

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

LIFE AFTER LIFE

Today we celebrate the central mystery of our faith: that Jesus was the Christ and rose from the dead. What does that really mean for us believers. Most of us are like Thomas who will not truly believe unless he /she sees & feels the Risen Lord with their own 2 eyes and hands. If we really believed in life after death how different would we live our lives each day!

I recently read a book Evidence of the Afterlife: The Science of Near-Death Experiences by Jeffrey Long, MD. It is the largest near death experience study ever conducted. More than 95 percent of the respondents describe their NDE as "definitely real", while virtually all of the remaining respondents feel it was "probably real." Some say it was not only the most real thing to ever happen to them but also the best event of their lives.

In a world that is plagued by afflictions of the soul, this is very good news. Many of the personal & social problems that face humanity– drug & alcohol abuse, depression, anxiety, gang violence, religious strife, racism, and so on– could be greatly affected by such a powerful common experience. NDEs happen to people all over the world, they are a spiritual thread that binds us together, a common experience that reminds us of our mutual spiritual nature.

The author in studying 1,300 cases believes that the nine lines of evidence presented in the book all converge on one central point: *There is life after death.*

As one respondent writes, "I was at peace with myself. Nothing hurt. I could only see my life & self through that Being's Love...That Loving Grace, total acceptance, complete love & truth created a joy in me. I saw that love was in me too, not just from the Being shining down on me; it was in me as part of myself. I was full of love & peace. I felt the joy in that truth. I have no right words for it."

As we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, His overcoming death, He promised that whoever believes & follow Him will have eternal life. I found this book to be reaffirming as we journey to the fullness of God's glory & a challenge to living out my faith everyday. Happy Easter ! Alleluia!
Fr. Leo

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Calling all singles 35+... there will be a **dish-to-pass** followed by a **movie**—“**The Blind Side**”, starring Sandra Bullock, on Saturday **April 10th** following the 4:30 Mass. Bring yourself and a friend to enjoy a delicious spontaneous dinner and a movie. “*The Blind Side* knows its football, but it’s even smarter about the priceless thing known as a family.” (Richard Roeper, Chicago Times Sun)

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.

WOMEN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A Day of Recollection for women, presented by the Mercy Prayer Center of Rochester, will be held on Friday, April 16th at Our Lady of Peace parish in Geneva from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. The presenter is Patricia Livingston, an award-winning writer whose works have been published in the St. Anthony Messenger, U.S. Catholic and Praying magazines. She invites us to open our hearts and minds to the light of kindness, laughter, mercy and gratitude. Fee for the day is \$35.00 and includes morning hospitality and lunch. To register, please call (585)473-6893.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (meaning rediscovery) has helped couples through difficult times in their marriages for over 30 years. This non-profit Catholic marriage-help program had the Pope’s blessing at their international meeting in Rome in 2008. It has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels—from frustration to separation. For information or to register for the spring program beginning with a weekend April 9 –11, at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, please call (585)293-1552 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. All inquiries are kept confidential.

CALVARY CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

We ask that all plastic flowers, wreaths and containers be removed from the graves at Calvary Cemetery by Monday, April 5th. After that they will be removed by our cemetery caretakers so the spring clean-up may begin. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

ATTENTION, CURSILLISTAS:

All area Cursillistas are invited to Ultreya on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 PM at All Saints Church in Lansing. Deacon George and Mary Ann Kozak will be the facilitators. For more information, call Mary Ann at 277-3558

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

April 22nd, 12:40—Adult Faith Formation—Mother Teresa
 May 15th, After the 4:30 Mass—Dinner and Bunco Night

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 5

12:10 PM Domenick & Connie Capuano (req. by Madeleine Capuano)

TUESDAY, April 6

7:00 AM Philip A. Penepent (req. by Kerman Glaser)

WEDNESDAY, April 7

7:00 AM Mary B. Miller (req. by Stephen & Nancy Parrott & Family)

THURSDAY, April 8

12:10 PM Dorothy & John Hornick (req. by Roy & Ann Erb)

FRIDAY, April 9

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Jack & Isabella Guidi Family (req. by Bea Ciaschi)

SATURDAY, April 10

4:30 PM Joseph, Aldavilla & Louis Cacciotti & Walter & Elizabeth Komaromi (req. by Sara Komaromi)

SUNDAY, April 11

8:30 AM Alice H. & James “Tike” Kohm (req. by the Kohm Family)

10:30 AM John Telesz (req. by Matt Conway)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP

Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday are perfect times to visit the IC Inspirational Gift Shop. There are many movies, music and books and prayers to inspire you. Confirmation and Communion season is almost here and you will find the shop bursting with spiritual and gift ideas for these special days. Please visit and remember **volunteers are always needed**. 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.

GET INTO THE ACTS



Week of April 4, 2010 (Easter Week)

Read: Acts 15: 36-16: 40

Reflect: This section of Acts includes the exorcism of the “slave girl with an oracular spirit.” When Paul had healed her she could no longer provide a profit for her owners through her prophecy. The owners were so angered by their financial loss that they could not recognize the power and healing made possible through Christ. Wealth can be a challenge to discipleship when it interferes with my ability to experience the healing power of Jesus. How has wealth, or my attachment to wealth, influenced my discipleship? What does “wealth” mean to me? How do I find balance in my relationship with wealth? How does my community help or hinder my understanding of my relationship with wealth?

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 Ivolunteer with a local organization that helps helps people with financial planning or taxes?

....examine my spending habits to see how I show what’s important to me through I spend the most?

....stop living on credit?

How else could I act it out?



THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Monday, April 5

1:00 PM Book Sharing—McGraw House
1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center

Tuesday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 7

10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Carges Hall

Saturday, April 10

9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center
5:45 PM Dish-to-Pass Dinner & Movie—Carges Hall

Sunday, April 11

9:20 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



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Pauline St. Pierre, Laura Marcincin & Bertha Winnick from Frances Shady.

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.

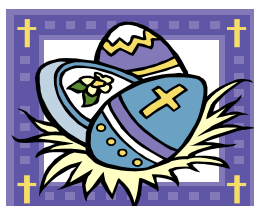
CHORAL CONCERT

Rochester Boy's Choir will perform *Destinations*: a concert of choral works from around the world, on Sunday, April 11th at 4:00 PM in St. Mary's Church in Auburn. The concert is free, but voluntary offerings will be accepted. For more information, go to: www.rochesterboyschoir.org or call 315-252-9545.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

Congratulations to our those who were received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Our Neophytes are: Lisa Ciaschi, Katherine Friend, Christine Hendrick, Jeffrey Horton, Parker Hubbell, Quinton Hubbell. Reid Hubbell, Spencer Hubbell, Thanh Kim Le, Andrew Miller, Evan Miller, and Dongming Shen. Thank you to Kathy Wray for sharing so much with our youth during this year. Thank you to Maureen Seeley for her treats during our classes. And last but not least thank you to all those who provided our Easter Vigil Celebration reception.

Blessed



Easter

Our Offering to the Lord
March 28, 2010

Collection 2010	\$8,635
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$394,602
Actual Collections: wk 39 of FY	\$348,097
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$46,505)
Collection 2009	\$7,583

Attendance 2010	953
Attendance 2009	842

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



If you would still like to contribute, just put your donation in an envelop and mark it "Spirit Alive Appeal". So far we have collected \$39,853.88 or 77.11% towards our Spirit Alive goal of \$51,682. This Appeal finances the various offices at our Diocesan Pastoral Center and in turn helps us to minister to you. Right now we are \$94.22 behind last year at this time. However our goal was lower so this was 80.02% of what was needed. **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.**



That's right! August 7-th-8th is the date for the annual Diocesan Youth Convention. The convention has been moved back to its original time frame to allow both incoming high school freshmen and outgoing, graduating high school seniors to attend. It will be held at the RIT Inn and Convention Center. This is truly an awesome event that features awesome workshops, prayer experiences, Mass with the Bishop, opportunities to meet new people and keynote address by the AWESOME Jesse Manibussen. Those that went to NCYC have seen Jesse and can tell you how awesome he is. So, save the date. More details regarding cost will be coming soon.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS

Date	#	Name(s)	Amt.
3/24	583	Patricia Welch	\$200
3/25	225	John & Joan Connors	\$350
3/26	299	ICS Faculty	\$100
3/27	496	Susie Soyryng	\$100
3/28	942	Elaine Fergus	\$100
3/29	021	Claudia Keeler	\$100