

Immaculate Conception



George Green Parish Center
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Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
607-273-6121
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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
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Contact Information

Immaculate Conception School – 273-2707
<http://schools.dor.org/ic/>
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

LENT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule: M., Th.—12:10; Tu., Wed., Fri.—7:00 AM
Saturday—4:30 PM; Sunday—8:30, 10:30 AM

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00—4:00 or by appointment: 3/20 at 5:30 only

Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday (loose change collection)

Masses—7 and 10 AM; 5:30 PM

Communion Service—12:10 PM

Feb. 18—Adult Faith Formation 12:40, 7:00 PM (Carges Hall)

DVD—Jesus' Invitation to Us (Bishop Clark)

Feb. 19—Stations of the Cross—7:00—(Church)

Feb. 26—International Dish to Share —5:00 (Carges Hall)

Stations of the Cross—7:00—(Church)

Feb. 27/28—High School Teen Retreat—School Gym

8:30 AM Sat.—10:30 Mass Sun.

Mar. 4—Adult Faith Formation 12:40, 7:00 PM (Carges Hall)

DVD—Eucharist (Bishop Clark)

Mar. 5—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—after 7:00

Mass with Benediction at 11:00

Fish Fry—5:00 PM—(Carges Hall)

Stations of the Cross—7:00—(Church)

Mar. 6—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—after 4:30

Mass with Holy Hour at 6:00

Mar. 9—Reconciliation Service—7:15, St. Anthony, Groton

Mar. 11—Adult Faith Formation 12:40, 7:00 PM (Carges Hall)

DVD—Making Jesus Part of Everyday Life (B. Clark)

Mar. 12—Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM (Church)

Mar. 13—St. Patrick's Day Dinner—6:00 PM (Carges Hall)

Mar. 16—Reconciliation Service—7:00, St. Catherine

Mar. 18—Adult Faith Formation 12:40, 7:00 PM (Carges Hall)

DVD—Committing Yourself to Life in the Spirit (B C)

Mar. 19—Mass 11:00, followed by St. Joseph's Table Brunch

Parish Retreat at Camp Cosowasco (19—21)

Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM (Church)

Mar. 20—Reconciliation after the 4:30 Mass (5:30—6:30)

Mar. 26—Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM (Church)

Mar. 29—Reconciliation Service—7:00 PM (Church)

Mar. 31—Seder Supper—6:00 PM Carges Hall)

Apr. 1—Liturgy of the Hours—9:00 AM (Church)

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 PM (Church)

Evening Prayer—10:30 PM (Church)

Apr. 2—Liturgy of the Hours—9:00 AM (Church)

Passion of the Lord—3:00 PM (Church)

Living Stations of the Cross—7:00 PM (Church)

Apr. 3—Blessing of Easter Baskets—11:30 AM (Parish Center)

Individual Confessions—1:00—3:00 PM (Church)

Easter Vigil—8:00 PM

Apr. 4—Easter Masses—7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 AM (Church)

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, 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.

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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, February 26th, our Parish Pastoral Council will be hosting the Stations of the Cross. During the Stations we will be using My Wounded Hands: A Way of the Cross to help us remember that we, as a part of the world-wide Catholic community, stand together united in Christ. As we join hands on the way to Calvary, we clutch the cross in excruciating pain, yet we, like Jesus, also reach out to embrace our brothers and sisters around the world. 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.

Also that evening, there will be a "**meatless international dish-to-pass**" dinner at 6:00 PM in Carges Hall. Please come and bring a meatless dish that perhaps has an international flavor.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fast and abstinence.
- ◆ **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of abstinence. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast; those 14 and older are obliged to abstain.
- ◆ **ABSTINENCE** means no meat; **FASTING** means one full meal—two lesser meals are allowed and only liquids between meals

**EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS****MONDAY, February 15**

12:10 PM Frank & Marietta LaRocca & Michael Caporiccio
(*req. by Lelia Caporiccio*)

TUESDAY, February 16

7:00 AM Special Intention (*req. by Aurora Valenti*)

WEDNESDAY, February 17—Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Mary Gale Hanna (*req. by Gary & Joanne Jay*)

10:00 AM Leo Maliski (*req. by Immaculate Conception Food Pantry Volunteers*)

5:30 PM Anthony Ciaschi (*req. by Virginia Canestaro*)

THURSDAY, February 18

12:10 PM Domingo & Lucy Aguilar (*req. by Aguilar-Boothroyd Family*)

FRIDAY, February 19

7:00 AM Nancy Nazer (*req. by the Suggs Family & Marianna Egan*)

SATURDAY, February 20

4:30 PM Howard Teeter (*req. by Bob & Ellie Romanowski*)

SUNDAY, February 21

8:30 AM Margaret Ruane (*req. by Mary Klein*)

10:30 AM John Boronkay (*req. by the Boronkay Family*)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED.

MONDAY, February 15th for Presidents' Day.

GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of February 14, 2010 (6th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Read: Acts 15: 1—35

Reflect: This section of Acts describes the Council of Jerusalem, the first of many councils of the church. Here the early church struggled with the major question of how the Jewish and Gentile Christians could all follow Christ together in practice. Although the council offered its teaching, it took time in the early communities to integrate that teaching. More recently, the Second Vatican Council offered important teachings for the faithful that also have been integrated in our worldwide church. As I prepare for Lent, how do I live out the teachings of the Second Vatican Council? How have they changed how I understand my discipleship? What aspects of the council's teaching have I not yet integrated into my faith life? How can I better share the teachings of the Catholic Church with others in my life?

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.

.. read and discuss the documents of the Second Vatican Council that I find most challenging? Ask my pastoral leader about them?

..connect the teachings of the Catholic Church with a new piece of legislation?

..learn about an aspect of a different faith and see how it relates to the teaching of the Catholic Church?

How else could I act it out?

CONGRATULATIONS

and very best wishes to Elizabeth (Bess) Gillis who is going to celebrate her **100th** birthday on February 16th. We ask God to bless her abundantly with happiness and good health!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, February 14

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 10:30 AM RCIA—All Saints Church
- 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall

Tuesday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 17

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 3:00 PM Titus Towers Communion Service
- 3:30 PM Parish Finance Committee Meeting—Parish Center
- 4:00 PM McGraw House Communion Service
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council—Carges Hall

Thursday, February 18

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Friday, February 19

- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, February 20

- 9:00 AM Family-based Religious Ed—Carges Hall

Sunday, February 21

- 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 Mary Lou Steiner from Harold Steiner.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR LENT

During Lent we will be having a special four part series “Spirit Alive” with **Bishop Matthew Clark**, the presenter, via **DVD**. These sessions will be held on Thursdays after the 12:10 Mass and repeated at 7:00 PM. They will be held in Carges Hall. You are encouraged to bring your lunch for the 12:40 session. Beverages will be provided for both sessions. The first session will be Thursday, February 18th. The title is “**Jesus’ Invitation to Us**”

WHITE BAG COLLECTION

The white bags to be given to Catholic Charities will be available this week. We ask that you take them home and put your Lenten sacrifice donations in them. They should be returned during Holy Week.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS

Date	#	Name(s)	Amt.
2/07	056	IC Church	\$500
2/08	624	George & Janet Stevens	\$100
2/09	688	Jill Dollaway	\$200



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

**Our Offering to the Lord
February 7, 2010**

Collection 2010	\$11,719
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$323,776
Actual Collections: wk 32 of FY	\$290,395
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$33,381)

Collection 2009 \$9,324

Building Maintenance Fund 2010 \$1,703

Building Maintenance Fund 2009 \$2,136

Attendance 2010 781

Attendance 2009 811

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



KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

So far we have collected **\$35,488.88** or **68.67%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. This weekend we are having our annual Public Policy initiative—Immigration Reform. This initiative, as the others in the past, are under the umbrella of the Catholic Charities Office, which is funded in part though this Appeal. 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.**

LENTEN RETREAT

Our 2010 parish intergenerational Lenten retreat will take place from March 19th until the 21st at Casowasco Conference Center. This retreat is an intergenerational time for:

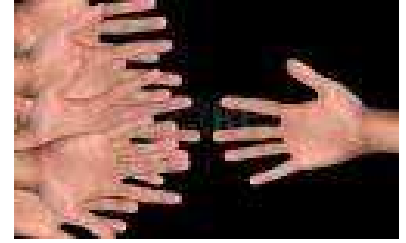
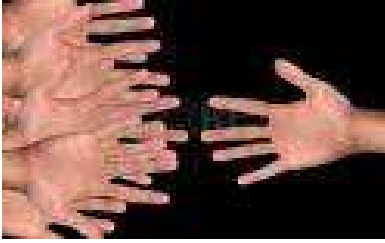
- ✦ Prayer and worship
- ✦ Learning and spiritual growth
- ✦ Relaxing
- ✦ Fun and fellowship



This is also 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 rasmussen@immconch.org.

God's little notes: God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called!



What is RFC?

RFC, or “Reaching for Christ”, is a full-weekend Catholic retreat experience run by high school youth and intended for other high school youth who want to explore their faith and what it means to be a Catholic. It’s an opportunity to talk about your faith and beliefs with other teens, get your difficult questions answered, and think about what role God does play, and should play, in your life in today’s world. The weekend is run entirely by youth who design the schedule and activities and lead the discussions themselves! Complete with some great food, time for sports and socializing, and unexpected surprises, RFC is a fun, meaningful experience - guaranteed to exceed your expectations and better your faith life in a way you’ve never experienced before!

When and where?

The retreat will be held in the Immaculate Conception School building in Ithaca, NY. It starts on Saturday, February 27th at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with 10:30AM mass on Sunday, February 28th. It is an overnight retreat, so bring your sleeping bag!

What can I expect during the weekend?

The weekend will include several youth talks, small group discussions, prayerful experiences, and lots of fun activities. The retreat is put on by high school youth who will make sure that it’ll be an experience that other high school youth will enjoy!

Who’s invited?

Any and all high school youth are invited to attend. They don’t have to belong to any particular parish, but the retreat is definitely targeted to Christian youth.

How do I sign up?

The back of this sheet of paper is a registration form! Cost for the weekend is \$35 which includes meals, supplies, and room and board for the weekend. For more information or to request additional forms, contact Ryan Barba, Coordinator, at (401)330-6148, OR Rich Rasmussen at 607-273-6121 ext. 110.

Spend a weekend with Christ. It could change your life!



Activity Participation/Emergency Medical Authorization Form
Children or Youth Activities

Dear Parents or Guardians,

In order for your child to participate in the activities below, our insurance company requires this form to be on file for every child.

Child's name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City / State _____ Zip _____

Name of emergency contact _____ Relation to child _____

Emergency phone # _____ Home phone # _____

Is sponsor, (*Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, NY*), authorized to approve medical treatment? ___ yes ___ no

Is participant covered by personal/family medical insurance? ___ yes ___ no

If yes, name of insurer _____ policy or group # _____

Participation Agreement

By signing below, the parent/guardian acknowledges and accepts the risks of physical injury associated with participation in the activities listed below. Except for gross negligence on the part of the sponsor, the parent/guardian accepts personal financial responsibility for any bodily or personal injury sustained during the activities. Further, the parent/guardian promises to hold harmless and indemnify the sponsoring organization and its representatives for any injury related to the activities and any associated fees and costs.

Activity: **High School Teen Retreat Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church Held at Immaculate Conception School**

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the parent/guardian agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable arbitration process.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian of minor)

Part I Emergency Medical Agreement

In the event that I cannot be reached at _____ (phone #) or other parent _____ at _____ (phone #), I consent to the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by Dr. _____ (preferred physician) or Dr. _____ (preferred dentist). In the event that the above designated preferred medical practitioner is not available, I consent to the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by another licensed physician or dentist. In the event that it is deemed necessary to transfer the child, my preferred hospital is; _____ although it may be necessary to transfer the child to another reasonable, accessible facility.

Note: This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists concur in the necessity of such surgery.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Please list facts concerning the child's history, including allergies, medication being taken or any physical impairment to which a physician should be alerted. _____

PART II Refusal to Consent Agreement

Do not fill out Part II if you filled out Part I

Part II - Refusal to Consent Agreement

I DO NOT give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child in the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment. I wish (*Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, NY*) staff or responsible leader to take no action.

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____