

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
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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

Lenten Opportunity

It is hard to believe that Lent is already upon us. Many of us have probably just recovered from Christmas and New Years and have not stopped racing through our days. Now we are racing into Lent.

You all know that Lent is supposed to be a time to slow down, examine our lives in relation to our faith. We are called to take time to pray, fast and give alms. It is a time to focus on our relationship with Christ. As the staff got together to outline the Lenten schedule I was amazed at how full the schedule is with prayerful opportunities for EVERYONE in our parish to take advantage of.

Stations of the Cross takes place every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation sessions are held during select Thursday's after the 12:10 Mass and at 7:00 in Carges Hall (check the weekly bulletin for dates).

The Teen retreat for high school students is February 27-28th. However, there is one **VERY SPECIAL** element of the retreat that is for **everyone**. Ryan Barba, Youth Ministry Volunteer, will be giving a special presentation entitled "The Meaning of the Cross" on Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the church. He will share some personal experiences from his own life and journey of faith that will give all those present something to think about. Please mark this date and time on your calendar and be part of what many teens will be experiencing that weekend.

Don't forget about the Parish Lenten Retreat taking place March 19th-21st at Camp Casowasco. This is a wonderful, intergenerational experience for all people. Details for the retreat are on page 3 of the bulletin. You can pick up a registration form in the Parish Center or call Rich at 273-6121, ext. 110 for more details.

There are many other events during Lent that you may want to take advantage of. You can go to www.immconch.org and click on upcoming events. All of the events are listed in the calendar. You can also join the parish fan-page on Facebook to receive updates on Lenten events.

May your Lenten journey be filled with grace and blessing and may it draw you ever closer to Christ.

Rich

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.

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.

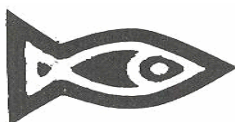
Also that evening, there will be a "**meatless international dish-to-pass**" dinner at **6:00 PM** in Carges Hall. Please come and bring a meatless dish that perhaps has an international flavor.

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.

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 22

10:30 AM Anne Hynes (req. by John Keating) - Cayuga Ridge Mass

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Shultz & Kippola Families (req. by Helen Shultz)

TUESDAY, February 23

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Reynolds, Burns, & Whelan Families (req. by Whelan Family)

WEDNESDAY, February 24

7:00 AM Theodore & Carolyn Koch (req. by the Koch Family)

THURSDAY, February 25

12:10 PM Gloria Ozmun (req. by Joe Bettucci)

FRIDAY, February 26

7:00 AM Eileen Mary Graham (req. by her daughters)

SATURDAY, February 27

4:30 PM Dominic Gaultiere (req. by Marian Albrano)

SUNDAY, February 28

8:30 AM Paul & Frances Gera (req. by the IC Church Staff)

10:30 AM Veronica Fisher (req. by Helen Fisher)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR LENT

During Lent we will be having a special 4 part series "Spirit Alive" with **Bishop Matthew Clark**, the presenter, via **DVD**. They 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 next session will be Thursday, March 4th. The title is "**Eucharist**".

CHARITY TALENT SHOW EVENT

The Cornell grad student fellowship will host a talent show charity event to raise money for relief efforts in Haiti on Saturday, February 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Anabel Taylor auditorium. Money will be raised by (1) charging an entrance fee of \$5.00 (2) soliciting donations from the audience during the event (3) selling baked goods and food at the entrance. All money raised will be donated to Catholic Relief Services. We'd like to invite you to: (1) offer your talent (2) offer your treasure: enjoy the show and donate to the cause. If you would like to participate, please contact Ika Nurhayani at in43@cornell.edu.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer willing to come to the Parish Center weekly to do some filing in the Business Office. If you are available, please contact Lynn Kingston at 273-6121. Thank you.

THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

Come and be part of a special presentation given by Ryan Barba. Ryan is the coordinator of the Lenten Teen Retreat you have all been reading about and a Youth Ministry Volunteer here at Immaculate Conception Church. He will be giving a talk called "The Meaning of the Cross" based on his personal experiences and setbacks throughout his own faith journey. His presentation will be on Saturday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the church. This presentation is being given during the teen retreat but is an experience that everyone can benefit from. Mark your calendars and we hope you can share in some of the same experience that our teens will be part of.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, February 22

- 10:30 AM Cayuga Ridge Mass
- 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center

Tuesday, February 23

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal– Church
- 7:30 PM SCC Meeting—Parish Center 2

Wednesday, February 24

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus 4th Degree—Carges Hall

Thursday, February 25


- 7:00 PM All Committees’ Meeting—Carges Hall

Friday, February 26

- 5:00 PM International “Dish-to-Pass” Dinner—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Church

Sunday, February 27

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
- 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 2:00 PM RCIA Rite of Election

 Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Norma R. Ancelle from her sister Pauline Carach.

COFFEE HOURS....

next weekend will be sponsored by the Wednesday afternoon SCC group.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP

Reaffirm your connection with Jesus, Mary and the Saints during the season of **Lent** and visit us at the **IC Inspirational Gift Shop**. We have a new selection of rosaries in crystal, pearl and olive wood in many colors and styles. We have many crosses and crucifixes as well as Miraculous and Saint medals to wear. There are day-by-day prayer books for Lent and for the entire year. New items for your spiritual needs are coming in daily. The shop is open Monday to Friday 12:00 to 5:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 to 4:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM to noon.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS

Date	#	Name(s)	Amt.
2/10	060	Sharon Woloszyn	\$200
2/11	201	Daniel Bontempi	\$350
2/12	280	Rutzke Family	\$100
2/13	971	Mary Jo Woronoff	\$100
2/14	136	Kevin Cartmill	\$100
2/15	697	Frank & Jean Raponi	\$100
2/16	984	Kevin Jones	\$200
2/17	485	Dinah Collins	\$200

**Our Offering to the Lord
February 14, 2010**

Collection 2010	\$7,306
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$333,894
Actual Collections: wk 33 of FY	\$297,701
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$36,193)
Collection 2009	\$7,690

School Support Fund 2010	\$1,580
School Support Fund 2009	\$1,613

Attendance 2010	734
Attendance 2009	716

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 **\$35,983.88** or **69.63%** 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 inter-generational 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.

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