

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

THE SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

The Sunday after Christmas is set aside by the Church to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We reflect on the roles of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in this family structure.

Today the prevalence of the single-parent family is expanding rapidly. A child may be living with a single parent, a divorced parent or a never-married parent. The single-parent family is a growing part of American society. The Catholic Community is no exception to these social changes. In some situations either the mother or the father is the single parent raising the child(ren). This may result from death, separation, divorce, adoption, unmarried parenting, imprisonment. It is not easy being a single parent. They often need helpful support in understanding and maintaining the balance between their own need for personal growth and development and their responsibility for the care of their children. This can lead to guilt on the part of the parent when the balance between the two becomes difficult to maintain. The parent must confront problems alone and resolve them without the help of another parent.

However research is more strongly indicating that the health of the parent/child relationship lies within the quality of the parenting, not within the family structure.

Single-parent homes are not broken homes. The home which was broken no longer exists. This setting is different from the first so this is a myth. It is also a myth that children from one parent families are problem children. Also we must come to realize that fathers as well as mothers can be adept at parenting.

All of us need to stretch our understanding of the needs of the single parent as we consider the conditions under which the family is functioning. As a Christian community we are called to service of others. Single-parent families, seeking inclusion rather than exclusion, propel us into Christian response and service.

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of May 23, 2010 (Pentecost)

Read: Acts 27: 1—28: 31 Reflect: After many trials, including being shipwrecked, the final chapters of Acts have Paul finally arriving in Rome. Though Luke does not include it in Acts, Rome will be the place of Paul's martyrdom. Until that time, Paul is described as proclaiming the Good News to all who come to him in his confinement. For Paul, and for Luke, Rome represents the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Its position in that time in history was the crossroads of the known civilization and those who passed through would continue the work of carrying the message around the world. This final week of reading coincides with our liturgical celebration of Pentecost, the birth of the church and the mission of the church to spread the Good News. How will I continue to live my baptismal call and participate in the mission of the church? What am I willing to sacrifice to be a part of that mission? How far will I go? Where is my "ends of the earth"?

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 ...travel to another country on a mission trip?

...consider a year of service after college?

...renew my baptismal promises with my family once a month?

How else could I act it out?

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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISER

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Once again our dedicated team of adults and teens will host a 1 week vacation bible school. The dates for this year's event are July 12th-16th and it will be held at the Immaculate Conception School gym. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and the program will run until noon each day with a culminating musical event by the kids on Friday the 16th with a dish to pass lunch to follow. This year's program is Baobab Blast. Registration and more details will be coming soon. Save the Dates!!

**EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS****MONDAY, May 24**

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Reynolds, Burns & Whalen Families (*Cayuga Ridge Mass*)

12:10 PM Communion Service

TUESDAY, May 25

7:00 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, May 26

7:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, May 27

12:10 PM Communion Service

FRIDAY, May 28

7:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY, May 29

4:30 PM Darlene Adams (*req. by Birthright of Ithaca*)

SUNDAY, May 30

8:30 AM Paul & Frances Gera (*req. by the IC Church Staff*)

10:30 AM Anthony Petrillose (*req. by Mike Murray*)

MASS SCHEDULE

Because Father Leo will be on retreat this week, there will be Communion Services at the appointed Mass times.

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.**

PARISH CENTER WORKER NEEDED

We are looking for a teen who would like to work in the Parish Center two or three times a month. The position involves working Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Saturday 1:00 to 6:00 PM or Sunday 8:00 AM to noon. It needs to be someone not too involved in sports or dance that would prevent being scheduled in these times. If you are interested, please call Lynn Kingston at 273-6121.

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.

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 July 31st 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 July. Thank you.

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



THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, May 24

10:30 AM Cayuga Ridge Mass
 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center
 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School

Tuesday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 26

10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center

Thursday, May 27

7:00 PM All Committees' Meeting—Carges Hall

Saturday, May 29

9:00 AM Catholic Charities Meeting—Parish Center

Sunday, May 30

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Florence Prybyl from Richard Prybyl.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

We are now gathering registrations for all children grades 1-5 to participate in our Sunday morning religious education program and Family Based program for the 2010-2011 academic year. Registration forms can be picked up at the Parish Office or you can go to <http://www.immconch.org/religiousEd.html> where you will find a link to the Sunday morning registration form or to <http://www.immconch.org/familyBased.html> for the family based form. IMPORTANT: If you have a child who is planning on receiving one of the sacraments during the next year THEY MUST BE ENROLLED in a catechetical program. Those programs include the Sunday morning program, the family based program, middle school or high school youth groups or enrollment at Immaculate Conception School. This requirement follows the standards set by the diocese in order to help determine a young person's readiness and ongoing faith formation. If you have any questions regarding any of the programs or about the process please call Rich, Coordinator of Youth and Catechetical Ministry, at 273-6121 or e-mail him at rasmussen@immconch.org.

WORDS OF LIFE

Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God's merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendor of truth.

Pope John Paul II, Homily, Dedication of the Shrine of Divine Mercy, Krakow, August 17, 2002

Parish Website: www.immconch.org

Our Offering to the Lord
 May 16, 2010

Collection 2010	\$8,259
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$465,428
Actual Collections: wk 46 of FY	\$417,894
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$47,534)
Collection 2009	\$7,168

Diocesan Mission Collection 2010	\$1,682
Diocesan Mission Collection 2009	\$2,086

Attendance 2010	796
Attendance 2009	767

We thank the family of Mary Raponi for remembering Immaculate Conception Church & School in the obituary of their loved one.

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.**

SPECIAL MINISTRIES COLLECTION

Our second collection next weekend, Special Ministries, will be to support the weekly Immaculate Conception Food Pantry. Your donations go a long way in helping to feed the poor.

 * **FAREWELL SISTER ELISE** On Sun- *
 * day, June 6th Immaculate Conception *
 * Parish will be holding a retirement cele- *
 * bration in Carges Hall after the 10:30 *
 * Mass for Sr. Elise Quigley. There will be *
 * an "open house" reception with food, bev- *
 * erages and desserts for all to enjoy. Please join us in *
 * showing Sr. Elise our heart felt thanks and appreciation *
 * for the 27 years of dedicated service she has given to *
 * Immaculate Conception and its' parishioners. Sr. Elise *
 * has worn many "hats" during her tenure not just as a *
 * dedicated Minister, Parish Secretary, Director of the *
 * Resurrection Choir, Booster Club Coordinator and "tour *
 * guide", but as a kind and thoughtful friend to us all. *
 * She would now like to take time to "smell the roses", *
 * yellow ones of course. A trip across the United States is *
 * now her dream. Perhaps we can help make that happen. *
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