

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 – 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

As I stated last month, I will be writing each month on the Parish pastoral Council meeting which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in Carges Hall. After prayer & the approval of minutes, the first item we cover is: are there any questions & concerns from parishioners. If you have a question or concern, I invite you to discuss it with a member of our parish pastoral council or contact myself, Sr. Edna or Lynn Kingston (our business manager). Areas covered were the feasibility of installing overhead fans in church; comment on the paint peeling in the nursery (funny it has just been repainted in the last 2 months).

The next topic was discussing key goals for the 2009-2010 year. Discussion of how to remedy overlap of some activities of various committees or teams was discussed. The council members need to look at the review materials of the book we are using on parish pastoral councils & our parish mission statement to fine tune our parish goals.

For the pastor's report I brought up the bulk mail regulations that are either being changed &/or enforced by the Postal Service. Lynn Kingston pointed out that the Post Office is trying to do something about the 9 billion pieces of bulk mail that are undeliverable each year. One way is to return the mail to the sender & have the sender pay the 50 cents per item so that they will change or remove the address from their list. There are quite a few people who when they move do not contact the parish office. We talked about the need to get our electronic e-mail service up & running. Anyone with expertise in this area we would appreciate your help.

Diana Oravec reported about the Fun Walk on Friday Oct. 16 & the festivities connected with it. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Fr. Leo

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of October 11, (28th Sunday of Ordinary Time) Read: Acts 4: 32 to 5:16.

Reflect: This section of Acts describes the early Christian community as being of “one heart and mind” with no one claiming any possessions as their own...right up until some do! Has my experience of community been that people are always of one mind and heart? How do I help when there are problems in my community? Do I hold back? Why? Is there a part of my life where I need to stop holding back and give all that I have for the good of my community? 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... help people think differently about a conflict or painful situation in my workplace or school?

... give my child some helpful language so that he or she can be a part of peacemaking with friends?

... say “no” to doing one more thing that saps my energy for the important work of being a disciple?

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.

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, Chinnamma, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**MONDAY, October 12**

12:10 PM George Staller (req. by Jaroslav & Wilda Vanek)

TUESDAY, October 13

7:00 AM Sue Murphy (req. by Mike & Michael Murphy)

WEDNESDAY, October 14

7:00 AM Betty Manning (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

THURSDAY, October 15

12:10 PM Joseph Michael Zichettella (req. by his family)

FRIDAY, October 16

7:00 AM Robert E. Deeley & Deceased Members of the Bell, Deeley, Amato & Scaglione Families (req. by Tom & Sandra Scaglione)

SATURDAY, October 17

4:30 PM Thomas McGory & Deceased Members of the McGory & Pfohl Families (req. by Carolyn McGory)

SUNDAY, October 18

8:30 AM Maurice Dusky (req. by the Dusky Family)

10:30 AM Donald Goodman (req. by Aileen Fitzke)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, October 12th for the Columbus Day holiday. Office will reopen on Tuesday at 8:30 AM.

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

On Sunday, October 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. 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 will be our final fundraiser for this pilgrimage before our departure. The menu includes 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. This pilgrimage is a life changing event for 12 of our young people. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast with family and socialize with other parishioners all while celebrating and supporting the young people of our parish.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

The next Adult Faith Formation gathering will be on Thursday, October 15th, in Carges Hall, after the 12:10 Mass. Please bring a lunch and refreshments will be provided. This session will be a Walk Through The Mass. All are invited to attend.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

All flower pots must be removed from Calvary Cemetery by October 15th. If you wish to keep those belonging to you, we ask that you remove them as soon as possible. After October 15th we will find it necessary to clear away anything that is still on the grounds.

SNOWBIRDS

If you will be away and will not need your envelopes for December-January and February-March, **please let us know by this Tuesday, October 13th.** We must let the envelope company know by that date or your envelopes will be issued. Thank you so very much!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, October 11

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

Monday, October 12

Parish Center closed

- 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal—Church

Tuesday, October 13

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

Thursday, October 15

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Friday, October 16

- 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Social—Carges Hall

Saturday, October 17

- 9:00 AM Family-based Religious Ed—School
- 11:30 AM Confirmation Prayer Day—Carges Hall
- 5:30 PM Dish-to-Pass Movie Night—Carges Hall

Sunday, October 18

- 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
- 11:30 AM RCIA—Church
- 11:45 AM Junior High Youth Group—School

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Bob Beach Sr. from Pat Beach.

FLU GUIDELINES

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 carefully through health advisories, and we will adjust our practices as a faith community if necessary.

ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be a missionary. It's World mission Sunday! As Catholics around the world—here at home and in the Missions—gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the “Good News” of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we can offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 diocese in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

**Our Offering to the Lord
 October 4, 2009**

Collection 2009	\$12,755
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$141,652
Actual Collections: wk 14 of FY	\$129,474
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$12,178)
Collection 2008	\$13,855

Building Maintenance 2009	\$1,532
Building Maintenance 2008	\$1,780

Attendance 2009	820
Attendance 2008	871

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.



KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

Those of you who saw the “Keeping the Spirit Alive” DVD were touch by the beautiful, moving music. Hopefully the message of the need for our participation in the campaign will move you to join in making this a “banner year” when we will reach our goal of \$51,682. So far 12.6% of you have given \$6,510.

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. **Last chance to register is Tuesday, October 13th.**

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 you there to help us celebrate. For more info, call 273-2707.

DAY OF PRAYER

Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua will present a day of prayer: *Apparitions of the Mother of God In the 20th Century* on Tuesday, October 20th beginning at 9:00 AM. Morning prayer will be at 9:30 AM followed by the presentation. The presenter is Father Paul Miller, C.Ss.R. There will be Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, lunch, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist followed by the anointing of the sick and elderly. Please call (585)394-5700 to reserve a spot. The fee is \$15.00, payable on the day of the event.

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!

