

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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Carolann Darling – MS Youth Minister ext. 109
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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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 4/8/10

The meeting began with prayer & reflection on the Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter: Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter evening with Thomas being absent. The questions were: *Have there been times in your own life when you have wavered in faith? What or who encouraged you to believe?*

How can our community embrace those who are struggling to believe in Christ or to follow His path as disciples?

The reflection & sharing was heartfelt & very open. We talked about the need to be welcoming & encouraging. A member made a comment that parishioners forget sometimes the good that people do but they are aware of when they are snubbed. Another member commented on parishioners wanting to help—with putting the tags on the Giving Tree or wanting a hug or being joyful after a reconciliation service. Unfortunately people do not feel a need to go to church & how does one encourage them to examine their faith.

Two questions were raised in the Questions & Concerns from Parishioners time. One dealing with taking Holy Communion to parishioners in the nursery during Mass. The other was a comment about how parishioners enjoyed the Journey To the Heart pamphlet given our during Lent.

In the Evangelization Team report, they would like to propose a different topic each month for the 3 Hail Marys prayed at the end of Mass. It could be for increased belief in Christ or for Peace. It was also suggested to keep the theme positive.

In the pastor's report, I referred to the article in this week's bulletin about unsigned letters. Fr. Joe Marcoux has been appointed as the new pastor of St. Catherine's effective the end of June. Fr. Scott has been reassigned to Elmira. I also asked their input on suggesting that the Covenanting Council investigate the possibility of doing a regional census. Immaculate Conception's last full census was done in the 1980's.

In other items, positive feedback was given about the parish Lenten retreat; the beautiful Holy Week services & Seder. Also the Covenanting Council is having a "Soap For Hope" toiletries collection at several stores the week of April 24– May 10 for the Samaritan Center of Catholic Charities. They are doing this to help people become away of the Catholic Church in the region. Fr. Leo

FROM FATHER LEO: Someone once stated that a letter, note, article, or any communication is not worth reading if it is not signed. Newspapers will not print letters unless the person has the integrity to sign them. In the past few weeks I have received various communications from people who have not signed them. I received a letter last week that had a few good points but also made generalizations that need clarification. Since it was unsigned, there is no way to contact the person to discuss the concerns. So, from this point on, if you do not have the kindness or decency to sign your letters, you might be better off simply pressing delete or putting the letter in the trash can because the first thing I will be looking for is who has written it.

GET INTO THE ACTS



Week of April 11, 2010 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Read: Acts 17: 1—34

Reflect: Paul's speech at the Areopagus shows how he used his knowledge and understanding of the people and culture to

explain the message of Jesus. He pulled from their own experiences and worldview to bring them a fuller perspective of divinity and the relationship between God and humanity. How do I translate the Good News to the cultures around me? How can I understand the cultural experiences of other ethnic groups, generations, or genders to better express the love of God? How does the experience of different cultures expand how I understand my discipleship in the world?

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 Ihave a cultural "immersion" to better understand the experiences and worldview of others?

....explore the devotional practices of Catholics from other parts of the world?

....participate in or help plan an event sponsored by the multi-cultural community at my college or school?

How else could I act it out?

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.

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are asking you to help Immaculate Conception parish by submitting your own or another's name to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are in the pews this weekend. Please give prayerful consideration to this ministry and fill out a form and return it by April 18th either by putting it in the collection basket or by mailing it or dropping it off at the Parish Center. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 12

7:00 AM Brian O'Connor (req. by Marge Ciaschi)

TUESDAY, April 13

7:00 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, April 14

7:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, April 15

12:10 PM Charles Lent (req. by the Lent Family)

FRIDAY, April 16

7:00 AM Anthony Ciaschi (req. by Richard & June Haynor)

SATURDAY, April 17

4:30 PM John & Julia Zavaski & Family (req. by George Zavaski)

SUNDAY, April 18

8:30 AM Elsa Sposito (req. by Maria & Remo Campagnolo)

10:30 AM Katherine Teeter (req. by Laura Hanson)

MASS SCHEDULE

Because Father Leo will be at the Bishop's Convocation this week, Mass on Monday will be at **7:00 AM**. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be a Communion Service at the regular Mass times.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP

Divine Mercy Sunday is a perfect time to visit the IC Inspirational Gift Shop. There are many movies, music and books and prayers to inspire you. Communion season is almost here and you will find the shop bursting with spiritual and gift ideas for this special day. 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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On this Sunday, April 11th, the cluster churches of St. Anthony in Groton,, Holy Cross in Freeville and All Saints in Lansing will be holding their annual Divine Mercy service at 3:00 PM in St. Anthony Church in Groton. For more information, please contact Deacon George Kozak at gsk5@cornell.edu or at 277-3558. All are invited to attend.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS

| Date | # | Name(s) | Amt. |
|------|-----|-----------------|-------|
| 3/31 | 716 | Ted Capogrossi | \$200 |
| 4/01 | 111 | Tom Bontempi | \$350 |
| 4/02 | 138 | Lewis Rider | \$100 |
| 4/03 | 828 | Paulette Salmon | \$100 |
| 4/04 | 497 | Chris Strizack | \$100 |
| 4/05 | 476 | Valerie Salerno | \$100 |
| 4/06 | 920 | Paul Bontempi | \$200 |

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, April 11

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (Grades 1- 5) - School
- 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 10:30 AM Baptism Mass—Church
- 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School Gym

Monday, April 12

- 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center

Tuesday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 14

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 7:00 PM Sacramental Meeting—Carges Hall

Friday, April 16

- 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Social—Carges Hall

Saturday, April 17

- 9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center
- 9:00 AM Family –based Religious Ed—Carges Hall
- 5:30 PM Annual Auction—School Gym

Sunday, April 18

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:20 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
 Bob Beach Sr. from Pat Beach

**IC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL
 "FOR THE CHILDREN" AUCTION**

**Saturday, April 17, 2010
 Immaculate Conception School Gym
 6:30—10:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$25.00 (doubles as a chance to win a
 37" flat screen TV)**

The evening promises to be enjoyable with delicious food (catered by Joe's Restaurant), balloon raffles, silent auction, and the always exciting LIVE AUCTION featuring a seven-day vacation to Puerto Rico. The auction is the school's largest fundraiser. Come and support Immaculate Conception School. For more information, please call the school office at 273-2707.

Tickets are available at the school office, the parish center or at the door.



**Our Offering to the Lord
 April 4, 2010**

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| Collection 2010 | \$19,111 |
| Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly) | \$404,720 |
| Actual Collections: wk 40 of FY | \$367,208 |
| OVER/(UNDER) to date | (\$37,512) |
| Collection 2009 | \$14,580 |
| ***** | |
| Building Maintenance Fund 2010 | \$2,017 |
| Building Maintenance Fund 2009 | \$1,920 |
| ***** | |
| Attendance 2010 | 1,551 |
| Attendance 2009 | 1,053 |
| ***** | |

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 **\$40,003.88** or **77.40%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. At this point we are short of our goal by \$11,678. This amount will have to be taken out of our operating expenses if the goal is not reached. This Appeal finances the various offices at our Diocesan Pastoral Center and in turn helps us to minister to you. **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.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

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