

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

October 3, 2010



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
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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 apt.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3PM – 4:00PM

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...

HUMBLED AND HONORED BY THE GIFTS AND FAITH OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

A couple of weeks ago Ryan Barba (youth ministry volunteer) and I accompanied a group of teens from the high school youth group to a suburban parish outside of Boston, MA to lead a Confirmation retreat for 50 other high school students from an area parish. Our group was really looking forward to sharing their faith with other Catholic teens from a different area of our country. They had planned for weeks leading up to that weekend and were even prepared to share their own personal stories and struggles of their own lives as they related to their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. We were all **SOOOO EXCITED!**

Needless to say, the weekend posed a lot of challenges for our teens. They anticipated that the teens from the Boston area were not all in the same place in their faith life. However, I do not think they anticipated to hear about the different realities that other teens face in other areas of our country. Many of the teens struggled with even believing in God and were not even sure why they were even being made to celebrate the sacrament. Some participants even came with poor attitudes which persisted throughout the entire weekend. I am not writing this to paint a picture of the particular parish that we visited or to paint a bad picture of the teens that participated. It is obvious that those that were there are struggling with a lot of different life issues and that is why our team was there for them. I write this to **SHOUT FROM THE ROOFTOPS ABOUT THE GIFT WE HAVE IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH.**

Despite all of the ups and downs of the weekend and the challenges that our young people faced, **NOT ONCE DID THEY EVER GIVE UP ON THAT GROUP OF 50 YOUNG PEOPLE. NOT ONCE DID THEY EVER SAY "THIS ISN'T WORKING, MAYBE WE SHOULD QUIT!"** They shared their **VERY PERSONAL** stories, prayed with the group, listened to their life struggles and their struggles of faith. Even I learned something about each of our teens that weekend. The most important thing is that they **LOVE JESUS CHRIST AND THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH.** They want to share it with the world and help others to see the grace of God and how good God is, even in the midst of our pain.

What is amazing is that weekend is still going on. Our teens have been chatting on-line with many of the teens from Boston. They have been asking our young people about God, how to trust God in the midst of tragedy and pain, about Confirmation and a number of other things. The young people of our parish are listening and evangelizing to others about Christ and the need for hope in our broken world. They truly are amazing!

I could not be more honored and humbled to minister to, with and for all of the young people of our parish. Every young person in our pews has something to offer each of us and my hope is that they recognize their giftedness. Even more than that, I hope every adult in our parish recognizes the giftedness of all of our young people and takes the opportunity to minister along side them as well. I **LOVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE** and am truly humbled and honored to walk this journey of faith with them. We are all blessed by their presence. Thanks for reading!


Rich

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS...THE WEEK AHEAD
Sunday, October 3	8:30AM – Margaret Amici by Joe & Agnes Tagliavento 10:30AM – Deceased members of the Bagnardi, Seres & O'Rourke Families by Bette Bagnardi	9:20AM – Religious Ed – School 10:30AM – Catechical Sunday – Church
Monday, October 4	12:10PM – Irene Majewski by Jessica Rich	1PM – Rosary Making – Parish Center All Welcome
Tuesday, October 5	7:00AM – Anthony Ciaschi by Joseph Benedict	11AM – Food Pantry – Parish Hall Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday, October 6	7:00AM – Betty Manning by Ruth Gombash	10:45 – SCC – Parish Center 7:00 – Parish Council – Parish Hall
Thursday, October 7	12:10PM – Rex Hildreth by Roy & Ann Erb	
Friday, October 8	7:00AM – Ronald Saccucci by Beatrice Ciaschi	
Saturday, October 9	4:30PM – Kathleen M. Kohm by Bill & RoseMary Kohm	
Sunday, October 10	8:30AM – In memory of Augustine Mana & Adjoa Tomery by the Sinon Family 10:30AM – Joseph Michael Zichettella by Joseph & Mary Zichettella	Coffee Hour after 8:30 & 10:30 Masses 11:30AM – RCIA - Parish Center 2PM – Wedding – Church

† Adult Faith Formation Schedule †

Oct. 7 & Oct. 14—Spirituality
video with Sister Joan Chittister, OSB

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF MATT PETERS
 BY TOM & ANN HERSON AND FAMILY




Stewardship—

Everything we have is a gift from God. We are called to serve God out of gratitude for these gifts: time, health, environment, relationships, talents, property, and the Gospel. How do we care for these God-given gifts?

Our Offering to the Lord
September 26, 2010

Collection 2010	\$ 8,281
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 131,534
Actual Collections: wk 13 of FY	\$ 108,869
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (22,665)
Collection 2009	\$ 8,402

Catholic Courier 2010	\$ 1,290
Catholic Courier 2009	\$ 1,402

Attendance 2010	739
Attendance 2009	799

ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

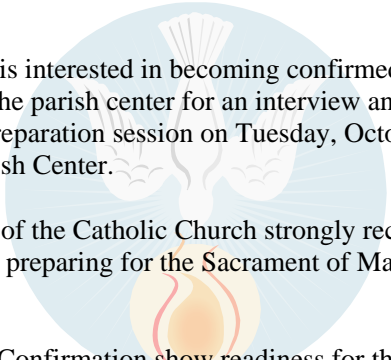
The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated by Bishop Clark in Tuesday, November 3rd at 7PM at the Holy Cross Church.

Any adult who is interested in becoming confirmed is asked to call Fr. Leo at the parish center for an interview and to plan on attending the preparation session on Tuesday, October 12th at 7PM at the Parish Center.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church strongly recommends that individuals preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony be confirmed.

Candidates for Confirmation show readiness for the sacrament through their participation in worship; a continuation in their formation as followers of Jesus, and are in service in some capacity in the parish and community.

If you have any questions please call Fr. Leo at the parish center.



Hope you all had a great summer! I went to the spa on several occasions and was pampered.

October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, so I'm putting in 3 blessings for you to use to bless your animals, pets & especially your sick & old pets like me (as I turned 16¾ on Friday).

Thanks for all the care you give to God's creatures.

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PRAYER FOR A PET:

Blessed are you Lord God of the universe. In your infinite wisdom you created the universe and blessed us with all living creatures. I especially want to thank you for entrusting me with my pet, my friend who brings me so much happiness and whose presence very often helps me get through trying times.

Please bless my pet and make me a responsible steward of your creature. May we continue to give each other joy and remind us of your power.

As my pet trusts me to take care of it, help me remember to trust you to take care of us, for in so doing we share in your love for all your creatures. And especially, we remember all endangered species and ask your help in taking care of them so that we may continue to appreciate all of your creation. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ALL ANIMALS:

Blessed are you Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this animal. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

FOR A SICK ANIMAL:

Heavenly Father, you created all things for your glory and made us stewards of this creature. If it is your will, restore it to health and strength.

Blessed are you, Lord God, and holy is your name for ever and ever. Amen.

IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP

For the month of **October**, the IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP will offer **20% off all rosaries** in stock to honor Our Blessed Mother. We carry wooden rosaries, specialty rosaries, Irish rosaries, and a Polish Ladybug Rosary (come to the shop to learn about this). Our rosaries start at \$5.00 and come in many colors and styles. Rosaries are a good idea for Confirmation or Christmas as well as Advent.

We are also fully stocked for Confirmation
NOVEMBER 3RD

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

“September 25th marked the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities USA. This weekend we will honor Catholic Charities and all people of good will who have cared for people living on the margins in our society. In 2008, Catholic Charities agencies provided help and created hope for more than 8.5 million people regardless of their religious, social or economic backgrounds. Catholic Charities efforts strengthened families, built strong communities, responded to natural disasters, and provided food, shelter and other basic needs. Please keep Catholic Charities in your prayers and consider ways which you can volunteer or contribute to their work.”

YOUTH CORNER

OCTOBER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DATES

Groups are held from **11:45AM—1:15PM**
 at Immaculate Conception School.

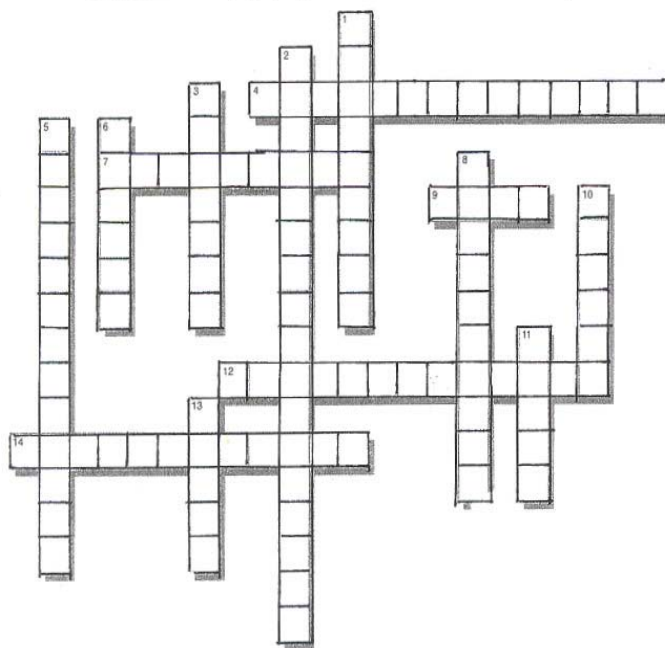
ALL 9TH-12TH GRADERS ARE WELCOME ANYTIME!

October 3rd October 17th

October 24th October 31st

Gospel People Crossword

Can you name these gospel people? Put their names in the crossword puzzle.



ACROSS

4. Jesus was my cousin and I baptized him. See Matthew 3:13. (3 words)
7. Mary visited me. See Luke 1:40.
9. We brought gifts to Baby Jesus. See Matthew 2:1.
12. I went to Jesus' tomb to anoint him. See Mark 16:1. (2 words)
14. I couldn't make the final sacrifice that Jesus asked. See Matthew 19:16. (3 words)

DOWN

1. I tried to have Baby Jesus killed. See Matthew 2:16. (2 words)
2. I gave up my tomb to the dead Jesus. See John 19:38. (3 words)
3. Jesus brought me back to life. See John 11:43-44.
5. I was a good neighbor to a stranger in trouble. See Luke 10:29-37. (2 words)
6. Ten of us were cured by Jesus. See Luke 17:11-19.
8. I was blind, but Jesus cured me. See Mark 10:46-52.
10. I am the Roman who presided at Jesus' trial. See Mark 15:1.
11. I denied Jesus three times, but he forgave me. See Mark 14:72.
13. I was the traitor. See John 18:2.