

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 Day Celebrates

This Thursday, April 22, 2010 Earth Day Network will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the original Earth Day, a worldwide nonpartisan day of activism on behalf of our planet. To honor this important day, mayors and locally-elected officials from cities and towns around the world will take part in an exchange of concepts and ideas called the Global Day of Conversation. While great strides have been made in pursuit of conservation and sustainability, locally elected officials are the frequent catalysts of change. Earth Day 2010 and this event aim to be the launch pad for the course-changing, positive environmental action on a global level, bridging borders, politics, policies, and ideologies. (from: www.earthday.org) And for some reflection, I have found two readings I'd like to share from the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

As a human community we are coming belatedly to the conclusion that Earth is not just solely for human benefit and amusement. We are being challenged to acknowledge that all creatures have a legitimate claim to existence. There is a growing sense that the fullness of divine energy and creativity manifests itself in virtually all forms of life; an insight traditionally nurtured by many aboriginal peoples, but largely bulldozed and buried in Western societies. To eradicate species wantonly is to contravene a fundamental mandate of our home: to love and respect life in all its richness and variety. The created world is characterized by this wondrous variety of living things woven together, a vibrant web of life. The future belongs to those who give the next generation reasons to hope. ("The Green Bible", Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

Creating God, in You everything on Earth and in the heavens is bound together in perfect harmony. If we lose the sweetness of the waters, we lose the life of the land. If we lose the life of the land, we lose the majesty of the forest. If we lose the majesty of the forest, we lose the purity of the air. If we lose the purity of the air, we lose the creatures of Earth. Open our eyes to behold your creation. Create in us a new spirit of awareness of our place in Your delicate balance; transform our hearts that we may reclaim our sense of awe and wonder. Quicken our understanding that we may acknowledge our responsibility and strengthen our resolve to work with You for the healing of Your creation. ("The Web of Life"-*Earth and All the Stars*-edited by Anne Rowthorn)

Lynn Kingston



GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of April 18, 2010 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Read: Acts 18: 1—19:22

Reflect: This section of Acts has many rich stories, but begins with Paul arriving in Corinth and staying with Aquila and Priscilla. Since Paul and they practiced the same trade, he worked with them for a time as he got to know the community. The relationships that form over work can be a bridge for sharing the Good News in my community as well. When I expect to see God in my workplace, it can change how I approach everyday experiences and challenges, and provide a chance for me to live my beliefs in ways that others may find interesting. Do people in my workplace know that I am a disciple of Christ? How? Does my discipleship change how I deal with conflict, supervision, or policies in my workplace? Should it?

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 Ichallenge unethical policies or procedures in my office?

....support legislation that protects the vulnerable in the workplace/

....consider entering into a field of work that is compatible with my life as a disciple?

How else could I act it out?



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.



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 DATE TO REMEMBER

May 15th, After the 4:30 Mass—Dinner and Bunco Night

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 19

12:10 PM Communion Service

TUESDAY, April 20

7:00 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, April 21

7:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, April 22

12:10 PM Communion Service

FRIDAY, April 23

7:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY, April 24

4:30 PM Blanche Wells (req. by Sonny & Mary Camobreco)

SUNDAY, April 25

8:30 AM Mark Parente (req. by Jackie Fuller)

10:30 AM Richard T. Reilly (req. by Chris, Anne & Allison Woodard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Because Father Leo will be away this week, there will be Communion Services at the regular Mass times.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

This Thursday, April 22nd, after our 12:10 PM Communion Service there will be a DVD— ***"Mother Teresa"*** portrayed by Olivia Hussey. Please bring a lunch. Beverages will be provided.

ATTENTION—PARENTS

It is time to think about Sacramental Preparation for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have had a child who had gone through the process since 2007 you may pick up the needed materials in the Parish Center during regular office hours. If not, there will be a meeting on April 20th, at 7:00 PM in Carges Hall, which will explain the process. The necessary papers will be available. All completed registration forms are due in the Parish Center by May 31st.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES:

If you would like to stay informed with the latest happenings for our Middle School youth, please contact Carolann to receive regular program updates via email: cdarling@immconch.org. All MS youth are always welcome!

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.

SECULAR ORDER OF CARMELITES

The Secular Order of Carmelites will meet on Sunday, April 18th at 1:30 PM in the chapel at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. The current study is the collected works of Saint Teresa of Avila presented by Deacon George Welch. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Pat at 273-0821 or Eleanor at 272-6844.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20

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

Wednesday, April 21

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 3:30 PM Parish Finance Committee Meeting—Parish Center
- 7:00 PM K of C Council Meeting—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Welcoming Committee Meeting—Parish Center

Thursday, April 22

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Saturday, April 24

- 9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center
- 11:30 AM First Eucharist Prayer Day—Carges Hall

Sunday, April 25

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 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 Bernie Krause from Ruth Snyder & Martin Lacey.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHOP

The Immaculate Conception Gift Shop is starting a lending library of religious themed DVD and VHS movies for adults and children. We are looking for anyone who would like to donate any of these to the shop. We will be lending to people with a \$5.00 deposit which will be refunded upon return of the movie. Please help us to make these kinds of movies available to all.

The Immaculate Conception Shop is also looking for someone who would be willing to help them update the web page for the shop. If you have this capability and would like to help out, please call Sharon Woloszyn at 273-6363. Thank you.

BOOSTER CLUB WINNERS

Date	#	Name(s)	Amt.
4/07	914	Margaret O'Neil	\$200
4/08	220	Michael Guidi	\$350
4/09	839	Paul Betz	\$100
4/10	320	Jimmy Nguyen	\$100
4/11	926	Lori Bontempi	\$100
4/12	012	Jimmy Nguyen	\$100

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Our Offering to the Lord
 April 11, 2010

Collection 2010	\$7,514
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$414,838
Actual Collections: wk 41 of FY	\$374,722
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$40,116)
Collection 2009	\$9,032

Attendance 2010	780
Attendance 2009	1,657

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 **\$40,913.88** or **79.16%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. Bishop Clark stated in the October issue of the Catholic Courier—"Every gift, large or small, help us to keep the spirit alive". He continues—"The Catholic Ministries Appeal is about taking care of one another—family, neighbors and those in need." **Remember—no contribution is too small—for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation.**

DEACON INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in becoming a Deacon within the Catholic Diocese of Rochester? Have you ever wondered what the Permanent Diaconate Program entails? Are you being called? Deacons John Crego and Lynn Kershner extend an invitation to men and their spouses who are interested in learning more about this important role within the Church to an information meeting at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Rochester on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Bishop Hickey Conference Center at the Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester. For any questions please contact John at (585)464-0596 or by e-mail at jcrego7@yahoo.com. Lynn can be reached at (585)254-2445 or dclnynn@yahoo.com. Is the Holy Spirit inspiring you for leadership within the Church? Come and find out.

SOAP FOR HOPE

The Catholic Communities of Tompkins County will be hosting an area-wide collection of personal care products on behalf of the Samaritan Center later this month. Wal-Mart in Ithaca, Clark's in Dryden, Warren Real Estate at their Hanshaw Road office, and Curves of Lansing have allowed us to place boxes in their stores/offices to encourage participation from our community. If your employer would allow you to display a small collection box, please contact Mary Edsall-Golway at 564-0673 and leave a message. Our collection drive is taking place from Thursday, April 29th to Monday, May 10th. It is our hope that with a coordinated effort, we can truly make a difference in our community.