

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
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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

FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

How many of us still remember our First Communion Day? I am sure everyone reading this article can say—yes. I was privileged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that day with Mass on a hillside at Giants' Causeway, in Northern Ireland. Mine was 61 years ago and times sure have changed how we prepare our candidates and how we receive Communion. This weekend 16 of our young parishioners are receiving their Communion for the first time. Let us pray for each of them and their families that this will be the first of many. Our congratulations go out to: **Andrew Alise, Garrett Breen, Reilly Donovan, Ronan Dougherty, Joseph Guidi, Jackson Hickey, Julia Mecnas, Evan Mielbrecht, Alecia Nicholas, Anthony Pawlewicz, Kade Pawlewicz, Mopane Radcliffe, Natalia Rosa, Alexander Schwoeble, Stephanie Smith, and Margaret Trumble.**

This is an excellent opportunity to review our personal reception of the Body and Blood of Jesus. **The General Instruction on the Roman Missal** gives us a clear example on how to receive reverently.

Priest or Communion Minister: The Body of Christ.

Communicant: Amen (**while bowing your head**)

[Receive either in the hand or on the tongue. In the hand—one hand should be under the other making a little "throne" to receive the Lord. Place the Host immediately on your tongue. On the tongue—open your mouth and extend your tongue so the Host may be placed on it with care.]

Communion Minister: The Blood of Christ.

Communicant: Amen (**while bowing your head**)

[Take the cup and reverently receive and return it carefully.]

Notice—you do not bow until you are in front of the Host and Cup. You do not bow if the person in front of you is still receiving Communion. Wait until the Priest or Communion Minister addresses you saying—the Body of Christ, then bow your head, not from the waist.

Upon returning to your pew, please remain standing unless illness prevents you from doing so, and join in the singing.

We are joining the "Body of Christ receiving the Body of Christ." The word—communion—means union with. We are joined in community at this time. After all have received, we are encouraged to take quiet time for personal communication with Jesus.

Let us continue to pray for each other during this special time of celebration...

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of May 2, 2010 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Read: Acts 21: 1—22: 30

Reflect: As Paul continues to spread the Good News to the Gentiles he again is challenged by the tension between the Jewish and Gentile Christians. This issue had been addressed before at the Council of Jerusalem, but is raised again in this section. Are there parts of my own faith story that has taken me more time to work out? Are there parts of my discipleship that I regularly struggle with and return to at different points in my life? Why? How does that change my discipleship? How does that change how I view my brothers and sisters in Christ as they face their own repeating challenges to their faith?

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 Isupport programs and laws that work to help repeat criminal offenders?

....learn about and confront any addiction in my life or family?

....reconnect with someone who has let me down me down in the past?

How else could I act it out?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

This past week at ICS we celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the school yard. Even the three year olds helped pull weeds in their playground.

The Ithaca College Music Department and ICS students held the annual spring music concert in the Ford Theater at Ithaca College.

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/IC>

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL'S
125TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE**

Lakewatch Inn
May 14th

5:00—10:00 PM

\$30.00 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.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**MONDAY, May 3**

12:10 PM Margaret Mac Isaac *(req. by the K of C Auxiliary)*

TUESDAY, May 4

7:00 AM Elsie Boronkay—1st anniversary *(req. by the Boronkay Family)*

WEDNESDAY, May 5

7:00 AM Joseph Di Primio *(req. by Julia Kennedy)*

THURSDAY, May 6

12:10 PM Adam Maliski *(req. by Mona Miller)*

FRIDAY, May 7

7:00 AM Betty Turco *(req. by Joseph & Mary Kohm)*

SATURDAY, May 8

4:30 PM Mary Bell Deeley & Deceased Members of the Bell, Deeley, Amato & Scaglione Families *(req. by Tom & Sandra Scaglione)*

SUNDAY, May 9

8:30 AM Theodore, Angelina, Giuseppe & Maurizio Mancini *(req. by Frank & Teresa Ferrara)*

10:30 AM Louise Tudi *(req. by Nancy Winch)*

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 September of 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.

BIRTHRIGHT ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Birthingright is an organization that helps pregnant women by offering alternatives to abortion. Birthingright offers free self-administered pregnancy tests, prenatal information, medical referrals, financial assistance and adoptive referrals; Birthingright also offers diapers, formula, and maternity and baby clothes. **All services are free and confidential.**

Birthingright's annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will be Saturday and Sunday, May 8th and 9th. One flower for \$1.00, ½ dozen for \$5.00, and one dozen for \$10.00. Please extend your support to Birthingright, an organization that helps many families and works hard for a better world.

LIGHT WEIGH

Would you like to attain peace with food? The Light Weigh program, a 12 week Catholic Scriptural course dealing with spiritual growth could well be the answer to your prayers. Light Weigh is based on Catholic bible study, readings, prayers, reflections and response. Since the program's inception over ten years ago, Light Weigh has helped many who have struggled with weight loss and weight management. If God is calling you to become a "contemplative in action" through His Word, then what are you waiting for? An orientation DVD will be shown at St. Catherine's, outside the chapel area, on Tuesday, May 18th at 9:30 AM. Newcomers and returnees welcome. Call Pat Ober (273-5277) for more information.

FUTURE DATE TO REMEMBER

May 13th, Adult Faith Formation—video—Mt. Savior Mon.
May 15th, After the 4:30 Mass—Dinner and Bunco Night

Parish Website: www.immconch.org

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, May 2

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

Monday, May 3

1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center

1:00 PM Book Sharing—McGraw House

Tuesday, May 4

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal— Church

Wednesday, May 5

10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Carges Hall

Thursday, May 6

6:00 PM Volunteer Mass—Church

7:00 PM Volunteer Reception—Carges Hall

Friday, May 7

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church

11:00 AM Benediction—Church

Saturday, May 8

9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center

4:30 PM Baptism Mass—Church

Sunday, May 9

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall

10:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Bob Beach Jr. from Pat Beach.

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 Deeks 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.

Baked goods are NEEDED for the Cake Walk Table.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities Ithaca office is looking for one or two volunteers to help with maintenance and cleaning. Needed are volunteers to come in regularly once/twice a week to help with special projects as they arise. Please call Chris at 272-5062, ext. 13 or e-mail to: csanchirico@dor.org if you can help.

Our Offering to the Lord

April 25, 2010

Collection 2010 \$7,629

Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly) \$435,074

Actual Collections: wk 43 of FY \$390,055

OVER/(UNDER) to date (\$45,019)

Collection 2009 \$7,812

Catholic Home Missions 2010 \$1,746

Catholic Home Missions 2009 \$1,958

Attendance 2010 746

Attendance 2009 776

We thank the family of R. Michael Simone for remembering Immaculate Conception Church in the obituary of their loved one.



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 **\$41,523.88** or **80.34%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. Remember—no contribution is too small—for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHOP

May is the month to celebrate mothers, Mary and our children receiving the Sacraments. Stop in to the Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop to choose the best way to celebrate these occasions. The shop is fully stocked with jewelry, rosaries, and a large selection of religious items to serve your needs.

PARISH VOLUNTEER MASS AND RECEPTION

Thursday, May 6th, at **6:00 PM**, we will celebrate Mass for all of our parish volunteers. The Mass will be followed by a reception in Carges Hall for those who have made reservations. We thank all who help Immaculate Conception Parish in any capacity throughout the year. Your participation and your support is very much appreciated.

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!

CHORAL PERFORMANCE

Musica Spei, an a cappella choral group from Rochester that specialized in the sacred choral music of the Renaissance, will perform a concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, May 7th at St. Mary's Church in Auburn. Entitled *Sacred Polyphony of the British Renaissance*, the concert includes works by Taverner, Parsons, Fayrfax, Byrd and others. Admission is free, but voluntary donations are welcomed. For more information, visit: www.musicaspei.org or call St. Mary's Church at (315)252-9545.