

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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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

Kansas City Here We Come!!

This coming Thursday 12 teens and 3 adult chaperones will make their journey to Kansas City for the National Catholic Youth Conference. The theme of this year's conference is "Christ Reigns."

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to be part of this pilgrimage with the young people of our parish. This is my fifth NCYC and every one causes a great deal of excitement for me. I am particularly excited this year because this is the largest contingent of young people from Immaculate Conception that we have ever had attend NCYC.

Because it was such a large contingent of people, there was a great deal of fundraising that needed to be done. On behalf of the young people attending NCYC, I must extend a very big THANK YOU to all of you for your generosity during special second collections, supporting the pancake breakfasts (thank you to the **Knights of Columbus** for hosting them for us), for bottle and can donations and for individual donations to help offset our cost. We have raised nearly all of the money to cover the cost for all of us to attend. We will have one more fundraiser in the form of a spaghetti dinner when we return. At that dinner we will have a presentation with pictures and a few of the students will share their experience of NCYC. Keep your eyes peeled for the date.

In the meantime, I would like to ask all of you for your prayers from now until our return for health and safety. As of now we have had a few of our pilgrims with illness and really want them healthy for this experience. I would also ask that you pray this prayer of commissioning daily for all of us as we embark on this faith journey. Thank you all again for your prayers and support. May **Christ** continue to **reign** in your hearts.

Rich

All Powerful God, You always show mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away from those who seek you. Remain with your servants on this holy pilgrimage and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter them with your protection by day; give them the light of your grace by night; and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GET INTO THE ACTS**

Week of November 15, (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time) Read: Acts 9: 31—43.

Reflect: We read this last section of Acts as we prepare for Advent. In this section the early church is described as being at peace, growing under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It ends with Peter restoring Tabitha to life and staying with Simon the tanner. Tanners were considered “unclean” by Jewish law, so Peter’s stay was important for a church about to embrace Gentiles. While this time of peace is important for the young church, it serves also as a time of preparation for something new, something transformative through the work of the Holy Spirit. The coming time of Advent also calls me to a time of peaceful reflection and preparation for the Word incarnate in my life. Am I ready? How must I be transformed? Is there a place in my life that needs to open up to the Word in a new way? Do I expect any moment of peace to last forever in this life? Do I expect the same from 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... challenge myself and others during the Christmas season to try new ways of being the Word in the world?...consider fasting from the pre-Christmas excess of our culture in some way?...invite my children to do so also?...send Epiphany cards instead of Christmas cards to highlight the purpose of the season?...reach out to a classmate who struggles with change this year?

How else could I act it out?

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Today’s readings present an ominous picture of trials and tribulations punctuated by a reassuring promise of God’s unfailing faithfulness and the triumph of God’s justice. Throughout the ages, oppressed and suffering people have found hope in this promise that there will one day be justice for God’s faithful people. Today, many of these oppressed people throughout the world are migrating to escape war, persecution, hunger and economic hardship.

In his recent encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate, Charity in Truth*, Pope Benedict reminds us that “Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possesses fundamental, inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance.” #62

Reflection: *How are we called to respect the human rights of people who have left their home countries and come to our own to pick our apples, milk our cows, and clean our hotel rooms so that they and their families might survive?*

IC BOOSTER CLUB TICKETS....

are now available at the Parish Center or from one of our many sellers. Tickets are \$25.00 and give you 71 chances to win any amount from \$100 to \$500. They make great Christmas gifts!

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**MONDAY, November 16**

12:10 PM Cheryl Miller (req. by the Orzino Family)

TUESDAY, November 17

7:00 AM Alyce Egan (req. by Mary Edsall-Golway)

WEDNESDAY, November 18

7:00 AM Donna Benedict (req. by Pat Darling)

THURSDAY, November 19

12:10 PM Robert L. Anderson—7th anniversary (req. by Mary Anderson)

FRIDAY, November 20

7:00 AM Margaret Guidi (req. by Mario Guidi)

SATURDAY, November 21

4:30 PM Benedetto & Lucia Romani (req. by the Romani Family)

SUNDAY, November 22

8:30 AM James “Tike” Kohm (req. by his wife, children & brothers)

10:30 AM Bill Gombash (req. by Ruth & children)

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

Because all of our Parish Center workers will be attending the NCCY (National Catholic Youth Conference) in Kansas City next weekend, the Parish Center will be closed on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. We pray that they will have a safe and wonderful trip.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

The next Adult Faith Formation gathering will be on Thursday, November 19th, in Carges Hall, after the 12:10 Mass. Please bring a lunch and refreshments will be provided. This session will be *Images of Discipleship from Luke*. All are invited to attend.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Next Sunday we will packing Thanksgiving food baskets for many families in need. For the baskets we are in need of: potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, canned fruits and vegetables, pie crust and pie filling, cranberry sauce. We can also use soups, cereals, jello mix and other non-perishable foods.

Please bring the food to Carges Hall either before or after Mass on the weekend. If you have or will be getting an extra turkey and would like to donate it to a family in need, please let us know so that we will know how many we need to purchase. We do have room and would be happy to store some in the freezer here in the Parish Center. Thank you very much and God bless!

ACT THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Area Congregations Together will hold their annual Multi-Faith Thanksgiving service next Sunday, November 22nd at 3:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, on DeWitt Park. It will center on the theme of religious liberty, and will include readings, reflections, prayer and meditation from diverse faith traditions. A time of light refreshment and conversation will follow the service. Please plan to join area religious congregations for this moment of gratitude and reflection in a busy season!

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, November 15

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (Grades 1—5)—School
- 1:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal—St. Catherine’s Church
- 3:00 PM Senior Citizens’ Thanksgiving Dinner—Carges Hall

(By reservation only)

Monday, November 16

- 4:00 PM McGraw House Communion Service
- 6:30 PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal—School
- 7:00 PM Confirmation—St. Catherine’s Church
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal—Church

Tuesday, November 17

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM SCC Meeting Parish Center 2

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM All Committees’ Meeting—Carges Hall

Saturday, November 21

- 12:00 PM Confirmation Reflection Day—Carges Hall
- 4:30 PM Baptism Mass—Church

Sunday, November 22

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Benedetto & Lucia Romani from the Romani Family.

JOIN THE SPIRIT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE ONLINE

NCYC 2009 is an exciting, biennial three-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for 20,000 Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones in Kansas City, November 19-21, 2009. The event includes general sessions, workshops, reconciliation, daily liturgy, concerts and special activities. **For the first time ever, parishioners of all ages can watch NCYC general sessions live online** and support youth participants online by joining the Virtual Pilgrimage, posting prayers and videos, downloading free songs, viewing messages from bishops, and much more. It's fun, it's easy and it's free! And ALL are welcome and encouraged to join in. Join the Virtual Pilgrimage for NCYC 2009 at www.mycatholicvoice.com/ncyc TODAY! Rich will also be posting pictures from this event on the youth ministry page of our parish website at www.immconch.org

GIVING TREE

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree will be up next weekend. Please take a tag and return the gift **with the tag attached no later than December 13th** so that we may get them ready for families to pick up. We thank you for your generous spirit of giving to make others happy! God bless!

**Our Offering to the Lord
 November 8, 2009**

Collection 2009	\$9,114
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$192,242
Actual Collections: wk 19 of FY	\$176,029
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$16,213)
Collection 2008	\$10,164

Attendance 2009	833
Attendance 2008	878

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



Bishop Clark, in his “Along the Way” article in the Catholic Courier of October, 2009, wrote: “What I have found over the years in other tough times is that Catholics just seem to understand that the ministries and services of the Church are needed all the more to offer hope and help to people of every walk of life.” I am reminded of the sacrifices our ancestors in faith were willing to suffer in order to have a beautiful Church like Immaculate Conception today. As the saying goes—the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree. You are being outstanding in your contributions. We have **\$21,635** or **41.86%** of our goal. This, compared with last year at this time (39.6%) is truly remarkable. Thank you for the sacrifices you are willing to make so we may better serve those in need, whatever the need. **Remember—no contribution is too small—**for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation. You may go on line to view the video if you missed it or to make a donation at www.dor.org. **May God continue to bless your outstanding generosity!**

HEARTS’ CRY SPONSOR NEEDED

Sanhith Gayam is an 11 year old Catholic boy currently in the 4th grade at the VVHS School in Mattampally, India. He likes to dance and wishes to study engineering. He lives with his grandparents and his 13 year old sister, Shruthi. His father, an alcoholic, and his mother live in a nearby village and work at a boys’ hostel as day laborers. The family income is \$300 per year. If you are able to help sponsor Sanhith, please contact Cristen Bonacci at 273-3295.

DAY OF PRAYER

Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua will present, *The Theology of Giving Thanks*, on Tuesday, November 17th beginning at 9:00 AM. Presenter: Father Tom Barrett, C.Ss.R. The day will include Morning Prayer, a presentation, lunch, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Liturgy. Fee for the day is \$15.00. Call (585)394-5700 to reserve a spot.



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