

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 HANDICAPPED

No parent expects his/her child to be in any way inferior to a parent or his/her peers. When this happens, the parent is totally unprepared. It must be remembered that parenting any child in today's very complex society is not an easy task as any parent will tell you. Parenting a handicapped child is considerably more difficult as it impacts their own marital status, relationship with siblings and other children, etc.

Parents can go through various stages in coping with this situation. The first stage is disbelief—this can't be happening to us; denial—there really is nothing wrong at all; grieving—all the dreams of "what might have been". The greatest gift others can give is to **listen**.

The second stage is fear—what will others think; bitterness—what did I do wrong to deserve this. Reassurance is most needed at this point. A handicapped child need not be apologized for being that way. Parents have testified that as they continued to grow in love with their child, that they see this little one as a gift from God. So much is shared in their love for each other.

Not all parents go through all stages nor do they go through them in any set sequence.

A person with ANY problem needs to be met with understanding for him/herself as a person and with help for the problem. The person is not the problem. This is true with any disease. When diagnosed with diabetes, a woman said, "I could bear the thought of *having* something undesirable, but I could not bear *being* something undesirable."

It is important for each us to understand that developmentally disabled as well as physically handicapped persons of any age have a tremendous need to give their gifts as well as receive the ones that others offer them. One must recognize and humbly receive these gifts before one can claim to love this individual. One must be able to say "thank you" before one can truly say "I love you".

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

LAST CALL 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.**

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHOP

June and summer are here. Celebrate graduations and Father's Day with gifts from the Immaculate Conception Gift Shop. There is a great selection of Communion and Confirmation gifts and books and fun toys for the children. It is also a great place for end-of-year gifts for friends and teachers. The IC Inspirational Gift Shop will be closed on Sundays for the summer, but the rest of the hours are the same: Monday to Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites will meet on Sunday, June 6th at 1:30 PM in the chapel at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. At that meeting, Deacon George Welch will continue sharing the life and teachings of St. Teresa of Avila. For more information, please call Pat at 273-0821 or Eleanor at 272-6844.

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 31—Memorial Day @ CEMETERY

9:00 AM John Boronkay (req. by the Boronkay Family)

TUESDAY, June 1

7:00 AM Katherine Breen req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

WEDNESDAY, June 2

7:00 AM John Frisco (req. by the Korik Family)

THURSDAY, June 3

12:10 PM Margaret Donohue John (req. by James John)

FRIDAY, June 4

7:00 AM Ruth Camilli (req. by a friend)

SATURDAY, June 5

4:30 PM Victor Mansfield (req. by Virginia Pepitone)

SUNDAY, June 6

8:30 AM Father John Glogowski (req. by Ann Argetsinger)

10:30 AM Rosemary Branigan (req. by William & Barbara Armstrong)

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Mass on Monday, May 31st will be at Calvary Cemetery at 9:00 AM. Please bring a lawn chair. A collection will be taken for the Friends of the National Park at Gettysburg. In case of inclement weather, Mass will be in church.

JUNE HOLY HOUR

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus the weekend of June 5th and 6th. Besides our attendance at Mass, we can also celebrate it by participating in the Liturgy of the Hours honoring this Feast. This will be the theme of the Holy Hour for June. There will be Exposition following the 4:30 Mass with the Holy Hour beginning at 6:00. This will also be our last Holy Hour until September. Come and join in this beautiful prayer experience!

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.

K OF C PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On June 13th, in lieu of a coffee hour, the Knights of Columbus will do a pancake breakfast. The breakfast will follow the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses. There will be pancakes, eggs and ham. Cost will be \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and \$25.00 for a family. The money raised from this event will be used for the Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION

St. Anthony's Church in Groton is looking for a music director. Position requires: availability for Saturday 4:30 PM Mass, keyboard experience, choosing appropriate music for liturgies, conducting choir and weekly rehearsals, collaborating with music ministries of All Saints and Holy Cross, and availability for weddings and funerals. Salary based on qualifications and experience. Inquiries may be made to Pam (898-5135) or Father Scott (738-3404) by June 1st.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, May 30
7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

Monday, May 31
9:00 AM Memorial Day Mass—Calvary Cemetery
Parish Center Closed


Tuesday, June 1
11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal— Church

Wednesday, June 2
10:45 AM SCC Meeting—Parish Center
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Carges Hall

Friday, June 4
7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
11:00 AM Benediction—Church

Saturday, June 5
5:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
6:00 PM Holy Hour—Church

Sunday, June 6
7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
11:30 AM Sister Elise Retirement Reception—Carges Hall

 Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of the Rinkcas & Shea Families from Theresa Rinkcas.

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 enrolled 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.

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.

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



Our Offering to the Lord
May 23, 2010

Collection 2010	\$8,014
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$475,546
Actual Collections: wk 47 of FY	\$425,908
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$49,638)
Collection 2009	\$7,879

Catholic Courier Collection 2010	\$1,477
Catholic Courier Collection 2009	\$1,271

Attendance 2010	810
Attendance 2009	843

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



Last Sunday the Processional Hymn, "Keep the Spirit Alive" called us to live what we sing. We joined in singing, "**In gratitude we're called to give so those in need can love and live we'll spread the news that God is good. We're keeping the Spirit alive.**" (Or are we?) Time is running out for this year's contributions. 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 **\$41,778.90 or 80.84%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. We have to make up the deficit (right now it stands at **\$9903.10**) from our operating expenses. Help us help others by contributing whatever you can. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all who have contributed or are still thinking about doing so. **Remember—no contribution is too small—for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation. We Need You!**

* **THANK YOU, SISTER ELISE** *
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* On Sunday, June 6th Immaculate Conception Parish will be holding a retirement celebration during the 10:30 Mass for Sr. Elise Quigley, followed by an "open house" reception with food, beverages 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 is now going to take time to "smell the roses", yellow ones of course, and to do some volunteer work. *

NEW AGE MOVEMENT AND CATHOLICISM

A day of prayer, *New Age Movement and Catholicism*, will be presented at Notre Dame Retreat house in Canandaigua on Tuesday, April 13th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM . The day will start with coffee and pastries followed by morning prayer and a presentation. Lunch is served at noon and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. The celebration of the Eucharist and an anointing of the sick and elderly will follow. To reserve a spot call (585)394-5700. Registration fee is \$15.00.

VOCATION AWARENESS

Easter is a new beginning and, through Christ's death and resurrection, we are new creations. In our reading from Acts today, Peter says, "He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the one appointed by God..." Each of us has that mission, but some of us are called to live it in very public ways, through vocations to religious life and ordained priesthood. Our church needs those visible signs as reminders that we are all called to bear witness to Jesus. The dedicated priests and religious of our own diocese love their vocations and encourage you to be open to the possibility that God may be calling you to that way of life. If you'd like to talk to someone, please contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890 or on line at www.dor.org/vocations.

Next Sunday – April 19, 2009—2nd Sunday of Easter
