

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
Rich Rasmussen – HS Youth Minister, Administrator of Religious Education ext. 110
Carolann Darling – MS Youth Minister ext. 109
Lynn Kingston – Business Manager ext. 106
Diana Oravec – School Principal 273-2707
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Ginny Seacord – Office Manager ext. 102
Gary Vrabel – Music Ministry ext. 111

Contact Information

Immaculate Conception School – 273-2707
<http://schools.dor.org/ic/>
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

CHRISTIANS IN A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY AND DRUGS—Regina M. Ryan

Drugs—they are as American as apple pie. The drug problem is complex. There are different kinds of drugs being used. They range from prescription and over-the-counter drugs to all forms of “on the street” drugs.

Users come in different groups settings. We have the “*experimental*” users—those who try a drug once or twice out of curiosity; “*recreational*” user—those who use drugs to be social at parties or to get high with friends; “*regular*” users—those who are almost always under the influence of a drug while trying to maintain normal activities; and “*dependent*” users—those whose world centers on drug taking.

The great scare of the failure of drug education is a reality. The theme of “scaring kids” is not working. Nor can we point blame on our educational system for not doing its work. Parents like to shift their responsibility to others in this field as well as sex education, when both of these belong in the home. Parents are the first educators of their children in every area of life. We cannot expect a few sessions on the topic of drug abuse in schools to solve all our problems. Parents need to give an example by their own respect for the drugs they take—whether prescription or over-the-counter ones. Parents need to learn more about drugs being used by youth today. They also need to have the invaluable skill of listening. They must create an atmosphere that allows their children to share their feeling through an open relationship with their youngsters. They should have the courage needed to not be afraid of a crisis. Avoiding a crisis can perpetuate the problem of drug abuse, and prolong tensions in a family which can lead to further problems. Also they must not be afraid to seek help. They must come to grips with the fact that drug users are responsible for their own lives, and that they alone are responsible for the decision to take drugs. Parental concerns generally focus on the effects of the drug use on physical health and personal development, and the illegality of using certain drugs. All of these are genuine concerns.

A family develops its own problems and anxieties when a member of the family abuses drugs. Whether or not a drug abuser seeks treatment, family members can get help and support to deal with the problems as they relate to their own lives that may arise because of the drug abuse.

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM



GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of April 25, 2010 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Read: Acts 19: 23—20:38

Reflect: Once again Paul finds himself angering locals because he is a threat to their finances. The silversmiths and craftsmen in Ephesus created a riot in response to the message of Paul, gathering people together, most of whom “had no idea why they had come together.” The town clerk finally came in as a voice of reason on behalf of the disciples. Do I give in to the thinking and chaos of the crowd as I try and live my faith? How? Am I a part of a community that easily becomes chaotic or angry? How do I contribute to or challenge those experiences?

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 I ...sit with someone new at lunch who doesn't have a friend?

...reach out to someone in my residence hall who has a “bad reputation”?

...confront the office gossip about his or her behavior?

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Lakewatch Inn

May 14th

5:00—10:00 PM

\$20.00 per person (adults only)

There will be a cocktail hour from 5:00 to 6:00 PM with a cash bar.

Entrée choices: Apple Brie Chicken, Prime Rib, Stuffed Shells with either Alfredo or Marinara sauce.

Reservations can be made through the school (273-2707). For more information, contact Tricia Patte at: tricia@securitymutual.com.

FUTURE DATE TO REMEMBER

May 15th, After the 4:30 Mass—Dinner and Bunco Night
 Plan on coming for a good time—more info to follow...

Parish Website: www.immconch.org

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 26

10:30 AM The Charles Srnka Family (Cayuga Ridge Mass)

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Rudan & Heuchert Families (req. by John & Doreen Rudan)

TUESDAY, April 27

7:00 AM Louis Golway & Deceased Members of the Golway & Edsall Families (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

WEDNESDAY, April 28

7:00 AM Hazel A. Miller (req. by Arline Deeb)

THURSDAY, April 29

12:10 PM Bernie Krause (req. by Ruth Snyder-Lacey)

FRIDAY, April 30

7:00 AM Nancy Nazer—2nd anniversary (req. by the Nazer Family)

SATURDAY, May 1

4:30 PM Timothy, Anna & Katherine Breen (req. by Barbara Gainey)

SUNDAY, May 2

8:30 AM Joseph M. Salino (req. by Mike Pagliaro & Joe Kohm)

10:30 AM Joseph R. Ciaschi (req. by Marge Ciaschi)

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. All completed registration forms are due in the Parish Center by **May 31st**.

DEACON INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in becoming a Deacon within the Catholic Diocese of Rochester? 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 dcnlynn@yahoo.com. Is the Holy Spirit inspiring you for leadership within the Church? Come and find out.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

ICS will host an Open House on Tuesday, May 4th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM and again in the evening from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Come visit the school and learn about the enrollment for the 2010-2011 academic year. Immaculate Conception School welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds and offers tuition assistance, small class sizes, and a strong moral foundation that lasts a lifetime. For more information, please call 273-2707 or visit ICS on the web <http://schools.dor.org>.

PARISH VOLUNTEER MASS AND RECEPTION

If you are planning to attend the Volunteer Mass and reception on Thursday, May 6th, please let us know by **Friday, April 30th so that we may have an accurate count.** Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, April 26

- 10:30 AM Cayuga Ridge Mass
- 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center
- 7:00 PM Covenanting Council meeting—St. Catherine’s Center

Tuesday, April 27

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal– Church
- 7:00 PM SCC Meeting—Parish Center 2

Wednesday, April 28

- 10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting– Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting—Parish Center

Thursday, April 29

- 7:00 PM All Committees’ Meeting—Carges Hall

Saturday, May 1

- 9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center
- 9:00 AM Baptism Preparation Program—Carges Hall
- 5:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
- 6:00 PM Holy Hour—Church

First Eucharist—All Masses

Sunday, May 2

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Angela Raponi Servidone from Marguerite McCartney.

HAITI RELIEF BENEFIT

Soccer players of all levels are invited to a Soccer Skills Training Camp on Saturday, May 8th to benefit “Reachout for Haiti”, a local initiative to assist earthquake relief efforts. Coaches and players from area colleges are volunteering for the two sessions scheduled at the Ithaca High School turf field.

Participants will be divided by Recreation, Travel and premier, and by age group: ages 9-14 from 9:00 AM till noon and 15-19 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone should bring a water bottle and their own shin guards for the clinic that will include passing and receiving, heading, shooting, dribbling, juggling and game time. Each participant’s \$30.00 fee includes insurance. Register online at: www.reachoutgoalsforhaiti.org.

The event on May 8th will also include a Family Fun Day open to the public on Deebes Field near the Ithaca High School parking lot from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, including food, a silent auction, garage sales, vendors, and games.

For additional information or to volunteer for any of the activities, contact Rita Demarest at 257-7888, and Amelia Massi at 257-7353.

Our Offering to the Lord
April 18, 2010

Collection 2010	\$7,704
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$424,956
Actual Collections: wk 42 of FY	\$382,426
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$42,530)
Collection 2009	\$6,632

School Support Fund 2010	\$1,764
School Support Fund 2009	\$1,640

Attendance 2010	835
Attendance 2009	866

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 **\$41,133.88** or **79.59%** 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.**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
4/13	036	Michelle Farrell	\$200
4/14	466	Sue Miller	\$200
4/15	426	Norma Robideau	\$350
4/16	932	Kristen Dempsey	\$100
4/17	783	Michelle Benedict-Jones	\$100
4/18	391	Paul Brown	\$500

We thank all who supported the Booster Club this year and we congratulate all the winners (some two or three times)! Our school children appreciate your support!