



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 29, 2011 ~

Staff Connection...

VON BRONC MEISTER JAN.1,1994—MAY 23,2011

As we designate this weekend to remember those who have died in our nation's wars, it many times ends up being a time that we remember all those who have died. Decoration Day became a day to decorate the graves of our families & friends; those who were a part of our lives. As the headline reads, my Shih Tzu dog Bronc, who would have been 17 1/2 years old next week, died early Monday morning in the arms of Sr. Edna at her apartment A.K.A. "THE SPA".

The first night I arrived at Immaculate Conception it was around 11PM. I went upstairs to a very hot room with an unmade bed & an air conditioner too small for the room. At 3:30AM, 3 people were walking through the parking lot shouting, which woke up Bronc who barked. The next morning, as I was getting ready to go to Mass, Bronc began to poop on the carpet. I thought, this is going to be some transition. For the next week, Bronc usually could be found under the dining room table. Because of the friendship of the staff, Bronc eventually "took over" the rectory & our hearts. He & Sr. Elise had an on going battle about how he was going to get to his "office" next to her desk because he wanted to go over the cables of her computer & she wanted him to go around her desk. Bronc many times would be under her desk but she would always move her feet to accommodate him. He was the WELCOME "WAGGIN" for the parish always coming out from under the desk moments before the doorbell rang; the therapy dog who would come into the meeting room at the end of the hall to lay at the parishioner's feet or for someone to pet as they talked about their problems; he was the entertainer for the children who came with their parents. Bronc kept the staff fit by demanding that we play "keep away" with him or toss his toys down the corridor so he could fetch. At many meetings he would sleep on my lap belly up (& sometimes snore).

Over the past few years as he "wrote" his column "THE WISDOM OF SHIH TZU" for the newsletter, he would reflect upon his life, the challenges of getting older, the joys of creation or the wisdom to sometimes slow down and look at life through the eyes of a dog (which is "God" spelled backwards). Many parishioners would comment to me that that was the first thing they read in the newsletter. A pet can teach us what love, devotion, commitment, happiness & forgiveness are all about in our busy lives.

Caring for Bronc, especially over the past 2 years, gave me the insight of a caregiver. He was deaf, eyesight was not good; sometimes walked with difficulty, had trouble breathing; had to take pills 3 times a day & somehow many times had to be hand fed. He would have to be taken out 2-3 times a night because of his Cushing's Disease. Thanks to Sr. Edna who would care for Bronc a couple of nights a week so I could get some rest.

Yes this weekend is to remember—those who died, those who served, cared & loved us. Let us take time to give thanks to God for all His blessings & gifts & to remember our family & friends (both 2 legged & 4 legged) who have brought joy & love into our lives.

Fr. Leo

Immaculate Conception Church

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.

Date	Mass Intentions
Sunday 5-29	8:30AM—Robert Personius by Roy & Ann Erb 10:30AM—Deceased Members of the Aguilar & Boothroyd Families by the Boothroyd Family
Monday 5-30	9AM—Rita Bangs by Dinah Collins @ Calvary Cemetery
Tuesday 5-31	7AM—John N. Parente by his family
Wednesday 6-1	7AM—Bertha & Peter Winnick & Deceased Members of the Slozenski & Winnick families by Laurie & Gordon Myer 5:30PM—Vigil—Viola Maliski by Pat & Fred Ciaschi
Ascension Thursday 6-2	7AM—George (Gary) Jaynes by Josephine & family 12:10PM—Viola Amici by Jan & Al Parente
Friday 6-3	7AM—Margaret Donahue John by James J. John (16 th anniversary)
Saturday 6-4	4:30PM—Aldavilla, Joseph & Louis Cacciotti by Sara Komaromi
Sunday 6-5	8:30AM—Deceased Members of the Corina & Winkelman families by the Corina Family 10:30AM—Albert Iacovelli by Nancy Iacovelli

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week
IN MEMORY OF GEORGE (GARY) JAYNES
FROM HIS LOVING FAMILY

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

RIGHT NOW WE ARE **\$11,296** 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 - II

The Week Ahead...

MONDAY, MAY 30
9AM—Mass—Calvary Cemetery
Memorial Day —**Parish Office Closed**

TUESDAY, MAY 31
11AM—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT 1PM
7PM—PARENTS' MEETING FOR SACRAMENTS—CARGES HALL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
10:45AM—SCC—PARISH CENTER
5:30PM—Ascension Thursday—Holy Day Vigil
7PM—Parish Council Meeting—Carges Hall

ASCENSION THURSDAY, JUNE 2
HOLY DAY MASSES AT 7AM & 12:10PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
7:30AM—EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—CHURCH
11AM—BENEDICTION—CHURCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
5:30PM—EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT —CHURCH
6PM—HOLY HOUR—CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
9:30AM—RELIGIOUS ED—CARGES HALL
11:45AM—YOUTH GROUP—**QUIZ BOWL**—CARGES HALL

Memorial Day Mass

Mass on Monday, May 30, 2011 will be celebrated at Calvary Cemetery @ 9AM. Please bring a lawn chair. There will be a collection taken with donations for the FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL PARK AT GETTYSBURG. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be in our church.

EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION

Jesus, I Trust in You

The Evangelism team suggestions for this week:

1. Take time to remember in prayer those who have died for our country.
2. Pray for peace.

Be not afraid



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2011

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I've got you under my skin

Near the end of his earthly life Jesus spoke to his disciples about his living on in the Father as well as in them, and them in him. This notion of indwelling is a unique feature of Jesus' message, bringing a deep intimacy to our life in faith. Jesus has taken up residence within us, and we in Jesus. Talk about having a "personal relationship" with our Savior—it doesn't get more personal than that! Take a moment today to appreciate how great it is to be considered worthy of such intimacy.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55)*

"... I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

MONDAY, MAY 30 EASTER WEEKDAY

In the name of God, stop killing one another

For all the good that religion has done and continues to do in the world, from time to time all the great religious traditions have been distorted and misused to justify intolerance and violence. Such violence was used against Jesus' early followers, and in every century since it has reared its head in some corner of the world or another. Let's help put a stop to it forever so that it passes into the annals of history alongside all the great plagues that have afflicted humanity and have been overcome.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291)*

"The hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God."

TUESDAY, MAY 31

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rejoice and be glad

Feeling happy for the good fortune of others can be very challenging at times, particularly when you're down on your luck, or worse yet, when it comes to one who has hurt or betrayed you. But rejoicing with those who rejoice is part of the sincere love that Saint Paul tells us we must embrace if we are to be followers of Christ. There is no better expression of sincere love than Elizabeth and Mary's joy for one another and Mary's song of praise for the greatness of the Lord. Both women could have bemoaned their fate or passed judgment on the other as being either too old or too young for carrying a child. Instead they rejoice in God's glory and in the faithfulness they each have shown to God's plan for salvation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572)*

"Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 FEAST OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

Let truth be your guide

Saint Justin was the first Christian philosopher and is the patron saint of philosophers. Early in his career he studied many philosophers and philosophies, notably Plato and the Stoics, but none could offer him what he was really searching for: knowledge of God. The story goes that one day he met an old man while walking along a deserted stretch of seashore and fell into a long conversation with him. The man helped him understand that God cannot be known only through philosophy or human knowledge

but through divine revelation as well. Before he disappeared, the old man concluded by saying, "Pray that the gates of light may be opened to you." That is a good prayer for us as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 EASTER WEEKDAY

That's a lot to hope for

Hope, along with faith and love, is one of the key Christian virtues for a reason. Without the sense that the future has positive possibilities, the present would be dismal indeed. Hope is a necessary condition for life; it's the spiritual oxygen people need to move from day to day and year to year. Jesus presents the ultimate reason to hope. His victory over sin and death and his promise to come again assures us of the hope in living forever with God and in the full coming of God's reign. Have some hope!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294)*

"A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me."

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Then, now, and later

Faith can seem like a time-travel video game. We look to the past, but the past is also present, and the present always looks to the future (for an example, think of the Mass). We learn the kingdom of God is within and among us—but not yet fulfilled. We worship and follow a Lord who appeared in human flesh, left in body but remained in Spirit, and will come again to usher us into the eternal. No wonder we get a little lost sometimes! Here's your compass: The world is broken but God still thinks it's good. Through Jesus, God calls us to help restore that goodness in ways large and small. And, finally, one day that work will be done.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295)*

"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 EASTER WEEKDAY

Give the benefit of your experience

Priscilla and Aquila were friends of Paul the Apostle and missionaries who were instrumental in the life of the early church community. There's a great scene in the Acts of the Apostles where they take Apollos, newly instructed in the faith, under their wings to mentor him in his faith and his work. Apollos was bursting with zeal for the gospel, and Priscilla and Aquila could have easily chastised him for being a bit too bold and a bit too shaky in his theology. Instead they engaged with him personally, one-on-one, offering their wisdom and experience. We, too, can be mentors to the young and to those experiencing a new chapter of their lives. What experience and encouragement can we gift them with?

What might we gain in return?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*

"When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the Way of God more accurately."

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SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Play—pause—replay

In John's gospel, the Resurrection and exaltation of Jesus and the sending of his Spirit are all a single action of God. God does not need time in which to act, but we do, so other gospels and the Acts of the Apostles say that Jesus manifested himself over 40 days and only then ascended into heaven. However these events unfolded in history, the church uses the 40 days to allow the significance of Easter to sink in. The Ascension is not only about Jesus "going up" to heaven—a biblical sign of a glorious end—but rather that during Eastertime we regularly stop to breathe, absorb, even go back and "replay," and allow ourselves to be drawn ever more deeply into resurrected life through our baptism.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20 (58)*

"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

MONDAY, JUNE 6 EASTER WEEKDAY A question of faith

"Do you believe now?" That is the question Jesus has for his disciples when they professed to believe that he "came from God." So many times in the gospels the disciples fail to understand or believe in Jesus fully that when they finally come out with an unqualified statement of faith, you would think Jesus would be more approving. But instead he counters with a question, a further challenge, and a promise that the road ahead will get tougher, not easier, because of their willingness to follow him. His final assurance, though, is that in the end they will return to him, overcome all obstacles, and have peace. Discipleship in Christ has its struggles now, but persevering always leads to life forever with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297)*

"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 EASTER WEEKDAY Be on a first-name basis with God

Names mark and identify us to the rest of the world. The power granted humanity in the Genesis creation story, to name all of creation, is a great gift and honor. Think of your own experience naming a child or pet or giving a nickname to a close friend. Naming creates a lasting bond of intimacy. When we hear our name we pay attention because we are being called. So when Jesus reveals God's "name" to his followers, he is inviting them to a more intimate relationship with their Creator. When you know someone's name, you can call on them. Call on God today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298)*

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 EASTER WEEKDAY Take the long view

The proverb "This too shall pass" may come to mind while struggling through a tough period in life, such as a time of transition or a personal financial crisis. We hope and trust that the pain of these situations is temporary and will eventually pass. Though not often invoked in good times, this proverb can also refer to the passing of good things in our life. It might be, for example, the death of a loved one or the departure of a close friend or mentor, as the Early Church experienced when Jesus and then

Paul prepared to leave behind their earthly lives. It reminds us to be open to what life brings and draw comfort from the fact that God's love remains constant even as we pass through good and bad times in our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299)*

"They threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again."

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

FEAST OF EPHREM, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Music makes the man

Does theology have to be boring? Not according to Saint Ephrem, who composed his teaching in poetry and song. He's been called the Dante of the fourth century and the Harp of the Spirit—and is credited with making the hymn an integral part of Christian worship. Though the melodies are lost, the text for 400 of Ephrem's hymns still exist. His sympathies have been identified in modern terms as ecological, feminist, and healing. You can still hear his legacy in our best hymn writers today. Listen to Bernadette Farrell, Christopher Walker, Jesse Manibusan—or your own favorite religious recording artist.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300)*

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

An age-old idea: Lend a hand

In one of the Easter season's recountings of the post-Resurrection appearances, the risen Lord describes to Peter how Peter's old age will contrast with his youthful vigor, leading eventually to his martyrdom. Even without the element of dying for one's faith, the description is also a touching reminder of how aging affects us all. Sooner or later if we live long enough we likely will need to stretch out our hands to another for assistance in dressing, getting about, and other activities. In the meantime there are probably people in our lives who need such assistance now because of advanced age or infirmity. Be the hands they find when they stretch out theirs.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301)*

"When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you."

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Don't forget to say thank you

For some of us, what we are called to do with our lives is clear and we know with certainty what we were born to do. For others, discerning life's purpose is not unlike the process of assembling a gigantic jigsaw puzzle without the benefit of knowing what the image is: For a long time there's mostly confusion and seemingly lots of missing pieces. Only gradually and through much trial and error does the picture become clear. Whatever our outward mission is, as Christians we are called above all to approach life with gratitude. Whether you are certain of your calling or not, be alert to the fact that every moment is a gift—and trust the giver.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580); Matthew 10:7-13 (302)*

"It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians."

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Please join us for the 2nd Annual



Sunday, June 19, 2011
Cornell Plantations
Ithaca, NY
Race check-in 8:30—9:45AM
Race Begins at 10AM

"A day without perspiration is a day for self recrimination".
-Peter De Mott

Peter De Mott Peace Trot 5K Memorial Run

The 5K benefit for the Peter De Mott Catholic Worker House. Entry Fee: Donation "for what it is worth" includes a T-shirt as well as special & unique prizes. Register by June 3rd @ www.peterdemottpeacetrot.org or call 607/277-6932.

Quiz Bowl!
Catholic Youth
Sunday, June 5!!!
MS vs HS YOUTH
ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME. JOIN US!!
11:45AM—1:15PM
CARGES HALL

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. 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 29TH -NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

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



OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD May 22, 2011

Collection 2011	\$ 7,782
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 475,546
Actual Collections: wk 47 of FY	\$ 415,084
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (60,462)
Collection 2010	\$ 8,014

Catholic Courier 2011	\$ 1,343
Catholic Courier 2010	\$ 1,477

Attendance 2011	814
Attendance 2010	810

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