

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

Earth Ministry—Excerpt

Why Do people of Faith Care About Creation?

Caring for the Earth is a fundamental part of religious faith. Nearly every major faith tradition and Christian denomination has a statement about the need to respect, enjoy, and protect God's gift of the world around us. Read a collection of denominational creation care statements. Underlying these statements are a set of core values that speak to the heart of religious morals and ethics: spirituality, stewardship, sustainability, and justice.

Spirituality:

Creation itself inspires us and calls us to care. Many people have their most profound spiritual experiences in nature. As we behold the power and love of God in a mountain range, a sunset, or in the timelessness of the ocean, we can't help but be moved. But creation also includes humans; our families, communities, and created landscapes. God created all things of Heaven and Earth and God is our inspiration to care for both wild places and our own cities and backyards.

Stewardship:

Psalm 24 states that "the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." Humans simply hold the Earth in trust for God. We are tenants here, called to care for the creation on behalf of future generations and all species. The Bible calls us to "till and keep the garden" and names human beings as the trustees of creation. Because God created all the earth and all of us, creation is beautiful and good and sacred. We are called by our devotion to God and our love for God's works to protect it.

Sustainability:

At the heart of sustainability is the goal of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In a world of finite resources, those among us who have more than enough must address patterns of consumption so that we can provide for all. Acquiring more "stuff" has a direct effect on the sustainability of the planet and on the quality of life for people around the globe. The good news is that more and more people are realizing that spiritual emptiness can't be filled by consumption. What makes us happy is intimacy; intimacy with self, with others, and with God. In the end, sustainability means seeing ourselves and our neighbors as children of God, not as consumers or competitors for Earth's resources.

Justice:

Justice means that in addition to providing aid to our neighbors, we are called to change societal systems that cause poverty, injustice, and environmental damage in the first place. It goes beyond helping to meet physical needs to creating a society with laws and politics that allow the needs of all Earth's inhabitants to be met. Care and responsibility for the "least of these among us" is a central tenant of Christianity and has a direct connection to environment issues. The impact of environmental degradation falls most heavily on the people around the world who are least able to mitigate these impacts, the poor and vulnerable populations. It also disproportionately affects fragile plants, animals and ecosystems. Working for justice calls us to channel our faith into power, to call for social and environmental justice at the local, state, and national levels. Visit (www.earthministry.org) L. Kingston

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of October 4, (27th Sunday of Ordinary Time) Read: Acts 4: 5—31

Reflect: The Sanhedrin challenge Peter and John in this section of Acts, thinking that Peter and John are uneducated, ordinary men. Yet, even though the local leaders think they are unqualified, the two Apostles cannot help but speak the truth about what they have seen and heard. Do I feel “qualified” to be a disciple? What in my world scares me about speaking the truth of what I have seen and heard? How can I learn to better express my “ordinary” faith and stand in courage before that which scares me?

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 ...go outside my comfort zone and visit a new community in another part of my city?
...look for God in an “ordinary” part of my day and tell someone that I see God there?
...talk with people at work or school about how a new movie helped me learn something new about my understanding of God?

How else could I act it out?

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 13th so we can count on you.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout the Rochester Diocese are taking part in a national 40 Days for Life effort which started on September 23rd and continues until November 1st. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, you may also volunteer to pray outside the Planned Parenthood office, 314 W. State Street for an hour or more during these 40 days. For more information on the prayer schedule, go to: 40daysforlife.com/ithaca or e-mail: sweetwind53@yahoo.com.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**MONDAY, October 5**

12:10 PM Barbara & Roy H. Erb (req. by Roy & Ann Erb)

TUESDAY, October 6

7:00 AM Special Intention (req. by John & Amy McCune)

WEDNESDAY, October 7

7:00 AM Special Intention (req. by Sister M. Elise)

THURSDAY, October 8

12:10 PM Barbara L. Johnson (req. by Pearl Stemley)

FRIDAY, October 9

7:00 AM Kathleen M. Kohm (req. by Bill & Rosemary Kohm)

SATURDAY, October 10

10:00 AM Memorial Mass for Marjorie Sullivan

4:30 PM Elwood & Philomena Werner (req. by Karen Werner)

SUNDAY, October 11

8:30 AM Karen Gilmore (req. by John & Amy McCune)

10:30 AM Todd VanDerzee (req. by Robert & Rita Boothroyd)

IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP

The feast of the Guardian Angels was Friday, October 2nd. The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are also honored this month. 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. We are taught that each child has a guardian angel to guide him/her through life. Our shop has many books on angels for children and adults. Come learn more about the angels at the IC Inspirational Gift Shop.

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.

**POT OF GOLD FOLLOW-UP**

A very great “thank you” goes out to all those (too many to name) who helped to make the Pot of Gold raffle and dinner such a huge success: the very dedicated committee, decorating and clean-up crews, the cooks, the servers, our emcee Jerry Angel, runners, businesses that donated the great prizes and all who purchased tickets. We could not have pulled it off so successfully without so many wonderful volunteers. Congratulations to those who were our money winners— \$3,000 winners: Roger & Donna Rumsey, Ted Jones, James & Kristine Alise, John & Karen Friedeborn and Mary Edsall-Golway. The \$1,000 winner was James John, \$500 went to Joseph and Louise Cassaniti and the \$200 winners were James and Toni Iacovelli, Donald and Kathleen Robinson, Dinah Collins and Diana Oravec, Howard Steiner, Anton and Joan Egner, Fran Benedict, James and Julia Giovannoni.

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!



THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, October 5

- 1:00 PM Rosary-making—Parish Center
- 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal—Church

Tuesday, October 6

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

Wednesday, October 7

- 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Carges Hall

Thursday, October 8

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Sunday, October 11

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 8:30 AM RCIA—Holy Cross Church
- 11:45 AM Senior & Junior High Youth Groups—School

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Michele Caporiccio from Francesca Confolla.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

The next Adult Faith Formation gathering will be on Thursday, October 8th, in Carges Hall, after the 12:10 Mass. Bring a lunch and refreshments will be provided. This session will be "A History of the Mass". All are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES FAIR

The Stewardship Committee thanks all those parishioners who came to the Fair to learn about the different ministries at Immaculate Conception. We were pleased with the turnout and especially with the 64 individuals who signed up to join a ministry. If you have not already been contacted, you will shortly be called about your participation. We sincerely thank all the parishioners who attended. Our thanks also go out in abundance to all those who helped set-up, decorate, and clean-up. You did a fabulous job!

FLU GUIDELINES

As you know, there has been a lot in the news media of late about the flu. As has always been the case, if you or members of your family are coughing, sneezing or otherwise ill, it is a good idea to stay home from Mass to recuperate and so as not to infect others. Likewise, you should not drink from the cup during Holy Communion if you are sick; remember that we receive the whole Christ, "body, blood, soul and divinity" when we receive in either form. During the sign of peace, you can offer a smile and a little bow rather than a handshake if you feel under the weather or feel especially vulnerable, just as you can refrain from holding hands during the Our Father. For our part we will be monitoring the situation in our area carefully through health advisories, and we will adjust our practices as a faith community if necessary.

Our Offering to the Lord
 September 27, 2009

Collection 2009	\$8,402
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$131,534
Actual Collections: wk 13 of FY	\$116,719
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$14,815)
Collection 2008	\$6,859

Catholic Courier 2009	\$1,402
Catholic Courier 2008	\$1,277

Attendance 2009	799
Attendance 2008	785

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. 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**.

ANNUAL "FUN WALK"

Immaculate Conception School will be holding the 3rd annual Fun Walk on Friday, October 16th beginning at 12:00 PM at the school. As we celebrate our 125th anniversary year, we are asking alumni in the area to come and join us. You can walk a few laps with us (or all 26) or come and cheer us on. Hope to see there to help us celebrate. For more information, call 273-2707 or e-mail: doravec@dor.org.

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

In today's readings Jesus challenges both the law and the culture of His time. He states with clarity that no one can be 'dismissed'; not a woman, not a man, not a child. 'Hardness of heart' is a major detriment to loving relationships, whether they are marital or relationships between neighbors and nations.

Reflection: *As the country debates our health care system and how to fix it, let us ask ourselves who gets dismissed or marginalizes in our society? Toward whom do I have a hard heart?*

NEW "CHAIR LIFT"

We want to update you on the gifts and contributions for our new "chair lift". Here are the figures to date:
 Total cost: (projected \$85,000) actual \$96,276
 Gifts and contributions to date: \$56,268
 Pledges made; not yet received: \$1,205
 Outstanding remaining balance: \$38,803
 Thank you so very much for your support!