

# 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  
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**Gary Vrabel** – Music Ministry ext. 111

## Contact Information

**Immaculate Conception School** – 273-2707  
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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

### **"EVERY CHILD... BRINGS US GOD'S SMILE**

*and invites us to recognize that life is His gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment."* (Pope Benedict XVI)  
Every child and adult, by virtue of his/her conception, through God's intervention, has the right to life from that conception to natural death.

We are called to respect that life totally—*"the seamless garment"*—as referred to by the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago.

If we are truly an advocate of the Consistent Life Ethic, we will see that this includes being against **abortion, poverty, war, euthanasia, capital punishment and racism**. In other words any act which goes against the dignity of another person. That person has the right to be the person God has called him/her to be and become in life.

This is not an easy philosophy to uphold when we see injustice in the world. It is easy to call for vengeance. When we see young children being beaten and killed—it can call forth in us a need for **capital punishment**. God is calling us however to the importance of being a pro-life person putting aside our own natural tendencies and promote what we know is in keeping with God's laws.

Contrary to **abortionists** the call from God is to accept all children as gifts.

We are challenged to be people of **peace** in the midst of conflict and not add to the conflict. Peace begins in the heart of each person. *"Love wasn't put in our hearts to stay, love isn't love until it's given away."* (Sound of Music)

**Poverty and racism** seem to be more evident today with people out of work. Do we respect what we have and share of our needs? We can spiritualize what conservationists are asking us to do with a respect for all of creation (humanity and nature) as gifts to us from God.

May we pray that all children are to be loved; the sick and elderly see the redemptive value in their suffering; all involved in abortions come to true repentance; all bishops, priests, parents and teachers teach and follow a Gospel of love; that our country stop resorting to the death penalty in response to violence; that all, regardless of race, color, sex, religious affiliation may live in peace.

*Sister Edna Slyck, RSM*

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of October 18, (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time) Read: Acts 5: 16—42.

Reflect: In this section of Acts, the Sanhedrin is so jealous of the Apostles and threatened

by their message that they imprison them, and try to have them put to death. Gamaliel speaks against this, saying that if the message is of God then no matter what the Sanhedrin do, it cannot stop them. However, if the activity is not of God it will destroy itself. Am I jealous of another person or group's faith? How do I express that jealousy? How can I change my jealousy into appreciation? Do I find that I rush to judge others? Are there times when I should wait and see if God is working through others even if I disagree with them?

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 to another faith experience with friends and invite them to an event with my faith community?

..offer to be a part of any judicial processes open to me in my town, school or workplace so I can be a voice of compassion?

..examine how I live as a disciple in my marriage. Do I rush to judgment? Could I learn something important from my spouse? Do I make room for 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.

**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!

**EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS****MONDAY, October 19**

12:10 PM Katherine Breen (req. by Mona Miller)

**TUESDAY, October 20**

7:00 AM Joline DiGiacomo (req. by Theresa Flacco)

**WEDNESDAY, October 21**

7:00 AM Sister Judy Kenrick (req. by Bob & Rita Boothroyd)

**THURSDAY, October 22**

12:10 PM Frances Lacey (req. by Angelina Pirko)

**FRIDAY, October 23**

7:00 AM Christine Donovan (req. by Jackie Gillogly)

**SATURDAY, October 24**

4:30 PM Jeffrey June & John & Clara Kidney (req. by the June Family)

**SUNDAY, October 25**

8:30 AM Barbara L. Johnson (req. by Pearl Stemley)

10:30 AM Udivla Ferrer (req. by Guillermo Ferrer)

**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; refreshments will be provided. This session will be *Why We Go To Mass*. All are invited to attend.

**BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF GENESIS**

The Adult Faith Enrichment committee of St. Catherine of Siena Church will present a talk, "Joseph and His Brothers", by Ithaca College Professor Michael Twomey, on Sunday, October 25th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in St. Catherine's Parish Hall. Professor Twomey will explore the major theme of fraternal conflict introduced with Cain and Abel; will consider interpretations from Jewish and Catholic traditions; and will explain literary patterns. Bring your bible and if possible read chapters 37—50 in Genesis beforehand. All are welcome to enjoy the talk, discussion and pizza!

**PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE PILGRIMAGE**

A pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France under the leadership of Father Adam Ogorzaly of St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, is being planned for May 3—14, 2010. The pilgrimage will include visiting Fatima, Salamanca, Avila (Shrine of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross), Madrid, Toledo, Zaragoza (Our Lady of Pilar), Lourdes, and Paris (Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre Coeur Church, Champs Elysees, Arch De Triomphe, Eiffel Tower). For more information please call Father Adam at (585)467-3068.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity of Tompkins Cortland Counties is seeking volunteers to serve on committees (Construction, Family Selection, Family Support, Development, Site Selection, and Church Relations). If you are interested in helping local families in need of decent, affordable housing and are able to attend one evening meeting per month, please call Habitat at (607)898-4148 for more information and to get involved.

**RESURRECTION CHOIR**

If you like to sing and are available whenever the need arises, we would invite you to join our Resurrection Choir. This group provides the music for funeral liturgies which in turn provides comfort to our grieving families. Please call 273-6121 if you are interested. Cantors are needed on a rotation basis.

**THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH**

**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

**Monday, October 19**

- 4:00 PM McGraw House Communion Service
- 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School
- 7:00 PM Reconciliation Parents' Meeting—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal—Church

**Tuesday, October 20**

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

**Wednesday, October 21**

- 3:30 PM Parish Finance Committee Meeting—Parish Center
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council—Carges Hall

**Thursday, October 22**

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

**Saturday, October 24**

- 9:30 AM Memorial Mass for Edward Gregoire
- 11:30 AM Confirmation Prayer Day—Carges Hall

**Sunday, October 25**

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes ( Grades 1—5) - School
- 9:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 11:30 AM Coffee Hour—Carges Hall
- 11:45 AM Junior & Senior Youth Groups—School Gym
- 2:00 PM Knights of Columbus—Carges Hall

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of JoAnn VanOrman from a friend.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SHOP**

The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop is offering "All Souls' Day" loving memory candles. These are six-day glass candles that have a place on the front to write the names of deceased family members. They can be blessed at the Mass on November 2nd and taken home to light and serve as a loving remembrance of deceased family members or friends.

**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.

**Our Offering to the Lord  
October 11, 2009**

<b>Collection 2009</b>	<b>\$8,816</b>
<b>Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)</b>	<b>\$151,770</b>
<b>Actual Collections: wk 15 of FY</b>	<b>\$138,290</b>
<b>OVER/(UNDER) to date</b>	<b>(\$13,480)</b>
<b>Collection 2008</b>	<b>\$8,135</b>
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<b>School Support Fund 2009</b>	<b>\$1,938</b>
<b>School Support Fund 2008</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>
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<b>Attendance 2009</b>	<b>804</b>
<b>Attendance 2008</b>	<b>752</b>
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**We thank the family of Cecelia Kenney for remembering Immaculate Conception Church in the obituary of their loved one.**



**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 **24.07%** of you have given **\$12,440**.

**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.

**BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE**

Jesus reminds us through Mark's Gospel that "whoever wants to be great will be servant of all." In today's world we are reminded often of the wide disparity between the rich and the poor. In his New Year's 2009 address, *Fighting Poverty to Build Peace*, Pope Benedict XVI states that "every form of externally imposed poverty has at its root a lack of respect for the transcendent dignity of the human person."

**Action:** *Get to know the poor in your midst. What are their needs? What are their names? Pray for them. Look for ways to serve those in need around you.*

**KITCHEN CUPBOARD WEEKEND**

Next weekend is Kitchen Cupboard Weekend and our turn to help restock the local food cupboard. Most needed are canned and boxed goods such as soups, cereals, peanut butter, crackers, vegetables and fruit.



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