

# 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)

December 12, 2010



## Staff Connection...

Our Advent theme seemed to evolve as “*Actively Waiting for God*”. It appears on our sign in front of Church and we have been invited to pray for each other as we “*Actively Wait for God*”.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have donated a **rosary and/or medal** during this past year. Because of your generosity, I have been able to include a rosary in a Christmas Card to all the residents we visit on a regular basis at **CAYUGA RIDGE**. These have also been given to all the known **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS** and those at one of our local **HEALTH FACILITIES**. In all over **80 rosaries** have been distributed to these Parishioners. Truly in sharing with them, we do it without expecting any thank you in return. Knowing we have brought joy to them, is our “gift” given back to us. Others are in the process of being sent to **CHILE** to Sister Jane Kenrick for the people involved in her ministry. May God continue bless each of you as you have blessed others.

This weekend the **SISTERS OF MERCY AND MERCY ASSOCIATES** celebrate the 179<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of Mercy, in Dublin, Ireland. **CATHERINE M<sup>C</sup>AULEY**, at the age of 52, joined the Presentation Sisters at George’s Hill, to begin the process of learning about religious life. She, along with 2 of her companions, professed their vows as Sisters of Mercy on December 12, 1831. The only “overseas” foundation she personally founded and visited was in Bermondsey, England. Catherine lived only 10 years after this foundation, dying on November 11, 1841. However in those short years, her life and legacy inspired many women to follow her. Since her death the spirit of Mercy has spread all over the world. The Sisters, under the leadership of Mother Francis Warde, first came to the United States, settling in Pittsburgh on December 22, 1843. They came to the Rochester Diocese on June 9, 1857. While traveling in Australia and New Zealand I found it so exciting to meet so many Sisters of Mercy in both countries.

As we continue to “*Actively Wait for God*”, let us also remember in our prayers those men, women and children for whom this season will be a difficult time because of **losses in their lives**. As we know from our Bereavement Mass, many have had loved ones die during this past year. Some are suffering the breakdown of marriages. As we know with the economy, there are those who lost jobs and financial stability which people have been use to in their lives.

Again thank you for your **generosity** of prayers for them as well as the financial aide you were able to share at Thanksgiving and with the Christmas Giving Tree. You are a great example of “*the gift you have received, give as a gift.*” (Matt. 10:8b).

*Sister Edna Slyck, RSM*

### 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

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS...THE WEEK AHEAD
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
Monday, December 13	12:10PM—Joan Resman Harrington by Louis & Ruth Cerullo	1PM—Rosary Making—Parish Center 7:15PM—Reconciliation Svc.—St. Anthony’s
Tuesday, December 14	7:00AM—Cassie Vicedomini & Josie Cardonia by Louise Cassaniti	11AM—Food Pantry—Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM 7PM—Stewardship Meeting—Carges Hall
Wednesday, December 15	7:00AM—Joseph Boronkay by Clara Hancy Dale	9AM—Staff Day of Prayer
Thursday, December 16	12:10PM—Joseph DiPrimo by Sam & Betty Leonardo	12:40PM—Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall
Friday, December 17	7:00AM—Lois Rider by Bob & Ellie Romanowski	6PM—Father/Daughter Dance—School
Saturday, December 18	4:30PM—Owen Melville by Helen Arco	12PM—Service Committee “Wrap Party”—CH 2-4PM—Individual Reconciliation—Church
Sunday, December 19	8:30AM—Louis, Anna & Maurice Bonani by the Family 10:30AM—Evelyn Bauer by Bill & Marie Marshall	9:20AM—Religious Ed—School 11:45AM—Youth Group—School Gym 12-3PM—Giving Tree Gift Distribution—CH

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK**  
 IN MEMORY OF **RUTH HOVANIC,**  
**JOSEPH R. & ANTHONY CIASCHI**  
 FROM **MARGE CIASCHI**



**Please fill out and return your Stewardship Forms  
 As Soon As Possible**  
 This form is available online @  
[www.immconch.org](http://www.immconch.org)

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD	
December 5, 2010	
Collection 2010	\$ 11,537
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 232,714
Actual Collections: wk 23 of FY	\$ 196,214
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (36,500)
Collection 2009	\$ 13,281
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Building Maintenance 2010	\$ 1,659
Building Maintenance 2009	\$ 1,802
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Attendance 2010	737
Attendance 2009	696
<b>CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL</b>	
Goal = \$52,588	
We have reached <b>59%</b> of our goal!	

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Faith Formation:**  
 December 16, 2010  
 We will share a DVD  
AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM is seeking a few more players from grades 2 - 5th. Practices are on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:15pm - 5pm at IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL. If you have questions, please contact Marc Albanese at 279-1107

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

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:** Sister Connie Derby, RSM is the AV Librarian for the Diocese. Her ministry is of great value to us here at Immaculate Conception. We receive DVDs and Videos for our Sacramental Programs and Adult Faith Formation on a regular basis. We have never been disappointed with her ministry to us.

*Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*

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](mailto:greg@acornre.com).

**HOLIDAY BAKE SALE**  
 St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church invites you to their Holiday Bake Sale on Friday, December 17, 2010 from 7AM until Noon, or until SOLD OUT, at the church, 201 N. Geneva Street.  
 For advance orders call 387-3428 or e-mail [ithacabaklava@aol.com](mailto:ithacabaklava@aol.com)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
 4:00PM 6:30PM 11:00PM

**Christmas Day**  
 10:00 AM

There will be **NO** 4:30PM Mass Christmas Day

The **IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE** is stocked with Advent candles, wreaths, and calendars for the Advent Season. Nativity sets & Christmas gifts are on display. **We have Polish OPLATEK available for Christmas.** Come early for best selection. Open M-F 10AM—5PM and Saturdays noon to 4:30. Call 273-6363

Answers:  
 1. O Come All Ye Faithful 2. The Immaculate Conception 3. St. Nicholas 4. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them 5. A baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

**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. Take time to examine how you live as a disciple in anticipation of Jesus' birth/return
2. Make a conscious effort to treat everyone you meet with kindness and respect

*Be not afraid*

**NCYC 2011 "CALLED TO GLORY"**

Attention all students who will be in high school during the 2011-2012 academic year...

It is time to start planning to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is an awesome opportunity to gather with 25,000 other young people to share your Catholic faith, listen to nationally known speakers and musicians, attend Mass, pray, and meet new people. In 2009 there were 12 teens from Immaculate Conception that attended NCYC in Kansas City. They **all** said it was an AWESOME experience. The date of the NCYC 2011 is November 17th-19th. If you are interested in attending please contact Rich, Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry at 273-6121 ext. 110 or [rasmussen@immconch.org](mailto:rasmussen@immconch.org). You can also go to [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org) and click on the NCYC 2011 link to view highlights from the 2009 NCYC or the 2009 NCYC promo video which will give you a great sense of what NCYC is all about. It truly is a life changing experience so contact Rich to find out more.

**Third Sunday : Joy**

Light two purple candles (Hope and Peace) and one rose to symbolize Joy  
 Prayer ~ Read Isaiah 35:10  
 Extinguish the flames

**CHRISTMASTIME QUIZ**

1. What is the English version of Adeste Fideles?
2. Can you name the great feast of Mary on December 8<sup>th</sup>?
3. December 6<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of someone closely associated with Christmas. Who is it?
4. Why were the shepherds terrified?
5. What sign were the shepherds to look for?

**Youth Corner** Office of Youth Ministry & Religious Education  
 Rich Rasmussen ext. 110 Carolann

**PARISH STAFF**

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**BULLETIN REQUESTS:**

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 Bulletin requests must be received no later than close of business on Tuesdays.