

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

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) last June was discussing the fact that many parishioners do not really know who is on the PPC or what it does. To remedy this situation, I'll be writing the "Staff Connection" on the weekend before or after the PPC meeting which is usually the first Wednesday of the month (September—June) at 7 PM in Carges Hall & discuss the agenda or give a synopsis of the last PPC meeting.

The PPC is an advisory council to the pastor. The other council in the parish is the Finance Council. The PPC purpose is to supply the vision for the parish, that is how do we address and meet the challenges of building the Kingdom of God, the Church, throughout the parish, diocese and world. Last year, the PPC went through the book "Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council" by Mary Ann Gubish & Susan Jenny, S.C.. The book talks about the 8 elements needed in a parish: Sunday Eucharist is THE central element, combined with Worship, Word, Service & Community supporting it. Overarching these elements are Leadership, Stewardship & Evangelization.

Based on review of these areas, the PPC discerned where emphasis needs to be placed this year is on the area of welcoming & hospitality. We need to be a more welcoming parish, especially in dealing with newcomers & young families. For this reason the Welcoming/Hospitality Committee has been built up with new members (& we are always looking for more) & beautiful portfolios have been developed to give to newly registered families. The PPC is also working on what I call the Blue Lanyard Project. A lanyard is a cord worn around the neck, usually for identification purposes. The PPC along with other parishioners involved with various ministries will be asked to wear the lanyard to help people come to know one another & to hopefully lead people to ask about their ministry. The PPC also is working on bringing back the coffee hours after the 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses twice a month.

A few years ago the PPC sponsored listening sessions based on Gubish's book during Lent to help discern areas in which we needed to establish goals. For the last 3 years Evangelization, Community & Service have been emphasized. Through the use of "teams" the Parish Newsletter, the Disciples in Mission Program; increased support for the Crop Walk, Habitat for Humanity & Catholic Charities have resulted.

I wish to say thank you to all parishioners who have served on our PPC in the past & invite all to consider it in the future.

Fr. Leo



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 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, contact Karl Pillemer at 227-1792.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Would you like to give your child the chance to grow in a caring, challenging environment? How about the opportunity to grow as a person both educationally and spiritually? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then Immaculate Conception School is the place for you! We are still accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year and would love for you to join our family. Call 273-2707 for more information and to ask about the tuition discount for incoming kindergarten students.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES POSITION OPENING

Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga is seeking a part-time Justice and Peace Ministry Coordinator, 12—15 hours a week. Some evenings and weekends necessary. Applicants who are committed to social justice and who are familiar with the many religious communities in Tompkins County are preferred. Please send a resume and cover letter to Christine Sanchirico, Executive Director, to Catholic Charities of Tompkins/ Tioga, 324 W. Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES....

is an association of lay members who embrace a vocation to pursue Christian perfection according to the spirit and ideals of the Discalced Carmelite Order. The emphasis is on a vocation in the world following the spirit of Carmel, namely, striving for close union with Christ through interior prayer. The next meeting is on Sunday, September 13th at 1:30 PM in the chapel of St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira. For more information, please call 273-0821 or 272-6844.



TRADITIONAL CHOIR

Our traditional choir will begin regular rehearsals on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 PM in the choir loft. If you enjoy singing and God gave you the gift of music, please consider sharing it with others and join our traditional choir. Remember that **"To sing is to pray twice"** (St. Augustine)



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

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 7—Labor Day

7:00 AM Mary Mason (req. by Julianna Illes)

TUESDAY, September 8

7:00 AM Lawrence Kolar (req. by Sam & Joanne Bonanni)

WEDNESDAY, September 9

7:00 AM Ann McBurney (req. by Franklin Street Neighbors)

THURSDAY, September 10

12:10 PM Brien Field (req. by George & Ginny Field)

FRIDAY, September 11

7:00 AM James Potorti—8th anniversary (req. by Peter & Olga Potorti)

SATURDAY, September 12

4:30 PM Santo, Maria, Helen & Lee Torchia (req. by Angie & Peter Torchia)

SUNDAY, September 13

8:30 AM Katherine Breen (req. by Maryann & Susan Marsella)

10:30 AM Alfred, Pat & Michael Ciaschi (req. by Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

Please note that the Mass on Monday, September 6th—Labor Day—will be at 7:00 AM instead of 12:10 PM.



David A. Leonardo & Kristin D. DeLeo

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POT OF GOLD TICKETS

The Immaculate Conception Church and School 8th annual POT OF GOLD Parish fundraiser will be held Saturday, September 26th. 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 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 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.



GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of September 6, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Read: Acts 1:1-26



Reflect: The first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles has the apostles at a new stage in their discipleship. With Jesus' ascension they now enter into the work of spreading the Good News. Before they begin, however, they are prodded with the question, "why are you standing there looking at the sky?" For a moment they were frozen in their faith. Am I too frozen in my faith? Am I stuck in a rut in how I think about being a follower of Christ? How can I open myself to a new challenge in living my baptismal call to spread the Good News that Jesus is risen, and live as part of the Body of Christ?

Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts?

Act it out! How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?

Could I ...think about how I speak about my faith to people in my family? At work?

...if I am a parent, tell my child one story about when I learned something new about Jesus?

...try a new type of prayer or ritual?

How else could I act it out?

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, September 6

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
 8:30 AM Baptism Mass—Church
 11:30 PM RCIA—Carges Hall

Tuesday, September 8

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

Wednesday, September 9

3:30 PM Parish Finance Committee Meeting—Parish Center

Thursday, September 10

12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall
 5:30 PM School Opening Mass—School Gym

Saturday, September 12

9:00 AM Baptism Preparation Program—Parish Center

Stewardship Ministry fair

Sunday, September 13

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
Stewardship Ministry Fair

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Lottie Wszolek—10th anniversary from Pat Wachs.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS BEGIN...

We will be initiating our Adult Faith Formation Sessions beginning Thursday, September 10th, in Carges Hall, following the 12:10 Mass. You are asked to bring a lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Our first and second (September 17th) sessions will be "Acts of the Apostles". It is a DVD which was filmed on location in the Holy Land. These DVDs tell of the danger, struggle and triumph that marks the birth of the Christian Church. All are invited to attend.

Ephphatha—Be Open

Touch our ears and open them
 That we may hear
 That message in a new way.

Touch our tongues and loosen them
 That we may share this message with others.

Touch our hearts
 That we may let you use them
 To transform our world,
 As you let the Father
 Use you to transform your world.

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
 August 30 2009**

Collection 2009	\$7,395
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$91,062
Actual Collections: wk 9 of FY	\$79,525
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$11,537)
Collection 2008	\$8,012

Youth Ministry 2009	\$1,599
Youth Ministry 2008	\$1,965

Attendance 2009	795
Attendance 2008	879

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.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY FAIR INFO



You are invited to save the date for our 3rd Stewardship Ministry Fair. It will be held after all the Masses the weekend of **September 12th and 13th**. There will be opportunities to learn more about the ministries in which we

will be asking you to participate and find out what is going on in our Parish in general. You will have time to relax and enjoy friends ("old" and new) and refreshments. There will also be time to purchase some home made baked goods. **Remember... What happens here, depends on YOU!**

THOSE INVOLVED IN PARISH MINISTRIES

Everyone involved in any ministry is asked to help at a table for the Stewardship Ministry Fair. We need support after each Mass that weekend. If you are willing to come forth and support your ministry, please call the Parish Office at 273-6121 and leave your name and the name of the ministry you will represent.

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

In today's reading from Isaiah we hear reassuring words for those whose hearts are frightened: "Be strong, fear not!" In July, Baltimore Archbishop Edmund O'Brien, previously Archbishop for the U.S. Military Diocese, spoke on nuclear disarmament at the 2009 Deterrence Symposium sponsored by the U.S. Strategic Command:

"It will not be easy. Nuclear weapons can be dismantled, but both the human knowledge and the technical capability to build weapons cannot be undone. A world with zero nuclear weapons will need robust measures to monitor, enforce and verify compliance. The path to zero will be long and treacherous. But humanity must walk this path with both care and courage in order to build a future free of the nuclear threat."

Reflection: *Respecting the life and dignity of all human beings requires the courage to defend life even when we fear for ourselves. Can you be a defender of life by working for nuclear disarmament?*