

Immaculate Conception



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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 – Sr. High Youth Minister, Administrator of Religious Education ext. 110
Carolann Darling – JH 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

BE SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When I was in 5th grade my class was scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The only problem I had was that I was 2 weeks too young—we had to be 10. It was during the Korean War and my main concern was that I would have to die for my Faith because Confirmation made me a “strong and perfect Christian and soldier of Jesus Christ.” I remember how much fear entered into the reception of this Sacrament. I was however allowed to choose my sponsor and name. This made me feel grown up.

Looking back I realize how much I really missed the point of the Sacrament. Some of it was the theology I was taught and part of it was my interpretation of what I was taught. Over the years I have come to have a deep appreciation of the Holy Spirit alive in my life.

The Sacrament today is looked at through different eyes. First of all reception of the Sacrament is based on “readiness”, not a “certain age”. It does not “make us” anything. I see it as a relationship with the Holy Spirit which is developed over a lifetime.

In laying hands on the candidates the Confirming Bishop/Priest prays, “Send youR Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

When a candidate is confirmed the words of administration are, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”. It is a sealing of the Baptismal Promises when we first entered our relationship with God. This “sealing” solidifies the relationship. The candidate renews his/her Baptismal Promises before being “sealed”.

We read in Scripture (Acts 8:14—17) that they “laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit”.

After the anointing, the confirmand is greeted with “Peace be with you”. He/she is encouraged to live that peace by bringing it to others.

Confirmation is a sacrament of witness. As the confirmand grows in “wisdom and grace” the fruits of the sacrament are spilled over into the lives of others.

As Jesus said in Matthew’s Gospel— “the gift you have received, give as a gift”. (Matthew 8:10a)

Sister Edna Slyck, RSM

HEARTS' CRY SPONSORS NEEDED

The Hearts' Cry program has two students who were previously sponsored, but have lost their sponsors. We are hoping that someone else will be able to sponsor them so that they can continue their education. Kavitha Katepalli is a 14 year old Catholic girl currently in the 9th grade at St. Ann's School in Mattampally, India. She lives with her father Prakash, her mother Lalitha, and 3 siblings. Her father works as a farmer and the family income is \$207 a year. Kiranmai Peddoju is an 11 year old girl currently in the 7th grade at St. Ann's School. She lives with her mother Shalamma, and her older brother Phani. Her father has left the family and her mother works as a coolie laborer to support the family. Their yearly income is \$325. If you are able to help either of these girls, please contact Hearts' Cry at 319-0200.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

Even though we are just now closing out one academic year, we are in the process of planning for religious education for the 2009-2010 academic year. If you have not done so, please stop by the Parish Center to pick up a registration form for either the Sunday morning program or the Family Based Program. You can return these forms to Rich at the Parish Center. The Sunday morning program is for students grades 1-5. The Junior High Youth Group is for 6th—8th grades and the Senior High Group is for 9th—12th grades.

Parents, please note that if your child(ren) are planning on celebrating a sacrament in the upcoming year that your child(ren) **must** be registered in some form of catechetical program (religious ed., student at Immaculate Conception School, youth groups, family based religious ed. etc.) which assists as a base for faith formation of your child and assists in helping your child become "ready" to celebrate sacraments. These programs are not the same as the preparation sessions for the sacraments but are a way of supporting that process. The sacramental preparation sessions are a separate process that Fr. Leo and Sr. Edna oversee. If you have any questions you can contact Rich at 273-6121. Thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 13

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

TUESDAY, July 14

7:00 AM Donald Thomas (req. by Theresa Armstrong & Family)

Wednesday, July 15

7:00 AM Mary Cecilia Barker— 10th Anniversary (req. by Sister Edna Slyck)

THURSDAY, July 16

12:10 PM Carmela Bricchetti (req. by Louisa Biasillo)

FRIDAY, July 17

7:00 AM Casey Clines (req. by Ruth Pearson)

SATURDAY, July 18

4:30 PM Jamie Connell (req. by Margaret Haring)

SUNDAY, July 19

8:30 AM Aldavilla, Joseph & Louis Cacciotti (req. by Sara Komaromi)

10:30 AM Anthony DiGiacomo (req. by Joline DiGiacomo)



Elizabeth Ann Pfanner & Richard Prybyl III
 Meredith Hornbrook & Michael Murolo II

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Habitat for Humanity has started a new project, building a home on Breed Road in Lansing. They need people with construction skills (either professionals or people with home project experience) to supervise different aspects of the project. They are also looking for one or two people who are willing to be general contractors of sorts—to communicate with the construction supervisors, find and negotiate discounts/donations from suppliers and get materials on hand for the next build day. If you would like to get involved, please contact Theresa Jodz at 539-6474 or (cell phone) 351-6523 or by e-mail at: teressaj7@yahoo.com.

POT OF GOLD TICKETS



Immaculate Conception Church and School is announcing the 8th annual POT OF GOLD Parish fundraiser. Remember the **GRAND PRIZE** is \$15,000, with an additional \$3,000 given out as smaller cash prizes. In addition, the selection of merchant gifts as prizes donated for the raffle are always top notch. As before, we will provide dinner for two as our thanks to all ticket holders. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and the Big Drawing starts at 7:00 p.m. Take out is available for those who can't stay and remember you need not be present to win; your ticket is in the tumbler and we will call you! Your \$100 donation automatically enters you in the raffle for cash and prizes valued at over \$18,000. See cash prize list in packet for details.

The **Early Bird Drawing will be** on August 25th for prizes of \$100 cash, \$50 gas card (2 winners), \$50 grocery card (2 winners). Tickets are on sale now and will be available at the Parish Center Mon-Fri between 8:30 -4:30. We will be offering them after the weekend Masses and of course our special Tuesday night telephone crew will be calling all those folks who have purchased them in the past. Please help us be as successful this year as we have been in the past and don't forget to buy your ticket early!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, July 12
 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
Monday, July 13
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—School
Tuesday, July 14
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—School
 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
Wednesday, July 15
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—School
Thursday, July 16
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—School
 6:30 PM Altar Server Training—Church
Friday, July 17
 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—School
Sunday, July 19
 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Richard Seville from the Romani Family.

IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP


The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop is looking for volunteers. We need people to work one Sunday a month from 9:30 until noon and also people who can work during the week. A free parking space is available, a volunteer discount on all your purchases, and a friendly spiritual environment are all included if you volunteer. Training will be provided. Please call Sharon at 273-6363.

CALLING MINIATURE GOLFERS

July 22nd is "Miniature Golf Day" for the youth of our Parish who have been faithful **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and/or Lectors and their families.** Our day will be at the T-Burg Mini Golf Family Entertainment Center. It will begin at noon with a Pizza Party and last until about 3:00. **Youth Liturgical Ministers are guests of the Parish.** For family members those ages 11+ the cost is \$7.00 and for those under 10, it is \$6.00. Registration forms and money (if others are coming) are due to Sister Edna by July 12th in order to plan for the Pizza Party, etc. Don't miss out on this fun afternoon!

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Attention those interested in being an Altar Server (those in grade 4 through adult) - we are having a practice on Thursday, **July 16th at 6:30 PM** and Tuesday, **July 21st at 6:00 PM**. Both practices will be held in Church. You need attend only one of the practices

 Please pray for the sick of our parish and the men and women in service to our country

Our Offering to the Lord
 July 5, 2009

Collection 2009	\$12,078
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$10,118
Actual Collections: wk 1 of FY	\$12,078
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$1,960
Collection 2008	\$ 11,803

Building Maintenance Fund 2009	\$1,346
Building Maintenance Fund 2008	\$1,285

Attendance 2009	725
Attendance 2008	840

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.

VOCATION AWARENESS

In today's first reading, Amos tells the priest of Bethel that he did not choose to be a prophet, but was chosen by God. God chooses each of us, according to our gifts, to contribute in a particular way to building up God's Kingdom. Sometimes, God chooses men and women to that by way of the ordained and religious life. Not all of us are called in that way, but every once in a while God instills that unique love into a heart. Have you ever thought that God may be whispering to you to consider becoming a priest, sister, brother, or deacon? Would you like to talk to someone about it? Contact the Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Our new parish website (www.immconch.org) is now up and running. We have done some things to bring the site and the parish into the 21st century but there are still a few things that need to be finished. So, please pay a visit to the new site and let us know what you think!

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Jesus sends out the Apostles to heal and to preach the Good News of God's wonderful love and justice. He encourages them to take only the essentials and warns them that they, too, may be rejected just as the prophet Amos. In exactly the same way we are also sent to be healers, teachers and witness of God's justice and charity. On the journey we don't need a lot of 'stuff', only the truth of the Gospel and the understanding that when we preach the message of justice we, too, may be rejected.

Reflection: *Does the 'stuff' in my life hinder me from living and witnessing to the message of love and justice proclaimed by Jesus? What do I need to get rid of, or share with others, in order to bring about a more just society?*

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. Thank you!

