

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
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Contact Information

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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

Wow! Has it Been Eight Years Already?

On Friday, September 10th, I celebrated eight years as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry here at Immaculate Conception Church. A lot has happened in the parish since I have come and there have been some ups and downs (including my weight. Man that gets so frustrating!!!).

As I think back over those eight years I keep coming back to how the Holy Spirit has worked within our parish and within my life. There are a couple of examples: one personal and one related to the young people of our parish (they both are if you really think about it.). First, I was reminded this past week by a parishioner about the article that was written in the Catholic Courier about 3 years ago when my wife and I adopted our first child, Mia. As I thought about that I remembered how the young people in the youth groups and their parents provided incredible prayer support and even did some fundraising to help Deb and me pay for the process. It is a humbling feeling to be ministered to by the ones to whom I am supposed to be ministering. We now have two adopted children (Mia and Teyo) and they are such blessings (there's a story behind Teyo's adoption too. More on that some other time)!

The second example of how the Holy Spirit has been working in this ministry is through the INCREDIBLE support that our parish has shown toward Youth Ministry in our parish. The past couple of years have been the most challenging with fundraising efforts for NCCY, our need for religious education teachers, people to coordinate and lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program and implementing a slightly different music style through our Spirit Alive Masses. With every need we have had, YOU have provided for those needs and have embraced "trying something new."

The Holy Spirit is moving in our parish and we have seen Youth Ministry grow by leaps and bounds over the past couple of years. I know that this is not the result of anything I have been able to do on my own. The success has everything to do with each of you as parishioners of our parish using your gifts of time, talent and treasure as well as praying for the young people and young families of the parish. I am extremely humbled and grateful for your support (and so are the young people) and I am truly looking forward to the next eight years. I do not know what those years will bring but if it is anything like the last eight years, I could not be more excited. Thanks for reading!

Rich



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)

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Because of postal regulations, the next packet of envelopes you receive will have only two months instead of three. The next mailing will be October-November. If you will be away for the winter months, please let us know so that we can stop your envelopes for that duration. Thank you.



ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO NCCYC KANSAS CITY

On Sunday, September 27th from 9:00 a.m. until Noon the Knights of Columbus and Immaculate Conception Youth Ministry Programs will sponsor an ALL YOU CAN EAT pancake breakfast to help fund the pilgrimage of 12 high school teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, MO. This pilgrimage is a life changing event that has grown in our parish since our first time there when only 4 teens took part. We have since tripled our attendance at this event due to its life changing impact. The menu will be pancakes, eggs, ham, coffee, tea, milk and juice. The cost is \$5 per person with a maximum of \$20 per family, \$4 for senior citizens, children 3 yrs and under FREE. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast with family and socialize with other parishioners all while celebrating and supporting the young people of our parish. We will also have a promotional video highlighting the NCCYC event so you can see what the young people will be experiencing.

YOUNG ADULT MEETING

Theology on Tap will be starting up again this month. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday, September 30th at St. Catherine's Parish Center from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Rich Rasmussen will lead the discussion, but the topic is still to be announced (to keep you on your toes!). Come and take a break from the start of the school year stress. Please bring a friend and spread the word!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RECEPTION

You are invited to the 2009 Catholic Charities annual meeting and volunteer reception on Thursday, September 24th at the Women's Community Building (100 W. Seneca St.). Day starts with a light breakfast at 8:15 AM. The program begins at 8:45 AM. The address: ***Trapped in Food Insecurity: Why and What Can be Done*** will be given by Prof. Christine Olsen, Cornell poverty team member. \$5.00 per person donation is requested. Please pay at the door. RSVP to Catholic Charities at 272-5062, ext. 10.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, September 21

12:10 PM Communion Service

TUESDAY, September 22

7:00 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, September 23

7:00 AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, September 24

12:10 PM Communion Service

FRIDAY, September 25

7:00 AM Communion Service

SATURDAY, September 26

4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Gallagher & Martin Families
(req. by Mig Martin & Family)

SUNDAY, September 27

8:30 AM William & Nancy Bontempi *(req. by the Bontempi Family)*

10:30 AM The Charles Maynard & Tibeau Families & David Ford
(req. by Louise Maynard)

MASS SCHEDULE

Because Father Leo will be away next week, we will have Communion Services at the usual Mass times.



Abby Lucatelli & Donaciano Quintin Jr. II

POT OF GOLD TICKETS

The Immaculate Conception Church and School 8th annual POT OF GOLD Parish fundraiser will be held next 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.



IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP

The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop has just received a large stock of new jewelry. Because of this, we are having a sale on all in stock Bliss and Singer jewelry. Save 25% on all crosses, crucifixes and medals for the month of September. Visit us at 107 W. Seneca Street to see all our selections of jewelry, books, rosaries, etc.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Our new Immaculate Connection newsletter will be arriving at your homes very soon! We hope you enjoy reading it. We are now looking for someone who would be willing to give a day four times a year to work in the Parish Center running the newsletters. You can bring your knitting or a good book to read while you are here. Our hope is for someone who will take them from the copier and stack them and also make sure they are printing correctly. Please call Lynn Kingston at the Parish Center if you are able to help.

Next Weekend: Kitchen Cupboard Weekend

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, September 20

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (Grades 1– 5) - School
- 11:45 AM Youth Groups Gathering—School Gym
- 1:00 PM RCIA—Ithaca College
- 2:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—Church

Monday, September 21

- 1:00 PM Rosary-making—Parish Center
- 4:00 PM McGraw House Communion Service
- 7:00 PM Regional Peace Mass—Church

Tuesday, September 22

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:00 PM Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting—Carges Hall

Thursday, September 24

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM All Committees Meeting—Carges Hall

Saturday, September 26

- 6:00 PM Pot of Gold Dinner & Drawing—School Gym

Sunday, September 27

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:00 AM NCYC Pancake Breakfast—Carges Hall
- 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (Grades 1– 5) - School
- 11:45 AM Middle School Youth Group—School

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Casimer & Wanda Prybyl from Richard Prybyl.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

The next Adult Faith Formation gathering will be on Thursday, September 17, in Carges Hall, following the 12:10 Mass. You are asked to bring a lunch. Refreshments will be provided. This session will be “Acts of the Apostles”. It is a video which was filmed on location in the Holy Land. These videos tell of the danger, struggle and triumph that marks the birth of the Christian Church. All are invited to attend.

ANNUAL CROP WALK

The annual Crop Walk for hunger will be held on Sunday, October 4th. Registration will take place at 1:30 PM on the Commons. Both walkers and crossing guards are needed for this event. Please call Barbara Wilcox evenings after 9:00 PM at 272-2787 if you are able to participate in any capacity.

ROSARY MAKING

Our parish members who make rosaries for the missions will be starting again this Monday, September 21st at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center. They welcome anyone who would like to participate in this ministry and learn the art of rosary making.



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

**Our Offering to the Lord
 September 13, 2009**

Collection 2009	\$8,365
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$111,298
Actual Collections: wk 11 of FY	\$101,322
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$9,976)
Collection 2008	\$8,369

School Support 2009	\$1,853
School Support 2008	\$2,088

Attendance 2009	784
Attendance 2008	850

We thank the family of Margaret Malmfelt for remembering Immaculate Conception Church in the obituary of their loved one.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

On November 16th, at 7:00 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Father John Mulligan will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults and youth in our region wishing to receive this sacrament. Any adult who has not yet been confirmed and wishes to receive this sacrament, please contact Sister Edna at 273-6121, ext. 108 to register.

GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of September 20, (25th Sunday of Ordinary Time) Read: Acts 2: 14-41

Reflect: Peter’s speech to the crowd is the first of many in Acts that connects the message of the prophets to the reality of Jesus the Messiah. Peter is trying to show how the Good News is rooted in salvation history. God’s action and preparation in human history for the revelation of Jesus. My experience of God is also rooted in my history and my people. How has my family shaped my understanding of living as a follower of Christ? How has my experience of church changed and challenged me as a disciple? How does the “rootedness” of the Catholic Church influence my life as a disciple in the world?

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 ...make a special effort to connect with someone in my family; maybe someone I haven’t spoken with lately?
- ...learn about how previous generations of my family or my community lived out their faith, and try to adapt it to my time?
- ...speak the truth about struggles and conflict in my family or community, and offer to work towards peace?

How else could I act it out?

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!

