

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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Contact Information

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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

Earth Hour 2010 *8:30 P.M. March 27th*

Since its inception three years ago, "Earth Hour", has captured the world's imagination becoming a global phenomenon. It begins over the remote Chatham Islands in the southern Pacific Ocean and from there-time zone by time zone "Earth Hour" marches around the globe for the next 24 hours. Last year, on March 28, 2009 nearly one billion people in 4,100 cities in 87 countries on seven continents turned out the lights. In the U.S. alone, 80 million Americans and 318 cities officially voted for action with their light switch. These people and municipalities were joined by iconic landmarks here and all over the world including: St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the National Cathedral in Washington DC, the Empire State Building in New York City, Big Ben and Houses of Parliament in London, Buckingham Palace, Paris' Elysee Palace and Eifel Tower, Beijing's Olympic Stadium, Symphony of Lights in Hong Kong, the Space Needle in Seattle, Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro, St. Louis' Gateway Arch, the Golden Gate Bridge, Mount Rushmore, Sydney's Opera House in Australia, The Great Pyramids of Giza, the Parthenon in Athens, even the Las Vegas Strip in Nevada, and the list goes on. Whew! We must have surely saved a few kilowatts of energy in Las Vegas alone, but then, any tiny by-product of saving energy for that one hour was not truly the real issue. It was a symbolic gesture in **solidarity** for the people of the World. (some excerpts are from the World Wildlife Fund website, located at www.wwfblogs.org)

In the Catholic tradition, the universal common good is specified by the duty of solidarity, "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good, "a willingness" to 'lose oneself' for the sake of the others instead of exploiting them" (Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, no. 38). In the face of "the structures of sin," moreover, solidarity requires sacrifices of our own self-interest for the good of others and of the earth we share. Solidarity places special obligations upon the industrial democracies, including the United States. "The ecological crisis," Pope John Paul II wrote, "reveals the urgent moral need for a new solidarity, especially in relations between the developing nations and those that are highly industrialized" (EC, no.10) Only with equitable and sustainable development can poor nations curb continuing environmental degradation and avoid the destructive effects of the kind of overdevelopment that has used natural resources irresponsibly. (From *Renewing the Earth*, NCCB/USCC, Inc.)

Please join in with the majority of U.S. States and hundreds of our largest cities and communities, including Rochester, NY in participating in this years **Earth Hour** 2010. (For more information go to www.earthhour.org)

Lynn Kingston

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jesus calls us to conversion. He reveals a merciful God and stands in solidarity with a woman who has been judged a sinner. The woman is used as a tool to entrap Jesus, but Jesus wisely confronts her persecutors with the truth of their own double-standard.

Today vulnerable women may be used as tools to advance questionable medical research. In 2009 New York became the first state to approve payment for eggs donated for research, opening the door for impoverished women to undergo painful procedures to harvest their eggs to be cloned for embryonic stem cell research.

Reflection: *What conversion of heart is needed to ensure that all people have access to quality health care without investing in research that risks women’s health and our own moral values?*

EASTER BAKE SALE

St. Catherine Greek Orthodox Church invites you to their annual Easter Bake Sale on Friday, March 26th from 7:00 AM until noon or when sold out. For advance orders, please call 257-1101 or e-mail to: ithacabaklava@aol.com.

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.

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 22

10:30 AM Carmella Bricchetti (req. by Philip & Madeline La Rocca) Cayuga Ridge Mass

12:10 PM Janet Aagaard (req. by the Wednesday AM SCC Group)

TUESDAY, March 23

7:00 AM William M. & Anna Egan, William Egan Jr. & Patrick & Mary Hennessey & Family (req. by John Egan)

WEDNESDAY, March 24

7:00 AM Eleanor Deeley (req. by Theresa Flacco)

THURSDAY, March 25

12:10 PM Edward Schano (req. by Julia Kennedy)

FRIDAY, March 26

7:00 AM Marge Bogarski (req. by the Kay & Smith Families)

SATURDAY, March 27

4:30 PM Victor Mansfield (req. by Virginia Pepitone)

SUNDAY, March 28

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Gennaro & Vincenzo Raponi Families (req. by Mary Raponi)

10:30 AM Alex Ferrer (req. by Guillermo Ferrer)

VOCATION AWARENESS

In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians he says, “I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Jesus Christ.” As Christians, we all desire that same goal—eternal life with Christ—but for each of us that path is different. God invites us to pursue the goal in unique ways, based on our own personal talents and gifts. Whatever our state in life—single or married, consecrated religious or ordained priest or deacon—God invites us all and gives us the means to achieve eternal life with Christ. That invitation is the call to our personal vocation. If you would like to talk to someone about a church vocation, please contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585) 461-2890 or at: vocations@dor.org.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY

Something just for Middle School Youth of the parish: Consider joining youth from throughout our Diocese for the annual Junior High Youth Rally, Saturday, May 1st from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Camp Stella Maris on beautiful Conesus Lake. Cost is \$25.00. Incredibly fun activities, snacks, and Mass with Bishop Clark are among the day’s activities. Registration forms are available at the Parish Center or contact Carolann at 273-6121 or cdarling@immconch.org.

FROM SISTER EDNA:

Thank you to each of you for your continued donations of rosaries and medals with chains. These are the only items that can be used. Other objects like prayer cards should be disposed of in a timely fashion. Over the years the rosaries have been given to our parishioners at Cayuga Ridge, parishioners celebrating “milestone” birthdays (90 and 100), Cayuga Medical Center chapel, and Bangs Funeral Home for pauper funerals. The medals have been given to homebound parishioners who are known to us and all of the residents at Cayuga Ridge who receive Communion from us weekly. Your generosity has brought much joy to many people. Remember—only 5 decade rosaries and medals with chains can be used.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, March 22

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

Tuesday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 24

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 3:30 PM Parish Finance Committee Meeting—Parish Center
- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus 4th Degree—Carges Hall

Thursday, March 25

- 7:00 PM All Committees Meeting—Carges Hall

Friday, March 26

- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, March 27

- 11:30 AM First Eucharist Prayer Day—Carges Hall

Sunday, March 28

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

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Louis Flacco & Anthony Ciaschi from Theresa Flacco.

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.
3/12	066	D. Collins/M. Edsall-Golway	\$100
3/13	950	Beth Howard	\$100
3/14	184	Mr. & Mrs. Jef Ryan	\$100
3/15	735	Steve Kempf	\$100
3/16	403	Elsa Sinurat	\$200

SEDER MEAL RESERVATIONS

If you made a reservation for the Seder Meal, please call the Parish Center (273-6121) Monday to Wednesday of this week to verify that reservation. It is possible that a couple of names were inadvertently left off the list and for this we apologize.

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

Collection 2010	\$7,473
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$374,366
Actual Collections: wk 37 of FY	\$331,795
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$42,571)
Collection 2009	\$8,437

Catholic Relief Services 2010	\$1,925
Catholic Relief Services 2009	\$1,880

Attendance 2010	671
Attendance 2009	751

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

At the Easter Vigil we will be having 12 men, women and children who will receive Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Support for this evangelization process is sponsored by your donation to this Appeal, which helps the Diocesan Evangelization Department. So far we have collected **\$38,778.88** or **75.08%** 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.** Please make you donation today, if you have not done so already.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP

Prepare yourself and your children for Holy Week and Easter by visiting the Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop. There are prayer cards, movies, books and images to help adults and children get the most of this special season. There are also many items for those preparing for First Communion. 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.

EASTER FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

If you would like to contribute to the Easter flowers and decorations in memory of your loved ones, please drop your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Center by **Monday, March 29**. The suggested donation is \$10.00.