

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 Minister for RCIA, Liturgy, Evangelization ext. 108
Rich Rasmussen – Jr./Sr. High Youth Minister, Administrator of Religious Education ext. 110
Kaelin Corina – Religious Ed. Assistant ext. 109
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Contact Information

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<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

COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME

How do we see the Holy Spirit? We meet the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament at creation and hear His words through the speaking of the prophets. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit is present at Jesus' Baptism. The Holy Spirit came to the Apostles on Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles is sometimes referred to as the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit" because of the numerous times the Spirit is referred to in the beginnings of the early Church.

This is all well and good, but what about today?

At our Baptism as the waters were poured on us, we were Baptized—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. During the ceremony of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation the Bishop (or his delegate) said—be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. These Sacraments along with frequent reception of the Eucharist give us the necessary strength to live our lives as God would want us to do.

Many times we are so involved in "living" that we forget to reflect on what is happening in our lives. One only has to talk to someone beginning the RCIA Process to recognize what I like to refer to as "God's Time". People will often say, "I don't know why I am coming now". I will tell them it is God's time and we will have to wait and see.

It is only reflecting on our lives that we can see the actions of the Spirit at work in our lives.

There are the times when we go to see a sick friend thinking, "What will I say?" Yet when we are open to the Spirit words will come and all will be well.

I taught school for 21 years and there were many times that I would wonder, "Where did those words come from"? In reflecting back I can say it was the Spirit speaking through me. Often I would think that it is an "act of faith" to teach. As I go through life it is also an "act of faith" to be a parent and also—just to be for others. We never know how God is going to use us to bring the message of God's love and peace to others.

"Gentle Spirit, rest in my smile.

Be in my touch as gentle as you.

Gentle Spirit, powerful God.

Let your love shine through me.

Let your love shine through me." (Deacon Ray Defendorf)

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

On Thursday, June 4th, there will be a special presentation entitled—"Two Suitcases", which is a DVD about Saint Josephine Bakhita, a slave from the Sudan. Saint Josephine was declared a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2000. She thus became Sudan's first Catholic saint. This DVD will be shown after the 12:10 Mass in the Parish Center. All are invited to bring a lunch and learn about this woman who demonstrated that God's love is stronger than any humiliation and suffering.

HOLY HOUR FOR JUNE

On Saturday, June 6th, the feast of the Blessed Trinity, our Holy Hour will be Vespers for Trinity Sunday with a reflection on each Person of the Trinity. This Holy Hour will begin at 6:00 PM. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 4:30 Mass.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

The Diocese of Rochester Office of Vocation Awareness is hosting the 10th annual "**24 Hours with the Lord**" retreat on Friday, June 5th, 2009. This mini retreat is for single Catholic men, 17-40, who are serious about their faith and would like to know more about the vocation of the diocesan priesthood. It will begin Friday evening with dinner, prayer and conversation with Bishop Matthew Clark and some members of the Vocation Awareness team, and will conclude Saturday morning following the priestly ordination of Brian Carpenter at Sacred Heart Cathedral. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate an opportunity to hear more about this unique life of service in the Catholic Church, please call (585)461-2890 or e-mail to: vocations@dor.org.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Although the Theology on Tap group doesn't usually meet during the summer months, there will be a special gathering on Thursday, June 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at St. Catherine's Parish Center. Father Peter Abue will be in town and has graciously agreed to give a little presentation on his work with CORAfrica. This event is open to ALL and EVERYONE who wants to attend, young and old! Come for a relaxed evening gathering of discussion and dessert. So spread the word, and bring any friends or relatives who may be visiting for the summer!

HEARTS' CRY SPONSORS NEEDED

Hearts' Cry is beginning the new 2009-2010 school year next month and some of the students have lost their sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring Pujitha Aaduri, a 16 year old Christian girl who will be attending the 10th grade **OR** Naveen Bommakanti, a 10 year old boy who will be attending 4th grade. Please call Hearts' Cry at 319-0200 to become a sponsor and help these students continue their education.



EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 1

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Amici, VanGorder, Boyce & Brownell Families (req. by Clara VanGorder)

TUESDAY, June 2

7:00 AM Katherine Breen (req. by Richard & Donna Srnka)

WEDNESDAY, June 3

7:00 AM Margaret Donohue John—14th anniversary (req. by James John)

THURSDAY, June 4

12:10 PM Father Bernard Carges (req. by the Katerians)

FRIDAY, June 5

7:00 AM Larry Brown (req. by Phyllis Stallone)

SATURDAY, June 6

4:30 PM Joe Gallagher & Russ Martin (req. by Mig Martin & Family)

SUNDAY, June 7

8:30 AM Louise, June & Paul Jacks & Virginia & Walford Cousins (req. by Carmen Jacks)

10:30 AM Jean M. Tripepi (req. by the I.C. Cemetery Committee)



Wendy Anne Maynard & Chris John Loxley |

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

In the first reading this Pentecost Sunday, we are reminded of the world-wide mission of the Church. The disciples are filled with the Spirit and are able to speak in different tongues. Jews from every nation of the known world could understand them.

In the document, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Response*, the United States Catholic Bishops tell us: *Building peace within and among nations is the work of many individuals and institutions...We believe that the Church, as a community of faith and social institution, has a proper, necessary, and distinctive part to play in the pursuit of peace. (#21)*
Reflection: *Understanding other cultures is challenging, but essential in the pursuit of peace among nations. In the spirit of Pentecost, what culture (age group, nationality, gender, race) can you learn more about to break down your own barriers to understanding?*

VOCATION AWARENESS

The confused and fear-filled apostles were changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. God continues to call forth women and men to be priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers to serve God and the Church through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Consider whether God may be calling you to serve in one of these wonderful ways. If you would like to speak to someone about it, please contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890, on the web at: www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail to: vocations@dor.org.

BIBLICAL HUMOR:

Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
 Answer: Noah because he was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation!



THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, May 31—Feast of Pentecost

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
8:30 AM Spirit Alive Mass—Church
10:30 AM Spirit Alive Mass—Church

Monday, June 1

1:00 PM Rosary making—Parish Center
6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School

Tuesday, June 2

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
7:15 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal—Church
6:30 PM CASE Training Workshop—Carges Hall

Wednesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 4

12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Parish Center

Friday, June 5

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
11:00 AM Benediction—Church

Saturday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 7

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Edward J. Conley from Rudy & Cookie Paolangeli



THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

On August 15, 2009, Father John Corapi will be making his first and only public speaking appearance in two years at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo, NY. Father will be preaching what he says will be one of his most powerful presentations ever on the person and power of the Holy Spirit. He will be delivering four exciting and moving sermons. Joining him will be Raymond Arroyo of EWTN and master of ceremonies Jerry Usher. The best seats are going fast! This event is sponsored by The Stations of the Cross, Catholic radio. To get more details and to register, go to: www.fathercorapilive.com or call (888)223-6000.

SHRINES TOUR

Marian Tours are hosting a five day pilgrimage from June 19th to June 23rd, coinciding with the feasts of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Shrines to be visited are the National Shrine and museum of St. Therese in Darien, Illinois, Shrine of St. Jude in Chicago, St. Maximillian Kolbe Shrine, Marytown, Illinois, Sacred heart Basilica, South bend, Indiana, and additional shrines. For more information and reservations, call Norb & Marlene Figurski at 1-800-752-8856 or 814-455-7163.

Our Offering to the Lord
May 24, 2009

Collection 2009	\$ 7,879
Budgeted (\$10,217 weekly)	\$480,199
Actual Collections: wk 47 of FY	\$391,989
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$ 88,210)
Collection 2008	\$ 8,270

Catholic Courier 2009	\$1,271
Catholic Courier 2008	\$1,343

Attendance 2009	843
Attendance 2008	787

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.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

In an effort to cut back on parish expenses, we have decided to go with a new company for our weekly collection envelopes. Starting with the July envelopes, you will now be receiving them on a three month, quarterly schedule. We do ask that, if you are going to be away for an extended period, you let us know so that we can stop your envelopes for that period.

PART-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION

As of July 1st, Sister Elise will be working on a part-time schedule and we will have a position open for someone who would like to work two days a week in our Parish Center office. Applicants must have better than average computer skills with a working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher, Excel, Word and DOS programs. The ideal candidate will possess good interpersonal skills and be able to deal with the public in a highly professional manner. Various additional responsibilities will be discussed during the interview process, along with occasional vacation coverage duties. This position has the potential of becoming a full-time permanent position in the next 2 to 3 years. Please send resume and letter of interest to Lynn Kingston at 113 N. Geneva Street, Ithaca, NY 14850.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Notre Dame is the recipient of a substantial gift from Corn-ing Incorporated to be used for financial assistance for families who wish to enroll their son or daughter at the high school. We are aware that some families are uncertain about their finances and therefore reluctant to register their children. With this additional funding, Notre Dame High School is possible for anyone who wishes to attend. Please call 607-734-2267 for more information.

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.

