

Immaculate Conception



George Green Parish Center
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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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Lynn Kingston – Business Manager ext. 106
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Ginny Seacord – Office Manager ext. 102
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Contact Information

Immaculate Conception School – 273-2707
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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

HANDS OF CHRIST

This weekend is a very special weekend for nine high school seniors from our parish. On Saturday, March 13th, at a celebration at St. Mary of the Lake Church in Watkins Glen, Bishop Clark will award them with the Hands of Christ Award. This is an annual award given to high school seniors who are active in their faith and have been the hands and feet of Christ in service to their parish and greater communities. They use their gifts consistently in either large or small ways. The nine from Immaculate Conception have served the parish and community as altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and other forms of service that they have taken part in through youth group or of their own accord.

There is great JOY in my heart to announce the names of those receiving the award. Before I do, however, there is also some sadness that comes with it. I have known almost all of these teens since I started as the youth minister here. They were only in 3rd grade when I started and it has been an incredible privilege to watch them grow and to be their youth minister. Believe me when I tell you all that they have ministered to me as much or more than I have helped minister to them. I thank all of them for that opportunity.

Without further adieu, here is the list...

Ashley Apgar
Jessica Benedict
Amber Capogrossi
Devin Case
Phil Durnford
Stephanie Gonyea
Jesse Grossman
Katie Parks
Kasia Sendek

Congratulations to you all!

Rich

BANANAS ABOUT READING

Immaculate Conception School proudly presents Bananas About Reading, a FREE family fun-filled evening to celebrate books and the joy of reading on Thursday, March 18th in the school gym. The event kicks off with a complimentary pizza dinner at 5:30 PM. From 6:00 to 8:00 PM, families can browse the book sale (10¢ per book), make a banana split, visit a librarian from the Tompkins County Public Library and sign up to get a library card, make a bookmark, dress up in costumes and act out stories courtesy of the Family Reading Partnership. At 7:00 PM, David Moreland (Moreland the Magician) will perform The Magic of Reading! Wear your pajamas and bring a sleeping bag to enjoy an awesome bedtime story performance. Hope to see you there!

More school news: Mark your calendars:

Saturday, April 17th—Our annual auction: *125 Years— It's Time to Celebrate.*

Friday, May 14th—Anniversary Dinner Dance at Lakewatch Inn

More information about these events will be coming in the future.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 15

12:10 PM Carole Harvill & Deceased Members of the Harvill & Reynolds Families (req. by Jim Harvill)

TUESDAY, March 16

7:00 AM Anna Bonanni (req. by the Bonanni Family)

WEDNESDAY, March 17

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Di Primio Family (req. by Julia Kennedy)

THURSDAY, March 18

12:10 PM Ralph & Mary Saccucci, William & Jennie Potorti & Deceased Members of the Families (req. by Peter & Olga Potorti)

FRIDAY, March 19

11:00 AM Alice Maynard (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

SATURDAY, March 20

4:30 PM Robert Ruane—3rd anniversary (req. by the Ruane Family)

SUNDAY, March 21

8:30 AM Glenn Darling—6th anniversary (req. by Pat Darling)

10:30 AM Richard Meir (req. by Michael & Paula Twomey)

CHURCH CLOSED

The church will be closed on Wednesday, March 17th after the 7:00 AM Mass so that the carpets may be cleaned in preparation for our Easter liturgies. It will reopen before the 12:10 PM Mass on Thursday.

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS AND LUNCH

Please note that the Mass on Friday, the feast of St. Joseph, will be at **11:00 AM**. This will be followed by a brunch in Carges Hall. Please bring a dish to share. Since it is the feast of St. Joseph, meat is allowed. Traditionally the "St. Joseph" meal is meatless but you may bring whatever is your choice. Please let us know by this Monday, March 15th if you plan to attend.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR LENT

Our next Adult Faith Formation "Spirit Alive" with **Bishop Matthew Clark**, the presenter, via **DVD**, will be "Committing Yourself to Life in the Spirit". It will be on Thursday, the 18th, after the 12:10 Mass in **Carges Hall**. You are encouraged to bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.

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 10:00 to 5:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 to 4:30 PM and Sunday 9:30 AM to noon. **Our shop is in great need of volunteers to work one Sunday a month.** If you are able to help, please call Sharon at 273-6363.

Confessions on Saturday, March 20th will **NOT** be at 3:00 PM because of the Parish Retreat at Casowasco. Father will hear confessions after the 4:30 PM Mass.

THE SEDER MEAL

will be held on Wednesday, March 31st at 6:00 PM sharp in Carges Hall. We come to the Seder just as it was celebrated by Jesus. We come to the Seder similar to that celebrated by our Jewish friends today. To do so is to acknowledge common biblical roots. The Seder lasts a little over an hour and a half and is followed by a meal of lamb or chicken. Registrations are limited to 77 people so we ask that you sign up as soon as possible.

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NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Number of people attending:

ADULTS: _____ CHILDREN: _____

Number ordering LAMB: _____

Number ordering CHICKEN: _____

Cost:

Adults: \$7.00; Children under 14 years: \$4.00;
Immediate Family: \$20.00

Reservations and money must be in the Parish Center by **Wednesday, march 24th or when registrations are filled at 77.**

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 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
- 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School Gym
- 1:00 PM Carmelite Meeting—Parish Center

Monday, March 15

- 1:00 PM Book Sharing—McGraw House
- 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center
- 3:00 PM Titus Towers Communion Service
- 4:00 PM McGraw House Communion Service

Tuesday, March 16

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal— Church
- 7:00 PM Reconciliation Service—St. Catherine Church

Wednesday, March 17

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council—Carges Hall

Thursday, March 18

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Friday, March 19

- 11:30 AM St. Joseph's Day Brunch—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, March 20

- 5:30 PM Reconciliation—Church

Sunday, March 21

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
- 11:30 AM RCIA—Carges Hall & Parish Center
- 3:00 PM Reconciliation Service—Holy Cross Church

Our Offering to the Lord
 March 7, 2010

Collection 2010	\$12,995
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$364,248
Actual Collections: wk 36 of FY	\$324,322
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$39,926)

Collection 2009 **\$8,319**

Building Maintenance Fund 2010 **\$1,315**

Building Maintenance Fund 2009 **\$1,402**

Attendance 2010 **778**

Attendance 2009 **774**

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



KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

Various committees of the parish have been benefactors of this Appeal. The members have attended workshops to help them help us to be better stewards of our time, talent and treasure. So far we have collected **\$38,258.88** or **74.03%** 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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR RCIA CANDIDATES

During the remaining days of Lent, let us remember to pray for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil: Christine Hendrick, Parker Hubbell, Quinton Hubbell, Reid Hubbell, Spencer Hubbell, Andrew Miller, and Dongming Shen; and for those who will be received as full members of the Catholic Church: Lisa Ciaschi, Katherine Friend, Evan Miller, Thanh Kim Le, and Jeffrey Horton.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Families of the Sunday Morning and family Based Religious Ed programs will be contributing the artwork and making booklets to be used at the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26th. We hope you will all join us for this special Family Stations of the Cross.

THANK YOU

On behalf of all the teens and adults that participated in the "Reach For Christ Retreat", I would like to thank all those who donated the wide variety of items needed to make the retreat successful —and that it was! We had a total of 25 high school teens participate in the retreat and each one was changed in a profound way. Every teen present said that they got so much out of the weekend and couldn't wait until our next retreat and that they would definitely bring a friend. Thank you again for all of your support to the young people of the parish.

Rich

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Carole Harvill from Mary Edsall-Golway

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS



Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 PM in Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow the Mass to honor the attendees. If you would like an invitation to this Mass, please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso at smancuso@dor.org or call her at 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1295 or (585)328-3228, ext. 1295.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS

Date	#	Name(s)	Amt.
3/03	619	Brianne Monkmeyer	\$200
3/04	672	Theresa Albert	\$350
3/05	320	Jimmy Nguyen	\$100
3/06	074	Carol Ann Macali	\$100
3/07	887	James John	\$100
3/08	786	Stanley Biskup	\$100
3/09	535	Patrick Hastings	\$200
3/10	476	Valerie Salerno	\$200
3/11	883	John Hastings Jr.	\$350