

# Immaculate Conception



George Green Parish Center  
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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** – HS Youth Minister, Administrator of Religious Education ext. 110  
**Carolann Darling** – MS 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

### BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY

On September 24th we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mercy, the patronal feast of the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates.

This feast goes back to August 1, 1218 when Our Lady appeared to St. Peter Nolasco with 2 bags of coins to ransom Christians imprisoned by the Moors.

Centuries later on September 24, 1827, a young woman, Catherine McAuley, opened a House of Mercy in Dublin, Ireland and dedicated it to Our Lady of Mercy. The house was to be a refuge for women and children in need.

Women came to help her in this ministry and Catherine was soon encouraged by the clergy of her day to found a religious congregation. At the age of 52, Catherine and two of her associates went to the Presentation Convent to learn the structure of convent life. On December 12, 1831, they professed their vows as the first Sisters of Mercy. Over the next 10 years Mother Catherine established foundations in several parts of Ireland and in England. She died on November 11, 1841.

In 1847, the Sisters of Mercy, under the direction of Mother Frances Warde, came to America and settled in Pittsburgh, PA. From there the Sisters branched out to many other parts of our country, arriving in Rochester in 1857.

The history of the Sisters in America include their ministry to the immigrants, especially those coming from Ireland as a result of the "potato famine". They also consoled the soldiers and civilians on both sides during the Civil War.

Today there are 3 Sisters from our Parish—Sisters Jane Kendrick (Santiago, Chile), Barbara Stinard (Rochester), and Madeline Rockwell (Laredo, Texas). We also share ministry with 9 Associates who minister here and in Tioga County—Mary Ann Fitzpatrick, Jean Massicci, Nancy Liguori, Kathleen O'Grady, Mary Edsall-Golway, Ann Argetsinger, Dinah Collins, Catherine Cook and Margaret Dean. We are blessed with 2 saints in heaven—Sister Judith Kendrick and Associate Helen Wilkins.

*Sister Edna Slyck, R.S.M*

**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**

The next mailing of our envelopes 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.

**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!

**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

There will be a special communal Anointing of the Sick with Communion on Saturday, October 3rd, at 11:00 AM in Church. This will be followed by a dish-to-share in Carges Hall. This Anointing is for the seriously ill, the elderly, those facing serious surgery, those suffering from emotional stress due to personal problems or change of life. All are invited to come and pray for and with those who are ill and share lunch with all.

**FATHER PETER ABUE'S MINISTRY**

We all remember Father Peter Abue's ministry to us when Father Leo was on his three month Sabbatical. He has gone back to Nigeria and is involved in his ministry "Children of Rural Africa". Calendars are available to aid him in this ministry—"Waterfalls of the Finger Lakes" for \$10.00. (They may be viewed on line at corafrica.org.) Bon Ton Community Days coupon booklets are also available for \$5.00. These booklets provide you with several coupons applicable to most store items. All funds raised through these endeavors will go directly to Father Peter's ministry. For purchase and/or more information—contact Maria DiFrancesco at 564-7218 or at mdifrancesco@ithaca.edu.

**CALLING SINGLES 40+ FOR A “MAMA MIA” NIGHT**

All singles 40+ are invited to a special evening of fun on Saturday, October 17th. It will begin with a dish-to-share at 6:00 PM, followed by the movie at 7:00 PM in Carges Hall. Please RSVP to Sister Edna at 273-6121 or sednas@immconch.org by October 14th so we can count on you.

**OCTOBER HOLY HOUR**

Our Holy Hour for October will be on Saturday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM. Please plan to come and join us for this special time of prayer.

**EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS****MONDAY, September 28**

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Beach, Feher, & Perko Families (req. by Pat Beach)

**TUESDAY, September 29**

7:00 AM Frank Ciaschi (req. by Bea Ciaschi)

**WEDNESDAY, September 30**

7:00 AM Charles R. Manning—20th anniversary (req. by the Manning Family)

**THURSDAY, October 1**

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Macali Family (req. by Helen Macali)

**FRIDAY, October 2**

7:00 AM Oreste & Josephine Capolongo (req. by daughter Mary Feocco)

**SATURDAY, October 3**

4:30 PM Charles Klein (req. by Mary Klein)

**SUNDAY, October 4**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Douglas & Marguerite Stone Family (req. by Pat Darling)

10:30 AM Kathleen Malison & Mamie & Lily LaFountain (req. by Dan & Tricia Benedict)



Abby Lucatelli & Donaciano Quintin Jr.

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**IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP**

The feast of the Guardian Angels is Friday, October 2nd. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are among the angels we honor. St. Michael is the defender from evil and the patron of police and soldiers. St. Gabriel is the messenger of God and St. Raphael is a Divine Healer and can help in times of illness. Our shop has many books on angels for children and adults. The Catholic faith teaches that each child has a guardian angel to guide him/her through life. Come learn more about the angels at the IC Inspirational Gift Shop. Remember—we are offering 25% off all in stock medals, crosses and crucifixes from Singer and Bliss for the month of September.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE ADVOCACY**

The cluster parishes of All Saints, Holy Cross and St. Anthony's will present "A Catholic Meets Islam: The Challenges and Joys" on Sunday, October 4th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at Holy Cross Church in Freeville. The presenter for the occasion is Deacon George Dardess, a Deacon of the Rochester Diocese, who tells how he came to study the Qur'an in Arabic at the Rochester Islamic Center and how this experience has not only opened him to Islam but has also enhanced his own self understanding as a Christian.

**HEARTS' CRY SPONSOR NEEDED**

Rakesh Kommareddy is an 11 year old Catholic boy currently in the 3rd grade at VVHS School in Mattampally, India. He likes to draw and play cricket, and wants to be a doctor. He lives with his father, Chinnappareddy, his mother, Chinamma, and his grandparents. Rakesh's father is mentally unstable and does not work regularly. His mother works as a day laborer to support the family. The family income is \$250 a year. If you are able to help sponsor Rakesh, please contact Cristen Bonacci at 273-3295.

**THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH**

**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

**Monday, September 28**

10:30 AM Lakeside Mass  
 1:00 PM Rosary-making—Parish Center  
 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School  
 7:00 PM Covenanting Council Meeting—Holy Cross Church  
 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal—Church

**Tuesday, September 29**

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall  
 7:00 PM Confirmation Parents' Meeting—Church  
 7:30 PM SCC Meeting—Parish Center 2

**Wednesday, September 30**

11:00 AM Southern Tier Youth Regional Meeting—Carges Hall  
 6:30 PM Open House—School  
 7:00 PM Welcoming Committee—Parish Center

**Thursday, October 1**

12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

**Friday, October 2**

7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church  
 11:00 AM Benediction—Church

**Saturday, October 3**

11:00 AM Anointing Service—Church  
 4:30 PM Baptism Mass—Church  
 6:00 PM Holy Hour—Church

**Sunday, October 4**

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church  
 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (Grades 1– 5) - School  
 11:30 AM RCIA—Carges Hall  
 11:45 AM Senior & Junior High Youth Groups—School

**SANCTUARY LAMP**



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Pauline Zavaski from a friend.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS**

The next Adult Faith Formation gathering will be on Thursday, October 1st, in Carges Hall, following the 12:10 Mass. You are asked to bring a lunch. Refreshments will be provided. This session will be the conclusion of the "Acts of the Apostles". It is a video which was filmed on location in the Holy Land. 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.



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

Our Offering to the Lord  
 September 20, 2009

Collection 2009 \$6,995  
 Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly) \$121,416  
 Actual Collections: wk 12 of FY \$108,317  
 OVER/(UNDER) to date (\$13,099)

Collection 2008 \$9,779

Human Development 2009 \$2,090

Human Development 2008 \$2,290

Attendance 2009 740

Attendance 2008 842

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.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**



On November 16th, at 7:00 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Father John Mulligan will celebrate 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 by **October 8th**.

**GET INTO THE ACTS**



Week of September 27, (26th Sunday of Ordinary Time) Read: Acts 2: 42—4:4

Reflect: This section of Acts begins with a description of the communal life of the early church, and follows with a story of healing, and another proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah. The Good News, and the healing made possible through Christ, is presented in the context of a community of believers. How does my culture support or challenge the experiences of community? How am I called to be an agent of healing in my community? How does being a part of a community of believers change how I can be an agent of healing?

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 ...offer my time to a community outreach program to support my local town or city community?

...challenge the way that my school or work culture looks at community?

...seek out older or homebound members of my community and offer to help them?

...support legislation that strengthens the local communities of my state?

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!

