

# 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  
**Sr. Elise Quigley** – Administrative Assistant. ext. 101  
**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

### PRAYER IS A DIALOGUE...

...between God and God's people...

We express our love for God: in our response to God and the way God works in our lives; in communion of our minds and hearts with God; in a spiritual communication that draws us closer to God.

**Spiritually**—Communion with God fills a need in our soul that cannot be met in any other way.

**Emotionally**—God can calm our hearts when our own strength fails us.

**Mentally**—sharing our thoughts with God brings divine guidance to problem solving.

**Physically**—faith has always been the strongest of all paths to bodily health.

We take time to pray on our own using a variety of ways to pray. Our prayer can be simply talking with God or praying a "learned" prayer. Men and women of Scripture (Moses, Deborah, Anna, Peter, etc.) show us the true power of prayer in their lives so we may imitate their faith in our lives.

The Mass is the greatest prayer we have. During the Mass we meet God in the Scriptures—the Liturgy of the Word. We take time to reflect on the Word during the Homily and the quiet time following the Homily. The Liturgy of the Eucharist enables us to pray in union with the world community. We receive the Eucharist for our nourishment and strength to bring the Word to the world around us.

Our **Evangelization Team** suggested that we place an intention on to the three Hail Mary's which we pray together silently after each Mass. The **Liturgy Committee** accepted the suggestion so beginning May 22/23 there will be a special "seasonal" intercession which will be given us by the cantor. From that weekend until the end of June we will be praying for all graduates from kindergarten to grad-school. We thank those who stay and pray those prayers for these intercessions.

Easter blessings...

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of May 9, 2010 (7th Sunday of Easter)

Read: Acts 25: 1—26: 32

Reflect: For the third time in Acts Paul shares his story of faith and conversion, this time with King Agrippa. His belief is his defense, and he shares it without hesitation, though he has shared it numerous times before. I too must share my faith often, sometimes repeatedly with the same people. I cannot expect that others will understand my faith experiences the first time I share them, or as they evolve as I continue my journey. Is there someone in my life I need to share my faith with, or perhaps again, in a new way? How does repeatedly sharing my faith story change my life as a disciple?

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 ...ask my child how she or he is experiencing faith?

...share a part of my story of faith with a complete stranger?

...commit to sharing a part of the Bible narrative with someone?

How else could I act it out?

**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. 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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

All Middle School youth of the parish are invited to our end of the school year party on Sunday, May 16th in Carges Hall from 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM. We will be cooking up a Mexican feast to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Please bring a drink or menu item to share. Contact Carolann for more information: 351-6668 or [cdarling@immconch.org](mailto:cdarling@immconch.org).

**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.

**BULLETIN ADVERTISERS**

We are in need of two new advertisers for the back of our parish bulletin. If you have a business and would like make our parishioners aware of it, please call Virginia Seacord at 273-6121.

Parish Website: [www.immconch.org](http://www.immconch.org)

**EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS****MONDAY, May 17**

12:10 PM Laura Hanson (req. by Angie Torchia)

**TUESDAY, May 18**

7:00 AM Jerome Kirby (req. by the Kirby Family)

**WEDNESDAY, May 19**

7:00 AM Leo Maliski (req. by Bea Ciaschi)

**THURSDAY, May 20**

12:10 PM Robert J. Kane Sr. (req. by Eleanor Kane)

**FRIDAY, May 21**

7:00 AM Zoltan M. Gombas (req. by Joan Gombas)

**SATURDAY, May 22**

4:30 PM Larry Brown (req. by Mike & Sylvia Allinger)

**SUNDAY, May 23**

8:30 AM Robert Albert—12th anniversary (req. by the Albert Family)

10:30 AM Nancy Watson (req. by Matt Conway)

**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.**

**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

There will be a special Communal Anointing of the Sick with Communion on Saturday, May 22nd, at 11:00 AM in Church. This will be followed by a dish-to-share luncheon in Carges Hall. This Anointing is for the seriously ill, the elderly, those facing surgery, those suffering from emotional stress due to personal problems or change of life issues. Be sure to invite a homebound relative or friend to come to this time of prayer. All are welcome to come and pray with those receiving this Healing Sacrament.

**MAY DAY OF PRAYER**

"Catholicism is not for Wimps" is a day of prayer to be held at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua on Tuesday, May 18th from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The day will consist of: registration, morning prayer, a presentation, quiet time and reflection, rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Following lunch there will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The presenter will be Sister Carol Proia, SSJ. For reservations or for more information, please call Notre Dame Retreat House at (585)394-5700.

**PARISH GRADUATES**

Please help us update our records! If you are currently in the 8th grade, or a high school senior or a senior in college, please contact Carolann at 273-6121, ext. 109. We would like to recognize our graduates in a special way this June.

**SECULAR ORDER OF CARMELITES**

The Secular Order of Carmelites will meet this Sunday, May 16th at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center. The current study is the collected works of St. Teresa of Avila, presented by Deacon George Welch. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Pat at 273-0821 or Eleanor at 272-6844.

**THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH**

**Sunday, May 16**

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church  
 10:30 AM Baptism Mass  
 11:45 AM Middle School Youth Gathering—Carges Hall  
 1:30 PM Carmelite Meeting - Parish Center

**Monday, May 17**

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

**Tuesday, May 18**

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

**Wednesday, May 19**

10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center  
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council Meeting—Carges Hall

**Saturday, May 22**

9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center  
 11:00 AM Anointing Service & Luncheon—Church & Carges Hall  
 1:00 PM Spirit Alive Rehearsal—Church

**Sunday, May 23**

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church  
 8:30 AM Spirit Alive Mass—Church  
 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall  
 10:30 AM Spirit Alive Mass—Church  
 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Rosemary Branigan from William and Barbara Armstrong.

**SPECIAL PENTECOST MASS**



You are invited to celebrate a special regional Pentecost liturgy on Saturday, May 22nd at 5:00 PM at St. Mary Our Mother Church in Horseheads. Bishop Clark will preside at this Mass of celebration of the culmination of our diocesan three year renewal *Spirit Alive!* All people are invited and every parish will send delegated representatives who will participate in the liturgy in a special way. Father Richard Fragomeni, priest of the Albany Diocese, will preach at this celebration and Bishop Clark will offer a special blessing for all those present.

**THANK YOU...**

from the *Reachout Goals for Haiti* project team to all those who supported the project at Ithaca High School and chicken BBQ in Lansing!!! Whether you prayed, baked, attended, bought chicken, donated time or treasure, encouraged the team, coached, or played soccer—your contribution was important and appreciated and the events could not have occurred without you! Your efforts made the events an incredible success and in turn will make all the difference in the lives of so many children and staff at St. Vincent's Centre in Haiti as we help rebuild the center and their lives. Please visit the website at: [www.reachoutgoalsforhaiti.org](http://www.reachoutgoalsforhaiti.org). May God bless you for your generous response, and donations can be made on-line at any time.

Our Offering to the Lord  
 May 9, 2010

Collection 2010	\$7,769
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$455,310
Actual Collections: wk 45 of FY	\$409,636
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$45,674)
Collection 2009	\$8,160
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School Support Fund 2010	\$1,613
School Support Fund 2009	\$1,736
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Attendance 2010	830
Attendance 2009	886
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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**



Our numbers have not changed since last week. If you have not taken this opportunity to contribute and wish to do so, we invite you to put your donation in an envelop, mark it "**Spirit Alive Appeal**" and drop it in the Sunday collection. We are getting ready to close out our "Spirit Alive Appeal" for the fiscal year 2009-2010. So far we have collected **\$41,753.88** or **80.79%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. We have to make up the deficit (right now it stands at **\$9928.12**) from our operating expenses. Help us help others by contributing whatever you can. **Remember—no contribution is too small—for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation.**

**ELEVATOR DONOR PLAQUE**

We have been accepting donations for our new elevator for the past year. Those donors of \$500.00 or more will be named on the donor plaque to be posted on or near the elevator. You may list your own names or memorial names of deceased loved ones. We would like to have this plaque set up in the very near future so we are going to make June 30th the cutoff date for additions to it. If you would still like to make a donation, please try to do so before the end of June. Thank you.



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Next weekend is not only Pentecost Sunday, but it is the celebration of our Spirit Alive Masses at 8:30 and 10:30. When you come to celebrate with us next weekend you are encouraged to wear RED to honor the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon all who were gathered in prayer on the first Pentecost. "Come Holy Spirit, Come."

**CELL PHONE USERS.....**

Please be sure phones are turned off and, out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, please do not use them while in church

