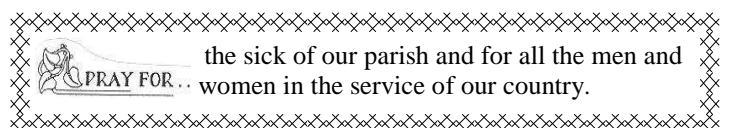
.... use new forms of media to try and share the Good News in new ways?

.... be a good example of sportsmanship on my school team and connect my attitude with my understanding of Jesus?

How else could I act it out?

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. The new store hours are Monday to Friday from noon to 5:00 PM, Saturday from noon to 4:30 PM, and Sunday from 9:30 to noon.



THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, February 7

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
 11:30 AM RCIA—Carges Hall
 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School Gym

Monday, February 8

1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center
 7:00 PM Covenanting Council Meeting– St. Anthony Church

Tuesday, February 9

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

Thursday, February 11

7:00 PM Hospitality Committee Meeting—Parish Center

Friday, February 12

6:00 PM Youth Ministry Social—Carges Hall

Saturday, February 13

4:30 PM Baptism Mass—Church

Sunday, February 14

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
 9:30 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
 10:30 AM RCIA—All Saints Church
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of William & Ella Fitzpatrick from Robert Fitzpatrick.

COFFEE HOURS...

next weekend will be sponsored by the Mercy Associates.

LENTEEN RETREAT

Our 2010 parish intergenerational Lenten retreat will take place March 19th-21st Casowasco Conference Center. This retreat is an intergenerational time of :

- ✦ Prayer and worship
- ✦ Learning and spiritual growth
- ✦ Relaxing
- ✦ Fun and fellowship



This is a great opportunity for families to get away and focus on the family unit and take time for some Lenten reflection.

Our facilitators this year are Deacon John Brasley and his wife Belinda. They have many years of experience running family camps and retreats for the diocese. This promises to be a wonderful and faith-filled weekend. You can pick up a registration form in the Parish Center and return it as soon as possible. A registration deposit of \$25.00 per person is asked at the time of registration. For more information call Rich at 273-6121 ext. 110 or e-mail him at rrasmussen@immconch.org.

THANK YOU TO...

A special thank you goes to Nicholas Gualtieri for donating part of his Confirmation gift money to give us a wall rack for our altar server robes. Thank you to his father, Fernando, for installing them. Servers—take note and be sure to use them. They're great!!!

Our Offering to the Lord
 January 31, 2010

Collection 2010	\$6,610
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$313,658
Actual Collections: wk 31 of FY	\$278,676
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$34,982)
Collection 2009	\$12,581

Music Ministry 2010	\$1,490

Attendance 2010	684
Attendance 2009	800

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



KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

This week our faithful committee members began calling parishioners to encourage those who have not taken the opportunity to do so to give to our Appeal. So far we have **\$35,363.88** or **68.43%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. If our goal is not reached, 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. **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.**

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

In each of today's readings, God's prophets, first Isaiah, then Paul, then Peter profess their sinfulness yet show how God worked through them despite, or perhaps because, of that sinfulness. God, being fully aware of our weaknesses, calls each of us to do God's work in the world, providing the gifts we need.

Reflection: *How can you be a light to the world, bringing a much-needed dose of love and concern especially towards those of the fringes of society: immigrants, the poor, prisoners?*

VOCATION AWARENESS

Isaiah felt insignificant and unworthy to do God's work, yet God reached out to him with love and mercy. After a night of fishing with nothing to show for it, in our New Testament reading, Simon doubted his ability as a fisherman. But, he obeyed Jesus' command to "put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." When the nets were filled to capacity, Simon expressed his sorrow for having doubted. Jesus responded with love and mercy and invited Simon and his partners to follow Him. We, too, may not feel worthy to do God's work, but God knows our gifts and abilities and invites us anyway. Have the courage and trust to respond to that invitation. If you would like to talk to someone about a church vocation, call the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890.