

# Immaculate Conception Church

GEORGE GREEN PARISH CENTER ••• 113 North Geneva Street ••• Ithaca, NY 14850 ••• 607-273-6121

Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Sat. 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Sun. 8:00 AM – Noon

PARISH WEBSITE: [www.immconch.org](http://www.immconch.org)



## 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** ext. 113  
Pastor / Sacramental Preparation  
**Sr. Edna Slyck** ext. 108  
Pastoral Associate for RCIA,  
Liturgy, Evangelization  
**Rich Rasmussen** ext. 110  
HS Youth Minister,  
Administrator of Religious Education  
**Carolann Darling** ext. 109  
MS Youth Minister  
**Lynn Kingston** ext. 106  
Business Manager  
**Diana Oravec** 273-2707  
School Principal  
**Lynn Hathaway** ext. 101  
Administrative Assistant  
**Ginny Seacord** ext. 102  
Office Manager  
**Gary Vrabel** ext. 111  
Music Ministry

## 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



## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** A preparation session is required before the baptism of your child. Please call 273-6121 prior to your due date for an appt..

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**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.

## **STAFF CONNECTION...**

HOMILY GIVEN BY SISTER EDNA FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE TAPESTRY OF THE ASSUMPTION FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH—DECEMBER 8, 1998

The Statesman, written by Plato, gives us in his dialogue, "The definition of weaving." Plato sees weaving as having a number of contributory arts, which are distinct from the art of weaving, yet without which, weaving can not proceed. Many contributory arts provide the material foundation for the art of weaving. The "Statesman" then is that person who has acquired the art of managing the life of the state with all the necessary contributory arts without which the state could not exist. In our Gospel this weekend, we meet Mary just after she received the invitation from the Angel Gabriel that God had chosen her to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. The angel addresses Mary as "full of grace". The angel also told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant and would be having a child. Immediately Mary left Nazareth for the home of Elizabeth.

Mary—"full of grace, blessed among women". Through the centuries, the Church has become evermore aware that Mary, through God, was redeemed from the first moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: "The most blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin".

This depth of Mary's spirituality was not given to her for herself alone. The prayers of the Virgin Mary, in her "Fiat" and "Magnificat" are characterized by the generous offering of her whole being in faith to her God.

The art of weaving is certainly a model for us today. We need a spirituality that weaves into one fabric, our relationship with God, with our gifts and talents which extends into ministry to others. The rhythm of real Christian love is that of a gift received and gift given. We need to nurture our inner life, through prayer and sacrament and well as develop our own initiative, intellect and skills. Our **tapestry of the Assumption** calls us to see in Mary the weaving of her spirituality and apostolic ministry, as Mother of the Church and Mediatrix of Grace, ever ready to intercede for us in heaven.

We are invited to look at our own spirituality and ask ourselves how it calls us to reach out to others. We, too, are a blending of all the contributory factors which have brought us to where we are in our lives today, those people and events which have challenged and stretched us as well as those who comforted and delighted us.

As a Parish Community, how are we weaving our relationship with our God and our being there for all who are in need? As a Parish Community, we are individuals who have come together to pray for ourselves and others, and from that shared prayer, we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord in one another.

The contributory arts necessary for the art of weaving remind us of our vocation to be a people of prayer; people of action. Each of us, as individuals, bring to others the threads which make up our lives. As a Parish Community we are made up of fabrics which, blended together, give us our identity as Immaculate Conception Church. The blending of the person we allow ourselves to become is our gift back to God. The weaving of all our gifts as a Parish Community is how we stand together as a Church.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY – August 15, 2010  
Second Collection — School Support**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS....THE WEEK AHEAD
<b>Sunday, August 15</b> THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY	8:30AM—Deceased Members of the Corina & Winkelman Families by the Corina Family 10:30AM—Rita Cerasaro by Florence Navaro	
<b>Monday, August 16</b>	12:10PM—Donna Benedict by Julia Kennedy	
<b>Tuesday, August 17</b>	7:00AM—Vincent Franciamone by Joseph Benedict	11:00 AM — Food Pantry Parish Hall
<b>Wednesday, August 18</b>	7:00AM—Nancy Nazer by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Herson	
<b>Thursday, August 19</b>	12:10PM—Betty Manning by Joseph & Mary Kohm	
<b>Friday, August 20</b>	7:00AM—Lolita Hagin by Fred & Pat Ciaschi	
<b>Saturday, August 21</b>	4:30PM—Edward Collins (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by Dinah Collins	9:45 AM - noon — “Warriors for Life” Contact Franciscan Brother Carmine Funaro @ 607/532-4423 for additional information.
<b>Sunday, August 22</b>	8:30AM—Gennaro, Lillian, Anthony & Daniel Raponi by Mary Raponi 10:30AM—Lawrence Robert O’Rourke by the Bagnardi Family	

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



\*\*\*Please e-mail bulletin entry requests to Lynn Hathaway @ [lhathaway@immconch.org](mailto:lhathaway@immconch.org) no later than noon on Wednesday before you need your information to post.

**SUMMER MASS & LUNCH**  
at the  
Notre Dame Retreat House

**Please Join Us on Tuesday, August 17, 2010**

11:00AM—Mass Lunch to follow  
\$10 Donation

Call to reserve your spot for lunch: (585) 394-5700

Our Offering to the Lord  
August 8, 2010

Collection 2010	\$ 7,297
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 60,708
Actual Collections: wk 5 of FY	\$ 53,603
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (7,105)
Collection 2009	\$ 8,725

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Ask **NOT** what your church can do for you,  
ask what you can do for your church!

Attendance 2010	712
Attendance 2009	737

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MACHAKOS-KENYA**  
**Fr. Dominic Nyamai Munini—Annual Mission Appeal**

The Catholic Diocese of Machakos is on the eastern part of Kenya, East Africa. It covers an area of 15,000 Sq.Km. The tribe that occupies this region is called the Wakamba. The Diocese is in a semi-arid area. The annual rainfall is not reliable. There is constant famine and drought. Poverty is very high because most people depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Unemployment is another major problem. The effect of HIV/AIDS is highly felt in the Diocese. Due to poverty, malnutrition is the people’s greatest problem. In times of normal rainfall, 25% of the Wakamba children die before the age of five years old and a further 15% die before the age of fourteen. In the periods of drought and famine, the number of deaths increases.

Being the only hope of people in such a poverty stricken area, the Catholic Diocese of Machakos runs the following projects to combat poverty and famine.

- ⇒ Health Programs
- ⇒ Rehabilitation Programs
- ⇒ Faith Related Programs
- ⇒ Others

Machakos Diocese was established in 1969 and the first two bishops were the first two priests. The present bishop is Rt. Rev. Martin Kivuva Musonde. To date there are 125 native Priests and 20 Missionary Priests. There are 140 native Sisters out of a total of 213 and 23 native born Brothers. There are 52 parishes with 1,030 mission stations. The Catholic population is 862,088 in a population of 2,138,000. There are 131 senior Seminarians.

Your contribution helps the Diocese run the above programs for the good of the people.

**SECOND COLLECTION—AUGUST 22, 2010**

### PLEASE HELP

The **INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP** is in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to reopen on Sundays. ALSO... the gift shop is in search of a responsible individual to volunteer (1) Saturday a month from noon—4:30.

Unless the shop can procure help, it will have to be closed some of the time.

Call **Sharon** @ 273-6363 and hear about free parking, volunteer discount & a great working environment.

### RESERVED TICKETS

Tickets that have been **reserved** are being held in the **PARISH OFFICE** awaiting payment. These tickets must be paid for in order to be eligible for the **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** on **August 31, 2010**  
**DON'T DELAY...GET YOURS TODAY!!**

# Early Bird Drawing

**AUGUST 31, 2010**

1— \$100 GAS CARD  
2— \$50 GAS CARDS    2— \$50 GROCERY CARDS

**6:00 PM**

**GET YOUR POT OF GOLD TICKET NOW**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH & SCHOOL** announce the 9<sup>th</sup> annual **POT OF GOLD** parish fundraiser to be held Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Remember the **GRAND PRIZE** is **\$15,000**, with an additional \$3,000 given out as smaller cash prizes.

As before, we will provide dinner for two as our thanks to all ticket holders. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM & the Big Drawing starts at 7:00 PM. Take out is available!

Remember you need not be present to win.

Your ticket is in the tumbler!

Your \$100 donation automatically enters you in the raffle.

**Remember NO More than 500 tickets are SOLD.**

### IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP

There is a great selection of gifts and books as well as fun toys for the children.

Unique gifts for Marriages, Baptisms, even pets. The IC Inspirational Gift Shop will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Other daily hours have remained the same.

**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY 12:00 PM TO 4:30 PM**

**AUGUST SALE 25% OFF**  
**ALL SINGER & BLISS MEDALS**  
**CROSSES & CRUCIFIXES**  
**MADE IN THE USA**  
**LIFETIME GUARANTEE**

## YOUTH CORNER

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<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=41983502450&ref=search>

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### SAVE THE DATE

**When:** Sunday, September 26th  
**What:** HS and MS Youth Kick-Off Event  
(HS=High School MS= Middle School)  
**Where:** Immaculate Conception School Gym  
**Time:** TBA



Music, games, food, prayer, more food, more music and fun. More details to follow!!

Over 300 youth and adults from throughout the Diocese of Rochester 'took the plunge' and went "Faith Divin" this past weekend at the Diocesan HS Convention. Our youth had an awesome time with Jesse Manibusan as Keynoter, learning about ways to 'show up', 'step up and step out' to accept **THE CHALLENGE OF LIVING A LIFE WITH CHRIST IN THE WORLD AROUND US**. They attended workshops such as "Freshman Survival", "Just-Ice"-Warming up the Planet with Love; Not Just a Love-Song: What are you really Listening To; and Faith & Society: Living Your Faith Daily by our own YM, Rich! DJ Bill Lage did his magic with music and the teens were dancin' "The Catholic Dance" like never before! The event ended with Mass with Bishop Clark and a closing keynote address with Jesse. All are looking forward to walking and living in the Spirit and gathering at NCYC 2011-Indianapolis! Thank you Parish Family for your love and prayers!