

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

December 5, 2010



Staff Connection...

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL DECEMBER 1, 2010

Our prayer & sharing was based on Romans 15:4-9 calling us to live in harmony. What can you do in your life to build up a feeling of harmony? How can we strengthen the harmony within our parish as well as with other parishes?

Questions & concerns of parishioners covered the area of the front step of church which we are seeking to replace but have been unable to find an adequate replacement & so it will be patched again.

Team & committee reports: The question of when the parish's 150th year of incorporation was raised but the community team is still looking into the publishing of a new parish directory.

The Evangelization Team will be putting blurbs into the bulletin on tips of daily evangelization. Moving towards Lent & asking that the 3 Hail Marys after Mass be prayed for people to come back to church. They will also have a section in the newsletter about the topic.

The Liturgy Committee is putting temporary shelves around some of the church windows to be able to put decorations on for Christmas. They are also working on a program to introduce the New Missal to the parish beginning next Advent. They are also updating emergency procedure policy if there is a medical emergency while a service on going on in church. The blessing of expectant mothers will take place on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. They are also updating liturgical minister guidelines. We are also investigating putting votive lights in front of May's shrine in church. We have received the guidelines from the Ithaca Fire Dept. about what has to be done. If anyone is interested in having the light-stand donated in memory of a relative or family please let me know.

The Service Team is working on the Giving Tree. There was mainly positive feedback about the Thanksgiving "Baskets". Recipients commented that they were able to purchase the foods they liked. One parishioner expressed concern with possible misuse of the gift cards. I pointed out that one year when food baskets were given out, someone was literally selling the food on the street for money. If some isolated individuals are going to abuse the system, they will find a way to do it. No system is foolproof.

Pastor's Report: Several parishioners have approached me asking if I was leaving Immaculate. I said that a pastor is allowed 12 years in a parish & I am presently in my 11th year & so if I do not move in June, 2011, I will be moving in June, 2012. The Personnel Board of the diocese has sent out interview forms which can be submitted & they conduct interviews with a certain number of priests each year & I will be interviewed this year. Sr. Edna said that the diocesan public policy committee will be focusing on advocating for the poor to Albany during this budget crisis. This endeavor takes place on Feb. 12 & 13. School report: the Thanksgiving feast was enough to feed half of Ithaca & the leftovers were given to the Salvation Army. Report cards were sent home electronically & parent teacher conferences have been held. The Christmas Concert is scheduled for Dec. 7th at 7 PM in the gym.

Fr. Leo

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."

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.


MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon., Thurs. 12:10PM, Tues., Wed., Fri., 7AM, Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 8:30 & 10:30AM

**Second Sunday of Advent—December 5, 2010
Second Collection—Building Maintenance**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS...THE WEEK AHEAD
Sunday, December 5	8:30AM— In Celebration of Jim & Barb Manning's 46 th Wedding Anniversary 10:30AM— Robert Gneo & Deceased Members of the Gneo Family by Loretta Gneo	9:20AM— Religious Ed— School 11:30AM— RCIA— Parish Center 11:45AM— Youth Group— School Gym 1:30PM— 4:00— Carmelites— Parish Center
Monday, December 6	12:10PM— Dode & Carl Yengo by Angelo & Molly DiGiacomo	1PM— Rosary Making— Parish Center
Tuesday, December 7	7:00AM— Peter S. Laba by Eileen Geheran	11AM— Food Pantry— Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM 7PM— Christmas Concert— School Gym
Wednesday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	7:00AM— Louis Bonanni, Sr. by the Bonanni Family 12:10PM— Kenneth & Catherine Fauls by Bernadine Fauls 5:30PM— D.I. Aguilar by Carmen Brewer	10:45AM— SCC— Parish Center 6:30PM— Dish to Pass— Carges Hall <i>Note Holy Day Masses</i>
Thursday, December 9	12:10PM— Michael Savino by Theresa Armstrong	12:40PM— Adult Faith Formation— Carges Hall 7PM— Cursillistas— All Saints, Lansing
Friday, December 10	7:00AM— Patsy Elmo by Louis Elmo	
Saturday, December 11	4:30PM— Joe & Ermina Chiesa by Tony & Roberta Chiesa	1PM— Reconciliation Service— Church
Sunday, December 12	8:30AM— Rita Cerasero by Constance Bonanni-Cescon 10:30AM— Thomas Speno by Patricia Speno	9:20AM— Catechists Meeting— School 11:30AM— RCIA— St. Catherine's 11:45AM— Youth Group— School Gym

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF THE POWERS FAMILY
FROM ANN ARGETSINGER**



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—DISH TO PASS...
Please join us for a DISH-TO-PASS DINNER on **Wednesday, December 8**. Beverages & place settings will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!
Carges Hall—6:30PM

WE WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY...
Owen Andrew Nitkowski - Son of Arthur & Jennifer Nitkowski and
Sydney Grace Goodrich - Daughter of Greg & Tracy Goodrich
Baptized November 27, 2010

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS
If you wish to contribute (\$10.00) toward the purchase of Christmas Flowers & Decorations in memory of a loved one, please stop by the Parish Center now until Monday, December 13th.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
November 28, 2010

Collection 2010	\$ 6,756
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 222,576
Actual Collections: wk 22 of FY	\$ 184,677
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (37,899)
Collection 2009	\$ 6,634

Attendance 2010	731
Attendance 2009	733

GIVING TREE
Each year at Christmas, our parishioners purchase gifts for families in need. Tags for these gifts have been placed on the Christmas tree in the front of the church. If you would like to participate please pick up a tag, purchase the gift, and return it under the tree. Gifts should be wrapped with the tag taped on the outside. **All gifts must be returned by Sunday, Dec. 12.** Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Goal = \$52,588
We have reached 58.52% of our goal!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: Shannon Loughlin is the Director of Young Adult & Campus Ministries. She is the point person for those in ministry at Cornell & Ithaca Colleges. She also is instrumental in organizing young adult programs on the Parish level.

ANSWERS: 1. The angel Gabriel 2. Mary the Mother of Jesus greeted Elizabeth 3. John the Baptist 4. Has been born to you: He is Christ the Lord 5. The shepherds

Adult Faith Formation:

December 9 & 16, 2010

We will share a DVD

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

There will be a blessing for expectant mothers at the masses on the weekend of **December 18th & 19th**. Please call the Parish Center to let us know which Mass you will be attending on that weekend.

The Knights of Columbus are selling "**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**"

car magnets. It is a great way to spread an important message as we enter the Christmas season. The durable and attractive magnets will last for years. The cost is \$5.00. To get yours please contact Greg Goodrich at 272-6911 or email greg@acornre.com.

ATTENTION Cursillistas...

All area Cursillistas are invited to Ultreya on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7PM in the All Saints Parish Center on Rt.34 in Lansing. Deacon George and Mary Ann Kozak will be the facilitators. For more information please call Mary Ann at 277-3558.

SECULAR ORDER OF CARMELITES

will meet on

Sunday, Dec. 5th @ 1:30PM in the **Parish Center @ ICC.**

We are continuing the study of:

THE COLLECTED WORKS OF

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Presented by Deacon George Welch

For additional information call:

Eleanor ~ 272-6844 or

Pat ~ 273-0821



Please send in your current, new or updated email addresses to:

churchemail@immconch.org

Keep us updated so we can keep you updated!

EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION

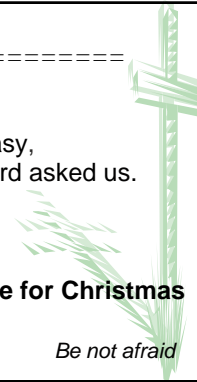
Jesus, I Trust in You

In the spirit of "Disciples in Mission," the Evangelization Team presents these easy, everyday ways to give witness to our faith, as our Lord asked us.

Suggestions-

1. **Display a nativity scene, prominently in your home for Christmas**
2. **Use religious cards and stamps**

Be not afraid



KUDOS TO KIDS...

Our Youth Group teens have joined forces with **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for those in need.

The youth decided that this would be a worthy service project in the spirit of the Christmas Season. Thanks kids!! You make us proud.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE

Light two purple candles - Hope and Peace

Prayer > Read Mark 1:4

Extinguish the flames

ADVENT QUIZ

1. Who said, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour?"
2. Why did the child leap in Elizabeth's womb?
3. What was the name of that child?
4. Complete the sentence: "Today in the town of David a saviour..."
5. To whom did the angel speak that sentence?

Youth Corner

Office of Youth Ministry & Religious Education

Rich Rasmussen ext. 110
Carolann Darling ext. 109

Do you have knickknacks, craft projects, etc. lying around the house? Do you want to clean out some of these and help Immaculate Conception School at the same time? The school sets up a Santa Shoppe for students to purchase gifts for their families and friends at a small cost. We would gladly accept any donations for the Shoppe. They can be dropped off at school (7:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.) by Friday, December 10th. Thanks for your support.

The **IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE** is stocked with Advent candles, wreaths, and calendars for the Advent Season.

Nativity Sets & Christmas Gifts are on display.

Come early for best selection.

Open M-F 10AM—5PM and Saturdays noon to 4:30.

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The good you do for others is good you do yourself...*

PARISH STAFF

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Pastor/Sacramental Preparation

Sr. Edna Slyck ext. 108
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BULLETIN REQUESTS:

E-mail: Lynn Hathaway @ lhathaway@immconch.org
Bulletin requests must be received no later than close of business on Tuesdays.