

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

For Better, For Worse

For those of you that are married, I want you to reflect back to your wedding day. For some of you it may not have been that long ago and for others it has been many years. Regardless of how long ago it was I hope that each of you will say "it seems like just yesterday."

As I was preparing to write this article I came across a funny quote about marriage "marriage certificate is just another word for work permit." I laughed at first but then realized that there is a lot of truth to this statement. Husbands and wives must work equally at maintaining a healthy marriage. Marriages come with a lot of unexpected twists and turns that try our patience, will, senses of humor etc. I then began to reflect on my own marriage of 13 years which drew a lot of smiles, remembering our first date, our own wedding day, vacations together, family get-togethers. I was also flooded with memories of wondering how we made it through surgeries, recovery from surgeries, loss of income, two roller coaster ride adoptions, arguments, buying a home, renovations etc.

It is impossible to look at our individual marriages and not see that they take work. Our marriages are like a garden (my wife's favorite hobby). They need tending in order to bear good fruit. The soil needs tilling, the seeds (of a good marriage) need to be sown, it needs to be "watered" and the "weeds" need to be pulled. We take a lot of time to tend to our gardens. The question is "what have you done to tend a healthy marriage today?"

Just this week my wife and I had a long conversation about how things have been going well and where things have not been going well. These conversations are not always easy to have because we all have to be vulnerable to the truth. However, none of us enters into a marriage alone. We enter into it together. So work on it together. Husbands, don't try to fix something "broken" in the marriage alone (we are fixers are we not). Wives, don't assume that us men already know exactly what is "broken" and what needs "fixin.'" We are not that good! Work together, communicate, have fun! These are all the things I was reminded of this week (thanks Deb) and thanks for reading!

Rich

REGIONAL MASS FOR PEACE

Please mark your calendars for the Regional Mass for Peace on Monday, September 21, 2009 (the International Day of Peace). We are honored that Bishop Matthew Clark will preside. The Mass will take place here at Immaculate Conception Church and will begin at 7:00 PM, followed by a reception in Carges Hall. The Mass for Peace is a joint effort of all the Catholic faith communities in Tompkins County. We will be seeking Eucharistic and hospitality ministers, as well as volunteer bakers for the reception. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Pillemer at 227-1792 or by e-mail at kpillemer@gmail.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHOP

For the month of August, the Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop will hold an **Inside Sidewalk Sale**. Certain items will be **50% or more off** the original price. Comfort candles, select bay and children's items will be drastically reduced. Select group of greeting cards are \$.50. Come and see these and much more!

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING

There will be a special training for new **Eucharistic Ministers** on Mon., Aug. 3rd, at 6:30 PM and another on Tues., Aug. 4th, at 6:30 PM in Church. There will be a special training for new **Lectors** on Mon., Aug. 3rd at 7:30 PM and another on Tues., Aug. 4th at 7:30 PM in Church. You need only attend one training session.

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES

The Secular order of Discalced Carmelites is an association of lay members who embrace a vocation to pursue Christian perfection in the world according to the spirit and ideals of the Discalced Carmelites. The next meeting is Sunday, August 9th, 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. If you have any questions, call 272-6844 or 273-0821.

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

The **Bread of God gives life to the world....** and the crowd in today's Gospel responds, "**Sir, give us this Bread always.**" Sometimes our participation in the Eucharist can become so routine, we take this gift for granted.

Reflect on your desire for the Eucharist and renew your commitment to Jesus, the bread of Life.

Action: The motto of "Bread for the World" is "Have Faith, End Hunger." One way we can put our faith into action is by supporting new legislation that will create a Global Hunger Advisor to the White House, who will coordinate U.S. policy and international cooperation to meet the Challenge of Global Hunger. Call 1-866-569-FOOD to voice support for HR 2817.



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

EUCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**MONDAY, August 3**

12:10 PM Ann McBurney (req. by Franklin Street Neighbors)

TUESDAY, August 4

7:00 AM Katherine Breen (req. by Barbara Gainey)

Wednesday, August 5

7:00 AM Martha Slyck—20th anniversary (req. by Sister Edna Slyck)

THURSDAY, August 6

12:10 PM Frank & Velma Mayo (req. by Joe & Mary Kohm)

FRIDAY, August 7

7:00 AM Philomena Mazza Werner (req. by Leland & Rachel Krieger)

SATURDAY, August 8

4:30 PM Gennaro, Lillian, Anthony & Daniel Raponi (req. by Mary Raponi)

SUNDAY, August 9

8:30 AM Larry Brown (req. by Ron & Lydia VanAtta)

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Aguilar Family (req. by Bob & Rita Boothroyd)

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Michelle Janelsins & Chris Benton

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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!

VOCATION AWARENESS

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus came to bring us "the food that endures for eternal life." Jesus also ordained the Apostles as the first priests of His new Church and the ones who would be the means of providing that nourishment for the future Church. It is equally important today that our Church has priests to celebrate the Eucharist, through which we receive the Bread of Life. Have you ever thought that you might be able to fulfill that important ministry? Consider the gifts that God has given you. Are they gifts we need in our priests today? If you would like to talk it over, please call the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, August 2

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

Monday, August 3

6:30 PM Eucharistic Minister Training—Church

7:30 PM Lector Training Session—Church

Tuesday, August 4

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

6:30 PM Eucharistic Minister Training—Church

7:30 PM Lector Training Session—Church

Sunday, August 9

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

1:00 PM Secular Order of Carmelites Meeting—Parish Center

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Mary Lou Steiner from Howard Steiner.



RCIA: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE 2009-2010 RCIA OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH:

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

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!



**Our Offering to the Lord
July 26, 2009**

Collection 2009	\$7,048
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$40,472
Actual Collections: wk 4 of FY	\$35,110
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$5,362)
Collection 2008	\$7,076

Mission Collection 2009	\$3,757
Mission Collection 2008	\$4,374

Attendance 2009	761
Attendance 2008	743

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 NEW "CHAIR LIFT" AKA "THE ELEVATOR"

As with any major project there are often a few "quirks" to work out for a short period of time after completion. This one is no exception. We are fervently trying to resolve these "quirks" as quickly as possible, please bare with us. Procedures for operating the "lift" are a bit different than we are use to with the old one. Please read the instructions on the wall thoroughly before taking your first trip. Also, an instruction sheet will come in the bulletin shortly. We will keep you current regarding the gifts & contributions given by all parishioners toward the cost of the new lift. Here are the figures to date:

Total Cost: (projected \$85,000) actual	\$96,276
Gifts and Contributions to date:	43,125
Pledges made; not yet received:	1,925
Outstanding remaining balance:	\$51,226

Thank you so very much for your support!



ATTENTION ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH
The Youth Ministry program is hosting a Pizza and a Movie night **on Friday, August 14th** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM 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. If you have any questions or need further information you can contact Rich or Carolann at the Parish Center 273-6121.

TYPWRITER NEEDED

If anyone has an electric typewriter in working condition and would like to donate it for use in the Parish Center offices, please contact Sister Elise or Ginny Seacord at 273-6121. We have recently sent three to "typewriter heaven" and have a fourth on its way! Thanks very much!