

# 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](http://www.immconch.org)

October 17, 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  
Pastor / Sacramental Preparation  
**Sr. Edna Slyck** ext. 108  
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Music Ministry

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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<http://schools.dor.org/ic/>

**IC Inspirational Gift Shoppe** 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 appt.

**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...

### AND WHAT DO YOU THINK...

While on retreat last week I had the opportunity to read a couple of inspiring books. One was *The Book of Mychal* by Michael Daly. It is the story of Father Mychal Judge, the Franciscan priest who gave his life in the 9/11/01 downing of the World Trade Center, in the North Tower. It was inspirational in the sense it dealt with his sexual orientation and alcohol problems and yet he remained faithful to his vocation and his God. Being chaplain to the FDNY he looked upon all of New York as his parish.

The other one was quite different from this. It was *Reading Between the Lines—the Hidden Wisdom of Women in the Gospels* by Martha E. Driscoll, OSCO. In her book Mother Martha introduced each woman in the Gospel with a Scripture reference followed by a story, reflection and prayer. The variety of the women selected gave much for personal reflection.

My reading time was not solely spiritual. When I am out of Ithaca I rely on the "USA Today" for my news. On Monday, there was an article about putting religion in context by teaching his history in the classroom. Some folks were very much in favor of it because they saw it as giving everyone exposure to a variety of beliefs thereby giving a deeper respect for the faith of others. Some said that it violated the principal of "separation of church and state", especially if taught in the public schools. It definitely made for some interesting reading and soul searching of my own as to what did I think about this. Both sides seemed to have its justifiable points.

Then one "letter to the editor" on Thursday jumped to the conclusion that doing this is "impractical and irresponsible" as he believes that this education belongs in the hands of the parents. He stated that we seem to be taking various responsibilities such as nutrition and morality, to name a few, from the parents to the classroom.


If we believe that this is true, that it indeed belongs to the parents, how are parents responding to this responsibility? Are parents leading by their example, or just by words—do as I say, not as I do? We seem to be living in a time in our history when so much is calling us from this responsibility to our children. The culture in which we live is calling us from the spirituality in which we should live. Do your children/grandchildren attend Mass regularly? Do they attend some form of Religious Education, either in Immaculate Conception School or sessions offered through Parish Programs? And parents, do your children see you learning more about your Faith. The Religious Education Coordinator, from St. Mary's Church in Clayton, wrote, "How are we as a Parish helping children to grow in a deep love for God?" An interesting question! If it takes a village to raise a child, does it not take a parish also?

And what do you think...

*Sister Edna Slyck, RSM*

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS....THE WEEK AHEAD
Sunday, October 17	8:30AM – Guillermo Viera by Helen Arco 10:30AM – Udilva Ferrer by Guillermo Ferrer	9:20AM – Religious Ed – School 10:30AM – Baptism at Mass 11:45AM – Youth Group – School Gym
Monday, October 18	12:10PM – Marine Sgt. Elisha Richard Parker by Norman J. Nolan	1PM – Rosary Making – Parish Center All are Welcome! 7PM – Meeting w/Parents of Reconciliation Candidates – Carges Hall
Tuesday, October 19	7:00AM – Nancy Nazer by Tom & Marguerite O'Bryan	11AM – Food Pantry – Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday, October 20	7:00AM – Betty Manning by Lyn Mazza	10:45AM – SCC – Parish Center
Thursday, October 21	*7:00AM – Donna Benedict by Sandra D. Scaglione	10AM-2PM – Regional Staff Day of Prayer – PH 6PM – Ethnic Dinner – School Gym 7PM – Welcoming Committee – Parish Center
Friday, October 22	7:00AM – Pauline Zavaski by Al & Nora Nazer	4:30PM – Wedding Rehearsal – Church
Saturday, October 23	4:30PM – Elwood & Philomena Werner by Karen Werner	9-11AM – Family Based – Carges Hall 1PM – Wedding
Sunday, October 24	8:30AM – Caye Guidi by Michael & Mary Jo Guidi and Family 10:30AM – Thompson, Irene & Thomas Walsh by Mary Ciaschi & the Walsh family	Coffee Hours following 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses 8:30 & 10:30AM – Spirit Alive Masses 9:20AM – Religious Ed – School 9:30AM – Meeting w/Catechists – Parish Center 11:45AM – Youth Group – School Gym

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK  
IN MEMORY OF NORA & ART LUNDY  
BY EILEEN KELLY



**Weekday Mass Schedule Change:**

The Masses celebrated on **Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** will be at **7AM** instead of the normal time of 12:10PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thursday Masses will resume their normal time on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewardship—**  
We cannot give what we do not have. How are we caring for the gift of health which God has given us? We are called to be good stewards of our mind and body so that we can give the best we are to others through use of our time and talent.

Our Offering to the Lord  
October 10, 2010

Collection 2010	\$ 7,952
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 151,770
Actual Collections: wk 15 of FY	\$ 129,033
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (22,737)
Collection 2009	\$ 8,816
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School Support 2010	\$ 1,894
School Support 2009	\$ 1,938
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Attendance 2010	842
Attendance 2009	804

# Welcome

to the newest members of our faith community....

**Giona Luca Bienvenue**  
*son of Breton & Maria DiFrancesco*

**Breana Marie Barnett**  
*daughter of Loren & Nicole Barnett*

**Kole Joseph Patrick Charsky**  
*son of Dennis and Rebecca Charsky*

Baptized today, October 17, 2010

**SENIORS THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Once again the teens involved with Immaculate Conception's Youth Ministry Program are happy to host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Senior Citizens of the parish. The dinner will be held on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in Carges Hall. **A reservation is necessary and must be made no later than Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** so please call the Parish Center at 273-6121 as soon as possible to make your reservation.

*Once we reach our capacity number of 120, we CANNOT accept any more reservations.*

**PARENTS OF CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION**

There will be a meeting this Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, in Carges Hall for all **Parents** who have youngsters who will be preparing to receive Reconciliation for the first time during Advent. Attendance at this meeting is required. Their Enrollment Ceremony will take place next weekend during all Masses.

Let us all remember these youngsters and their parents in our prayers during this special time for them.

**Mass Intention Scheduling . . .**

Mass intentions for 2011 will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> from 9AM—11AM in the Parish Center. Scheduling is done BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments will be in 5 minute increments. Please call Lynn Hathaway @ 273-6121 to schedule an appointment. REMEMBER, if you choose to mail in your intentions, they will be scheduled AFTER all appointments. Persons may reserve no more than 2 (two) Masses per year. We appreciate your cooperation.

*The donation for a requested Mass is \$10.00.*

**OCTOBER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DATES**

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

October 17<sup>th</sup>                      October 24<sup>th</sup>  
October 31<sup>st</sup>

**ALL 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ARE WELCOME ANYTIME!**

*Be yourself, everyone else is already taken!*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our Youth Ministry program recently acquired a foosball machine but it needs a little repair here and there. If you are able to help us, please contact Rich or Carolann. 273-6121.

- 1. How many Catholics are there in the world?**  
a. a million    b. 600 million    c. a billion
- 2. What continent has the highest Catholic population?**
- 3. What country boasts the highest Catholic population?**
- 4. How many Catholic priests are there around the globe?**  
a. 50,000+    b. 400,000+    c. a million
- 5. Who told Mary to name her Son Jesus?**
- 6. What does BVM stand for?**

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**A True Story by Josh and Karen Zarandona**

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was scared to death, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took a hold on the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Here she is on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Brenda began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, and looked out across the range of mountains, thinking of that Bible verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly cross the face of the rock, carrying it! Brenda told me that her father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will." "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."

YOUTH WORKERS