



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.

~August 14, 2011~

Staff Connection...

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Catholic doctrine of the Assumption, while not explicitly supported in scripture, is deeply embedded in the tradition regarding the life and death of Mary from apostolic times. As a primary model of the faithful disciple, Mary's Annunciation in Luke's Gospel is set in parallel to the birth of the church at Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles. By the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, Mary is both the mother of Jesus and the mother of the church, the body of Christ extended in history. Mary's special role as *Theotokos* (God-bearer), affirmed at the Council of Ephesus in 431, revealed a dignity that called for more than just ordinary death and burial. Mary, as the dogma promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1951 asserts, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

Like the doctrines that describe Jesus himself, every feast of Mary is also about us and our destiny. By baptism, every one of us is invited to follow Jesus, as Mary did, through the paschal passage of suffering and death into risen life and, ultimately, a share in the divine life with the Trinity. What Jesus made possible for Mary — life in God — is our destiny as well. And so Mary's example becomes our guide through the stages of our personal progress toward holiness.

Mary's Immaculate Conception, her freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception, previews what happens to us in baptism. Her Annunciation, when she consented to bear Jesus in her womb and give birth to him in the world, parallels our own invitation to accept the divine indwelling in our lives and our mission to share this with others. Mary's Visitation to Elizabeth mirrors the intimacy among Christians who share God's plan unfolding in their lives. Mary's Magnificent is our invitation to trust in God's promise that justice will prevail in the world. Mary's suffering in union with Jesus reflects the total cost of our own discipleship. Mary's place in the community as it prayed before Pentecost signals our own place in the church on its pilgrimage through history. By this communion we, too, are *theotokoi*, God-bearers, preachers of the Word and temples of the Holy Spirit.

If the language used to describe all this seems too lofty for us, we recall that Mary was chosen from the humblest of origins, a young girl in an obscure village in the far-flung reaches of the ancient world. Her adult life was spent as wife and mother in the house of a simple carpenter; her role in the ministry of her famous son was seemingly peripheral; her appearance and personality are virtually unknown to us. Her deepest, most dramatic accomplishment, it seems, was saying "Yes" to God's will, then living out the implications of that consent. We celebrate her place in glory for that affirmation, while also rejoicing that God asks no more or less of us.

Fr. Leo

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.

ANOINTING 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

Date	Mass Intentions
Sunday 8-14	8:30AM—Mary Rinkcas/Rose Kroboth by Theresa Rinkcas 10:30AM—Emilio Sposito by Emma & Gezardo Sciazza
Monday 8-15	12:10PM—Nan True by Mary Ann FitzPatrick The Assumption Of The Virgin Mary (Does not carry obligation of attending mass)
Tuesday 8-16	7AM—Communion Service ONLY
Wednesday 8-17	7AM—Communion Service ONLY
Thursday 8-18	12:10PM—Communion Service ONLY
Friday 8-19	7AM—Richard J. Kimler by Charles & Maureen Curtis
Saturday 8-20	4:30PM—Charles & CJ Klein by Mary Klein
Sunday 8-21	8:30AM—Mary Lou Steiner by Howard Steiner 10:30AM—Mark Parente by Jackie Fuller

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF
EMMA LOKKEN
FROM MARGE CIASCHI

A very huge
THANK YOU
goes out to all who helped support the Migrant
Farm Workers by donating fans and flip flops.
They were well appreciated:)

*Fr Leo will be away this week on
A retreat*

Banns of Marriage
Lauren Seager & Jonathan Gorski - I

The Week Ahead...

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16
11AM—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT 1PM—CH
7PM—STEWARDSHIP COMM— CH

All are invited: SOLEMN VESPERS will be celebrated on the Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, August 14, at 7:00 pm at Saint Mary’s Church, Auburn, in observance of their patronal feast. This Evening Prayer Liturgy will include two pipe organs, choral psalms and hymns and the blessing of a special Memory Garden of Roses surrounding the statue of the Blessed Mother. A reception will follow. All are invited!

LIVING ROSARY will take place on the Vigil of the Queenship of Mary on Sunday, August 21, at 7:00 pm at the outdoor shrine next to St. Francis Church, Auburn. The Celebration consists of the Living Rosary, Litany of the BVM, Candlelight Procession and Benediction. If you would like to be a “bead” for the Living Rosary, call Toni Considine at 315-252-6281. Lawn chairs are welcome and all are invited.

Please remember to update your Parish Census Card as often as necessary so that we can contact you when necessary!

The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates invite you to the Final Profession of Vows for **Sister Madeline Rockwell, RSM**, A former parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church. She will be professing her **Final Vows on Saturday, August 27th, at 1:00PM**, at the Mercy Center (former Motherhouse), 1437 Blossom Rd., Rochester. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a special reception for her here in our Parish Hall on Monday, August 29th, at 7:00PM. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join in celebrating this important milestone in her life.



OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
August 7, 2011

Collection 2011	\$ 10,821
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 60,708
Actual Collections: wk 6 of FY	\$ 50,772
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (9,936)
Collection 2010	\$ 7,297

Building MTC 2011	\$ 1,382
Building MTC 2010	\$ 1,208

Attendance 2011	755
Attendance 2010	712

8/9/11

Dear Church Members,

I am excited to announce that we're going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church congregation.

Please participate! All I ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church. For the next several weeks, we will be making appointments at the church. **You can also schedule your appointment online at <http://signup.olanmills.com>.** Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free church directory and a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate, no purchase necessary.
- You will only need to come to the church once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase portraits and frames on the same day of photography. All portraits come with a 100% unconditional guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

Please volunteer! It will take a group effort to make this a reality and I ask for your support by volunteering just a little of your time.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are September 7, 8, 9 2pm to 9:30pm; September 10 9:30am to 5pm, September 22, 23 2pm to 9:30pm; September 24 9:30am to 5pm, October 6, 7 2pm to 9:30pm; and October 8 9:30am to 5pm

If you have questions, please contact Mark Jasinski 241.2796 or mjasinski@twcny.rr.com Our new directory won't be complete without you.

Evangelization

Diocese of Rochester



Mary Dundas, Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis

August 2011

“Every activity of the Church has an essential evangelizing dimension and must never be separated from the commitment to help all persons to meet Christ in faith, which is the primary objective of evangelization.”

(Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelization,
Office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007)

The Power of the Good News!



The power of the Gospel is that it addresses people's deepest human needs:

1. we need to know that we are *worthwhile as persons*
2. we need to know that *we belong*, and are connected to others
3. we need to know that we have a *purpose for living*
4. we need to have *hope* in the midst of life's pain and disillusionment

How is your parish harnessing the power of the Good News of Jesus Christ? How many Bible Study or Faith sharing groups do you have?

The New Evangelization: Something for Everybody!

Who: Fr. Frank DeSiano from the Paulist Evangelization Ministries

When: Saturday October 22

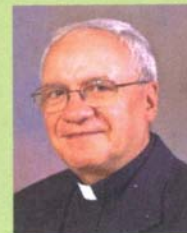
Where: St. Patrick, Victor 9-11am
OR St. Mary, Bath 1-3 pm

Why: *to bring NEW LIFE to your parish!*

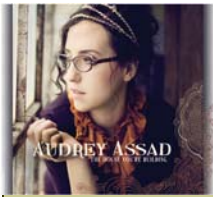
Cost.: \$10 per person (online registration)
www.dor.org/evg

Everyone on your parish staff and the parishioners in your pews can benefit from Fr. Frank's presentation, skills-building, and planning opportunity.

Online Registration opens August 22



Call Mary Dundas for more information
585-328-3228 ext 1243



Time to Secure your Tickets!
Seats are selling quickly, so don't miss out!
"We Are The Beggars" Tour
Tickets featuring
Ike Ndolo & Audrey Assad

Special Guest: Ennie HickMan
Monday, September 19th @ 7p
St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca, NY

Promoted by Immaculate Conception Youth & Family Ministry & St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, NY

For more ticket info & to listen to Audrey & Ike's music, please visit <http://www.immconch.org/>



ATTENTION LADIES!

Another year gone by and it is time for the Women's Retreat weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House. This year's theme is: **"TO BE OR NOT TO BE A 24/7 CATHOLIC; FOR THAT IS THE QUESTION."** That theme has certainly peaked my interest....how about you? Please join me in what promises to be a renewal of our identity as Catholic women of faith.

Date: September 16-18, 2011
Deadline for registration is September 7, 2011

Contact: Maureen Seeley 589-6483 or e-mail mseeley@htva.net

Changes in Policies and Procedures

Over the next few weeks and months you may notice some changes in the way long standing procedures are done at Immaculate. The Diocese of Rochester has updated its policies and procedures for all parishes, schools and worship sites and will continue to do so as legislation and tax laws evolve for not-for-profit and religious organizations. For instance, this weekend the ushers will begin a small change in the procedure for combining the gifts in the baskets which are collected at Mass. The ushers will now empty the baskets into the sealed-plastic bag before it is received at the altar. As the Mass proceeds the ushers will place the collection in the locked area in the vestry.

We would also like to welcome Ann Argetsinger, who will be our new weekend Office Assistant. Ann will now work on Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. This Parish office will no longer be open on Sunday. And at this time, we would very much like to extend our thanks and gratitude for a ministry well done to all the middle and high school teens who have worked faithfully in the office each weekend for so many years.

September Day of Prayer

Tuesday September 13, 2011
Notre Dame Retreat House 5151 Foster Rd
Canandaigua, NY 14424

OPUS DEI (The Work of God), presented by Fr. Paul Miller, Come learn about Opus Dei's purpose of spreading a profound awareness of the universal call to sanctity, to provide practical helps in the pursuit of holiness and the exercise of personal apostolate of everyday life.. Opus Dei played a very important part of Scott Hahn converting from Evangelical Christianity to Catholicism and its teachings still remain the center of his life.

Please call 585-394-5700 to make a reservation for this day. The fee is \$20.00 which includes conference and lunch. The day begins @ 9:00am with refreshments and concludes with mass beginning @ 2:00pm

Praise God for a Faith Filled Vacation Bible School Experience the week of August 1 though the 5th! We had over 20 youngsters grades Prek-5 who attended and raised almost \$50.00 for Catholic Charities. Blessings and a great big thank you to all those that helped, the Robinson Family, Rynone family, Jasinski Family, Sophie Janowsky, California, Cassy Seno, Gwen Ober, Rich and Carolann.

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



PARISH STAFF

- Fr. Leo Reinhardt ext. 113
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- Sr. Edna Slyck ext. 108
Pastoral Associate for RCIA,
Liturgy, Evangelization
- Lynn Kingston ext. 106
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- Jo-Anne Evanek ext. 101
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- Ginny Seacord ext. 102
Office Manager
- Colleen Sforzo ext. 105
Administrative Assistant
- Gary Vrabel ext. 111
Music Ministry

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- 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: [Jo-Anne Evanek @ jevanek@immconch.org](mailto:Jo-Anne.Evanek@immconch.org)
no later than Tuesdays @ 4PM