



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.

~ July 3, 2011 ~

Staff Connection...

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy" yet how can being burdened by any kind of yoke be easier than not being controlled at all?

Think of a wild mustang galloping here and there over the fields. He seems totally spontaneous, veering this way & that as his untamed instincts drive him. We think of "breaking" him. We put a steel bit in his mouth, a bridle around his head and neck and harness his animal energy to our own human wills. Is that yoke "easy" for him?

We do not know how the horse feels. For all we know, although cavorting uncontrolled may offer a certain thrill, the experiences of different gaits of canter, gallop, walk and trot have their own appeal. That comes only from the yoke of training, practice and discipline. The animal will is not so much broken as re-directed.

This is something like us with the yoke of Christ. Without it, we enjoy a certain wild freedom and recklessness to follow our instincts. That offers a crude pleasure, but it lacks the more delicate nuances of happiness and joy. Those only come from the yoke of the Spirit, who alone can transmute desires into hope. The Spirit bends our will to God's will.

Jesus said His yoke was "easy" and not "easier". It is a totally different yoke that has its own category of ease. The yoke brings about an entirely different life. Just as a domesticated horse is an entirely different horse than a wild one, so a spiritualized person lives a totally different life: the like of Christ.

Once we rise to the level of living in Christ, the living is easy. But it is not easy *arriving* at that existence. That life is actually easy only because we have gotten rid of the hard parts. Life is hard when we mismanage our freedom, when we throw off the yoke of discernment and discipline. When we do whatever we feel like, we think we are being our spontaneous self. But there is a time and a place for everything; outside that proper setting, spontaneity is simply obnoxious, boring & embarrassing.

The yoke of Jesus is easy. We must keep that constantly in mind or we revert to the old yoke of law, un-freedom, slavery. Yes, we must bow under the yoke for it to do its work, but we have to keep our eye on the goal, which is living in the pleasant presence of God.

Let's go back to the horse. Some horses are trained in the art of dressage. They can learn to jump hedges, streams and fences. The *Rider's Guidebook* suggests that when they come to a fence, the rider should throw their heart over—then leap after it. This keeps horse and rider focused on the goal. The leap originates in the powerful rear legs of the horse, but the drive is in the heart of the rider. So with us in our obstacle course of life. We must engage our will and energy, we must discipline our desires, we must remove obstacles to our progress. Without our earnest effort, we will not finish the course. But most of all, we have to throw our heart where we want to follow.

Fr. Leo from Celebration

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

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

HOSPITALIZATIONS

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

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

Immaculate Conception Church

Date	Mass Intentions
Sunday 7-3	8:30AM—Vincenzo & Gennaro Raponi Families & Ribble Family by Frank & Jean Raponi 10:30AM—Robert Avery by Pat & Fred Ciaschi
Monday 7-4	No Mass Today
Tuesday 7-5	7AM—Rose & Frank Gaultierre by Jean Ford
Wednesday 7-6	7AM—Viola Maliski by Mary Edsall-Golway
Thursday 7-7	12:10PM—Caroline Guidi by Marge Ciaschi
Friday 7-8	7AM—Joseph Natali by Fred & Jan Parente
Saturday 7-9	4:30PM—Jeffrey June (21 st anniversary) by the June Family
Sunday 7-10	8:30AM—Sylvia & “Red” Fowler—In Memory of their 70 th Wedding Anniversary by the Fowler & Farino Families 10:30AM—Emilio Sposito by Emma & Gegazdo Sciarra

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF **WILLIAM B. KENNEDY, JR.**
FROM
JULIA & HIS DAUGHTERS

The SANCTUARY LAMP is available the weeks of:
July 10 & 31
August 7
September 11
Call Lynn Hathaway @ 273-6121

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTAIN PEACE WITH FOOD?
The LIGHTWEIGH program, a 12-week Catholic Scriptural course dealing with spiritual growth could well be the answer to your prayers. LIGHTWEIGH is based on Catholic Bible study, readings, prayer, reflection and response. Since the program’s inception over 10 years ago, LIGHTWEIGH has helped many who have struggled with weight loss and weight management. If God is calling you to become a “CONTEMPLATIVE IN ACTION” through His Word, then what are you waiting for?!
Call Pat Ober 273 5277

The Week Ahead...

- MONDAY, JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- TUESDAY, JULY 5
11AM—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT 1PM—CH
- SATURDAY, JULY 9
10AM—BAPTISM PROGRAM—ST. CATHERINE’S

Welcome to Our Faith Family

QUINN AUSTIN KEMPF
son of Christopher & Virginia Kempf

MIA BOSADO
daughter of Lisa Leonardo

GIOVANNINO CALOGERO MELICE
son of Carmelo Melice & Lisa Leonardo

SUMMER MASS & LUNCH
@
NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE
5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY
Please Join Us on Tuesday, July 12, 2011
11AM Mass with Lunch to Follow
\$15 donation
Come as early as you like and stay as long as you like. Enjoy some peaceful time on our grounds or in our building.
CALL TO RESERVE A SPOT FOR LUNCH: 585-394-5700

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
June 26, 2011

Collection 2011	\$ 7,224
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 526,136
Actual Collections: wk 52 of FY	\$ 457,796
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (68,340)
Collection 2010	\$ 5,343

Peter’s Pence 2011	\$ 1,982
Peter’s Pence 2010	\$ 1,461

Attendance 2011	778
Attendance 2010	675

“Often people attempt to live their lives backwards; they try to have more things, or more money, in order to do more of what they want, so they will be happier. The way it actually works is the reverse. You must first be who you really are, then do what you need to do, in order to have what you want.”



**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
2011-2012
RCIA OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

IF YOU: **Have never been baptized**
Have been baptized in another Christian denomination and now wish to experience more closely the traditions of the Catholic Church...
Have been baptized Catholic, but have never been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (not received Eucharist and/or Confirmation)

AND:
You have a growing desire to share in the Eucharist at Mass or you feel you want to grow closer to the Lord in and through the Catholic Church

THINK IT OVER!

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or, as a baptized Catholic, wish to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church....

Contact **SISTER EDNA SLYCK**
273-6121 Ext. 108

or

E-mail her at: sednas@immconch.org

Hey Middle School Youth...

Get your feet walkin' and hands helpin' on Tuesdays from 10AM—5PM throughout July!! We'll be assisting our award winning Food Party and helping with other service projects here at Immaculate and beyond!

Invite your friends, bring a lunch; beverage and snack provided.

Contact Carolann for more details @ 273-6121 #109.
Jesus tells us—what you do for my brothers and sisters you do to me (Matt.25)

Let's Live It!!

The Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library (FOL) is looking for book sorters!

Do you love books - touching them and wondering where they came from and what they're about?

Do you enjoy talking to people about books, reading and related subjects?

Do you like making sense of disorder, putting things in their proper place, straightening and organizing?

If any of this describes you, please volunteer with the Friends as they get ready for the Fall Book Sale, which starts October 1st.

More Information to follow...

THE IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM 12 TO 4:30—ONCE A MONTH. PARKING IS FREE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON PURCHASES. CALL SHARON @ 273-6363 FOR MORE INFO



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL IS A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN, AND IT'S ALSO A GREAT PLACE TO HAVE FUN!

COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP!

Summer Camp will run for 6 weeks from 8-5:30 Monday thru Friday—June 27th—August 5th.

This camp is geared for kids going into Pre-K4 to 3rd graders. Throughout the week we will go swimming, visit places in the community, do crafts, play games and do outside activities. Every week we will try to take at least one field trip. We will either walk or take the TCAT.

Dates for Summer Camp:

Week 1 : June 27-July 1st

Week 2: July 5th-July 8th*

Week 3: July 11th-July 15th

Week 4: July 18th-July 22nd

Week 5: July 25th-July 29th

Week 6: August 1st-August 5th

**On Monday, July 4th we will be closed for the holiday.*

PLEASE CONTACT APRIL MILLER OR LADEEN CASE
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. 607/273-2707

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lcased@dordcs.org

PARISH STAFF

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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IC School 273-2707

<http://schools.dor.org/ic/>

Inspirational Gift Shop 273-6363

Calvary Cemetery 272-5780

YOUTH & FAMILY

Rich Rasmussen ext. 110

High School & Family Based

Carolann Darling ext. 109

Middle School

BULLETIN REQUESTS:

E-mail: Lynn Hathaway @

lhathaway@immconch.org

no later than Tuesdays @ 4PM