

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
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Ginny Seacord – Office Manager ext. 102
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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

Where Do You Draw Your Strength From?

There is a term that many of us that have been around a while or have taken theology classes throw around quite a bit and may not really reflect on its meaning. The phrase is "Centrality of the Eucharist." We like to use long phrases like this and big words to describe something that is a very basic concept about who we are supposed to be as Catholic people.

Our strength as Catholics should come from the **Eucharist**. Every week we are invited to the Lord's table. We are the Body of Christ who offers our own sacrifices in the bread and wine. These sacrifices are "transformed" into the Body and Blood of Christ. *As the Body of Christ we then receive the Body of Christ.* It may sound like I am talking in circles with so much talk about the Body of Christ. The reality is that it is central to who we are.

I was reading an article about the "Eucharistic Faith of Clarence Gilyard" in St. Anthony Messenger Magazine. If his name is unfamiliar you might recognize him from the TV series, *Matlock* and *Walker: Texas Ranger*. Clarence is a convert to Catholicism who talks about his lack of respect for others, using people, partying too much and not having his priorities straight. His wife filed for a divorce because of his infidelity and he had hit bottom. While he was in a support therapy group, one of the members invited him to Mass. He says that there is "something about the Catholic Mass that was different from any other worship experience (he was raised Lutheran). Clarence entered the RCIA and was initiated into the Church.

Clarence describes his faith as revolving around the Eucharist. He talks about how without the consecrated Host and the actual presence of Christ, our church is just a building. He talks about how receiving Communion sustains him and how praying and sitting in the presence of the Eucharist is also how he draws strength for his decisions and the way he lives his life.

This is a very short synopsis of Clarence's story and the impact that keeping the Eucharist can have on a person's life. The Eucharist is where we can and need to draw our strength from as it has the power to change hearts and lives. Keeping the Eucharist central in our lives helps us to remember who and who's we are. We are the Body of Christ who are transformed weekly by the Body of Christ! So reflect this week on where you draw your strength from. Is it from the Eucharist?

Thanks for reading!

Rich

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 20

12:10 PM Rose & Frank Gautiere (req. by Theresa Rinkcas)

TUESDAY, July 21

7:00 AM Antoinette Guaspari (req. by Sonny & Mary Camobreco)

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 AM Edward & Esther Wilczak (req. by Dinah Collins)

THURSDAY, July 23

12:10 PM Dorothy & John Hornick (req. by Roy & Ann Erb)

FRIDAY, July 24

7:00 AM Paul & James Dale (req. by Clara Dale)

SATURDAY, July 25

4:30 PM Louis Golway & Deceased Members of the Golway Family (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

SUNDAY, July 26

8:30 AM Jean & Judd Welch (req. by Joan & Bob Gibbons)

10:30 AM Ferdinando Fiore & Deceased Members of the Fiore Family (req. by Loreta Gneo)



Meredith Hornbrook & Michael Murolo III

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 AM and 4:30 PM. 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!

VOCATION AWARENESS

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the Apostles to, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." That's what Jesus often did when He needed to be with His father. We need to do that, too, if we want to truly hear God speaking to us. We need to allow ourselves sufficient quiet time to just be with God. That is how we build that intimate relationship with God that will be our compass in life. It is a challenge in this busy world, but a worthwhile one that will help us discover God's will for us. If you think God may be calling you to a vocation as a priest, sister or brother and would like to talk to someone about it, please either call the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890 or visit the website at: www

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, July 19

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

Tuesday, July 21

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

6:00 PM Altar Server Training—Church

7:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting—Parish Center

Wednesday, July 22

Miniature Golf Day for Youth Altar Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic

Ministers Noon to 3:00 PM— T-Burg Mini Golf Center

Sunday, July 26

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Louis Golway from Mary Edsall-Golway.

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.

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

Attention those interested in being an Altar Server (those in grade 4 through adult) - we are having a practice on Tuesday, **July 21st at 6:00 PM**. This practice will be in church.

MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend a Carmelite friar, Father Aris Escobal, O.Carm, who hails from the Philippines, will be here speaking on behalf of the Carmelite Missions. Father Aris, who is in charge of the Carmelite mission in his own country, will be preaching at all of our Masses and will make an appeal for support of their missionary endeavors all over the world. Your prayers and generous support will be of great help to their missionaries assigned to the developing countries of India, East Timor, Indonesia, Vietnam, Trinidad, Zimbabwe and the Philippines as they strive to bring to these people the Good news of Our Lord. Please be generous to the Carmelite mission in the second collection on the weekend of July 25-26.

SUMMER MASS AND LUNCH

On Tuesday, July 21st, Notre Dame retreat House in Canandaigua invites you to a summer Mass and lunch. Mass will begin at 11:00 AM followed by lunch. Requested donation for the day is \$10.00. You are invited to come as early as you like and stay as long as you'd like. You may enjoy peaceful time on their grounds or in their building. Call (585)394-5700 to reserve a space for lunch.



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

Our Offering to the Lord
 July 12, 2009

Collection 2009 \$8,985

Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly) \$20,236

Actual Collections: wk 2 of FY \$21,063

OVER/(UNDER) to date \$827

Collection 2008 \$9,595

Emerging Churches 2009 \$1,755

Emerging Churches 2008 \$1,274

Attendance 2009 786

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.

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

"I am the bread of life," Each Sunday we gather around the table to receive Jesus, the nourishment that provides true life. In their 2002 document, *A Place at the Table*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops tell us, "It is Christ's sacrificial meal that nourishes us so that we can go forth to live the Gospel as His disciples. Too often, the call of the Gospel and the social implications of the Eucharist are ignored or neglected in our daily lives. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* insists, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest."

Reflection: *How does the Eucharist call you to encounter and serve the poor?*

Coming soon!

Coming soon....a movie and pizza night for all Junior and Senior High students of our parish. It will be a great time for all to gather together. You are encouraged to bring a friend. Watch the bulletin for further details

Sponsored by the teens and parents of the Youth Ministry Program



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!

