



Immaculate Conception Church

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.

~ May 22, 2011 ~

Staff Connection...

REFLECTIONS ON A MILESTONE

Last Friday I had the joy of celebrating my graduation from ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY. It was a beautiful ceremony with 23 students receiving their degrees or certificates in designated ministry areas. Although that was a wonderful celebration it doesn't even come close to the surprise that my wife, Deb had for me on Sunday.

Deb has been spending months sneaking around behind my back to pull off a graduation celebration that even I could not have expected (she will tell you it is very hard to get anything past me). The beautiful part was that she tried to invite everyone she could think of that I knew, had worked with, had ministered with, family, etc. I could not believe how many people came to celebrate on such a rainy, miserable day. The highlight of the day though was a memory book that Deb clandestinely put together with the high school youth group. The memories in the pictures and kind words from the teens brought me to tears. Sunday was a wonderful celebration and it was so wonderful to see many people I had not seen in a while.

The next day I finally had some time to reflect on the party and the work that I had done over the past 9 years of study. What hit me most was not the relief that I now feel from not having to do all of that; it was the faces of those who came to celebrate; the faces of those who have supported me through so many different stages of my life- including this one. I even began to cry in the middle of a store that day as I was buying *Thank You* cards for people because the writers of those cards were able to express so perfectly what I was feeling.

My reflection this week is not simply for me to reminisce to you all. It is for those high school and college students who will be graduating or those achieving another milestone soon. Take the time to reflect on what you have accomplished. More important though, reflect on those who have been so critical to your success. Your achievements would likely not be possible without them. Let them know how much you appreciate their support and tell them exactly how they have helped you. None of us live in a vacuum. We can only thrive because of the support of others. SO, TO FR. LEO, SR. EDNA, SR. ELISE, GINNY S., LYNN K., LYNN H., CAROLANN D., DIANA O., COLLEEN S., GARY V., ICC YOUTH GROUP PARENTS, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES, ICC TEENS AND TWEENS, MY WIFE DEB, MY PARENTS AND SIBLINGS, MY MOTHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS...AND ANYONE I MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN... THANK YOU for all you have done to help me achieve my degree and THANK YOU for all you do to make me a better person (yes, I am weepy right now)! Thanks for reading! Rich

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Thursday—12:10PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday—7AM
Vigil Mass Saturday—4:30PM
Sunday—8:30 & 10:30AM

George Green Parish Center *** 113 North Geneva Street
Ithaca, NY 14850 *** 607/273-6121
Hours: Mon.—Fri. 8:30AM—4:00PM,
Sat. 9AM—6PM, Sun. 8AM—Noon

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: A preparation session is required **before the baptism of your child.**

Please call 273-6121 prior to your due date for an appointment.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3—4PM

MARRIAGE: Please call 273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

Next Sunday—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Date	Mass Intentions
Sunday 5-22	8:30AM—Deceased Members of the Jack & Isabella Guidi Family by Bea Ciaschi 10:30AM—Florence Prybyl by Richard Prybyl
Monday 5-23	10:30AM @ Cayuga Ridge—Cecelia E. Kenney 12:10PM—Theodore Thorne by Marie & Dave Corina
Tuesday 5-24	7AM—Joseph M. Salino by David, Linda, Carol & Rustie
Wednesday 5-25	7AM—Lois Rider by Elizabeth Jorgensen
Thursday 5-26	12:10PM—Viola Amici by Jan & Al Parente
Friday 5-27	7AM—Rosa Crass by Carolyn McGory
Saturday 5-28	4:30PM—John Boronkay by Richard & Carolyn Bononkay
Sunday 5-29	8:30AM—Robert Personius by Roy & Ann Erb 10:30AM—Deceased Members of the Aguilar & Boothroyd Families by the Boothroyd Family

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week
**IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & HELEN
 MYKYEN & TIMOTHY GONYEA
 FROM THE GONYEA FAMILY**

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPREAL

RIGHT NOW WE ARE **\$11,681** BEHIND OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR WITH ONLY UNTIL MAY 29TH TO MAKE A DONATION. THE SHORTFALL WILL BE COMING FROM OUR OPERATING BUDGET.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TODAY!

REMEMBER, NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.

WE ALSO READ IN MATTHEW’S GOSPEL - *“THE GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED, GIVE AS A GIFT”.*

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED !!

Marriage Banns

LAUREN EMBERSON & JOHN HALE - I

The Week Ahead...



SUNDAY, MAY 22
 COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:30 & 10:30AM MASSES—CARGES HALL
 11:45AM—YOUTH GROUP—SCHOOL GYM

MONDAY, MAY 23
 1PM—ROSARY MAKING—PC
 10:30AM—MASS @ CAUGA RIDGE
 3PM—COMMUNION SERVICE—TITUS TOWERS
 4PM—COMMUNION SERVICE—MCGRAW HOUSE

TUESDAY, MAY 24
 11AM—GRANDPARENT’S DAY—SCHOOL
 12:30PM—MAY CROWNING—SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
 10:45AM—SCC—PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, MAY 26
 7PM—ALL COMMITTEES MEETING—CARGES HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 29
 9:20AM—RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—SCHOOL
 11:45AM—YOUTH GROUP—SCHOOL GYM

EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION

Jesus, I Trust in You

The Evangelism team suggestions for this week:

1. Be a good example of sportsmanship and connect your attitude with your understanding of Jesus.
2. With God’s grace, support each member of your family in discovering the plan of love that God has for each person.

Be not afraid

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
 May 15, 2011

Collection 2011	\$ 7,629
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 465,428
Actual Collections: wk 46 of FY	\$ 407,302
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (58,126)
Collection 2010	\$ 8,259

Diocesan Missions 2011	\$ 1,787
Diocesan Missions 2010	\$ 1,682

Attendance 2011	739
Attendance 2010	796

Sacraments...

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN
OF SACRAMENTAL AGE**

If you have **NEVER** had a child in a sacramental preparation program here, you must attend one of the Parent Meeting which will be held Tuesday, May 31st and Wednesday, June 8th.

ALL PARENTS of children of sacramental age whose child (ren) want to receive Confirmation, Reconciliation, and/or First Holy Communion this coming school year, must stop by the Parish Center to pick up the necessary information to make an informed decision about readiness. The papers are in the front office. It is important that you take the time to pick them up, read them carefully, pray about it

and then decide readiness to receive the sacraments. For Confirmation it is important that you pick up an age appropriate questions which will be included in the upcoming interview. The Parish Center is open Monday-Friday – 8:30 AM-4:30 PM; Saturday – 9 AM-6PM and Sunday 9-noon. All registration forms are due no later than May 31st.

HS Seniors,

MS 8th Graders & College Grads

"The Class of 2011"

Save the date: **Sunday, June 19th, 10:30AM Mass.** We would like to recognize you in a special way. Please RSVP to Carolann at the Parish Office: cdarling@immconch.org or 273-6121 #109.

Coming Soon...

**ICS Summer Camp Starting June 27th
Vacation Bible School—July 2011**



May Specials...

The IC **INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP** will celebrate **THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II.** Just for visiting us, receive a free Pope John Paul II holy card. Investigate the books & poetry written by this beloved Pope. We are also still the place to visit for **FIRST COMMUNION** gifts.
Open Mon - Fri 10-5 and Sat-noon to 4:30

Recently, I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced her departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the father said, "I love you and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough too, Dad."

They kissed and the daughter left. The father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy but he welcomed me by asking, "did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she lives far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is— next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, I wish you enough. May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That wish has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone..." He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. "When we said I wish you enough, we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them..." Turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep you attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more...

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

He then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forget them. Take time to LIVE. I wish you all—ENOUGH! ~Unknown

PARISH STAFF

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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no later than Tuesdays @ 4PM