

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

PARISH WEBSITE: www.immconch.org

February 13, 2011

Staff Connection...

KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOVED

One of the things I have learned over the years in ministering to young people is that Valentines Day can be a little bit of a tenuous day for a lot of people. It is a day where “everyone” is supposed to get a valentine from other students at school and we are supposed to really “feel the love” of others. The reality is that this can actually be a tough day for many. Some of us had Valentine’s Day come and go without getting one of those little cards that all the other kids got in school. Some of us spent a good portion of our lives in relationships that were unhealthy and hurtful. Some of us are struggling in relationships right now and simply do not “feel the love” of anyone right now in our lives.

As I think about Valentine’s Day I am reminded that there is a LOVE far beyond our understanding that surrounds us every day. Most days we race through our routine without recognizing it or acknowledging it. It is easy to do because we cannot see our God in the flesh. Even though we cannot see God, God did come in the form of flesh in Jesus Christ. God so loved the world (that also means **YOU**) that he gave His only begotten Son.... (you know the rest).

My main point in writing is for each of us to remember how much we are loved by our God. Even when our lives feel out of control and when it seems no one cares we can be confident in God’s love. I will end with lyrics from the song “He Will Carry Me” that has comforted me when I have not quite been “feeling the love”. I hope these words from Christian recording artist, Mark Schultz help each of you realize the unrelenting and unfailing love of God. You can listen to the song by searching it on www.youtube.com.

I call, you hear me. I've lost it all and it's more than I can bear. I feel so empty. You're strong, I'm weary. I'm holding on, but I feel like giving in. But, still you're with me. And even though I'm walking through the valley of the shadow. I will hold tight to the hand of Him, whose love will comfort me. And when all hope is gone and I've been wounded in the battle. He is all the strength that I will ever need. He will carry me.

I know I'm broken. But you alone can mend this heart of mine. You're always with me. And even though I'm walking through the valley of the shadow. I will hold tight to the hand of Him, whose love will comfort me. And when all hope is gone and I've been wounded in the battle. He is all the strength that I will ever need. He will carry me. And even though I feel so lonely, like I have never been before. You never said it would be easy. But you said you'd see me through the storm. And even though I'm walking through the valley of the shadow. I will hold tight to the hand of Him, whose love will comfort me. And when all hope is gone and I've been wounded in the battle. He is all the strength that I will ever need. He will carry me.

Thanks for reading!

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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, 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
Monday, February 14	12:10PM—Loretta & Frank LaRocca by Lelia Caporiccio	1PM—Rosary Making—Parish Center
Tuesday, February 15	7:00AM—Honora Sammons by a friend	11AM—Food Pantry—Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday, February 16	7:00AM—Viola Amici by Ed & June Shipos	7PM—New Lectors Mtg.—Church 7:30PM—New Eucharistic Ministers Mtg—Ch
Thursday, February 17	12:10PM—Gary Jaynes by Sam & Betty Leonardo	12:40PM—Adult Faith Formation— Carges Hall 7PM—Welcoming Committee—PC
Friday, February 18	7:00AM—Viola Maliski by Angie Torchia	
Saturday, February 19	4:30PM—Lena Ciaschi by Marge Ciaschi	11AM—New Lectors Mtg.—Church 11:30AM—New Eucharistic Ministers Mtg—Ch
Sunday, February 20	8:30AM—Salvatore Sciarra & family by Gerardo & Emma Sciarra 10:30AM—Edward Schano by Mary Schano (1 st Anniversary)	9:20AM—Religious Ed—School 11:45AM—Youth Group—School Gym

AND WHOSE RELICS ARE IN OUR ALTAR?

Last week's extra page mentioned the fact that there were relics in the main altars of our churches. And you may ask, "Whose relics are in our altar?"

They are St. Lucindam St. Sixtus, St Innocent, St. Felix, St. Constantius, and St. Reparatus. They were all from the original three (3) altars which are no longer used as the altar of sacrifice.

"Each day is a special gift from God, and while life may not always be fair, you must never allow the pains, hurdles, and handicaps of the moment to poison your attitude and plans for yourself and your future."

SECULAR ORDER OF CARMELITES
 will meet on Sunday, Feb. 13th @ 1:00PM in the
Parish Center @ ICC.

We are continuing the study of:
THE COLLECTED WORKS OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA
 Presented by Deacon George Welch
 For additional information call:
Eleanor ~ 272-6844 or
Pat ~ 273-0821

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK

IN MEMORY OF DOLORES REYNOLDS
 FROM MARY EDSALL-GOLWAY



Adult Faith Formation—February Schedule

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

February 17th—Spirituality - Video
 —Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:

Women's Commission is represented by Shannon Loughlin, Diocesan Liaison. Its vision statement—"The Church of Rochester celebrates and respects all the people of God" - so therefore, "In the light of this vision, the Diocesan Commission of Women will lead, educate, and voice issues in church and society, especially those that impact women and girls."

We appreciate the suggestion of gifts to Immaculate Conception Church or School in obituary notices. This is a fitting & respectful way to honor deceased parishioners.

“VISIT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL DAY” IS HERE!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL invites all of you to come by
 and see why we are so excited about Catholic Schools!

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 16th, 9am-3pm at 320 W. Buffalo St.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information about IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL,
 call the office at (607) 273-2707 or visit <http://schools.dor.org/ic/>.

School News...

Join Immaculate Conception School students, faculty, staff and families for morning prayer at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 14th at the school gym. Start your Valentine's Day off with a lot of LOVE and a lot of LUCK as Father Leo will draw the winning tickets for the FOOD FOR THOUGHT raffle with more than \$1,800 worth of Wegmans, gas, and other store gift cards.

Parishioner are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU FROM ICS FOR SUPPORTING THE RAFFLE!

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. Reach out to someone in need in your neighborhood or parish and show them through action how much God cares for them.
2. Have you thanked God today?

Be not afraid



OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD

February 6, 2010

Collection 2011	\$ 13,578
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 323,776
Actual Collections: wk 32of FY	\$ 276,859
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (46,917)
Collection 2010	\$ 11,719

Building Maintenance 2011	\$ 2,034
Building Maintenance 2010	\$ 1,703

Attendance 2011	755
Attendance 2010	781

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal = \$52,588

We have reached 67.89% of our goal!

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.

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

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- Sr. Edna Slyck ext. 108
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- Lynn Kingston ext. 106
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- Lynn Hathaway ext. 101
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- Ginny Seacord ext. 102
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 Bulletin requests must be received no later than close of business on Tuesdays.