

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 19, 2010



Staff Connection...

Getting Our Hands Dirty

A couple of Mondays back I had to take a drive to Geneseo to help my niece with some car problems so she could get back and forth from school to her internship in Rochester. Fortunately the job wasn't a big one. I only had to change the spark plugs. Even though the job did not take too much time or effort, my hands were unbelievably dirty. They were covered with grease and black dirt. Even so, I was happy I could be of some help.

As I was driving home from Geneseo it occurred to me that Advent is a time when we need to get our hands dirty. It is a time where all of us, as Catholics, are called to serve others in any way that we possibly can. Just like my "mechanic" experience the effort does not have to take a lot of time or effort (although it certainly could and I would encourage such time and effort to be given to someone in need if you have that opportunity).

Once again, as a parish we have decided to have a giving tree where parishioners can provide gifts to families and children in need in our community. This is one way that we can help those in need however, this is not the only opportunity. Each of us has an opportunity to see the need in our own neighborhoods and communities and are called to respond. These needs could be providing clothing for the poor, helping an elderly neighbor with shoveling snow (even I hope to not have to do too much of that too soon), running errands, or even housework for someone who is ill.

Advent is a special time to serve and bring the light and hope of Christ. We do that by responding to the needs of others and by being kinder than usual to those we encounter. I have literally seen people buy breakfast for the people—total strangers—in the car behind them in the drive-thru at McDonalds. I also witnessed someone buy another persons groceries when their credit card was declined at the grocery store. It was obvious to me, as well by appearance, that this person was in need. Although they seem like small gestures, witnessing these events changed me as I hope they changed the hearts of those involved.

We are all called to "get our hands dirty" during Advent. Even Jesus got his hands dirty healing others. Remember Him healing the blind man? He spit on the ground, made mud and smeared it on the eyes of the man. He got his hands dirty in the service of others. So, let each of us be like Jesus this Advent and get our hands dirty; bringing healing to those in need. Thanks for reading!

Rich

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 19, 2010
Second Collection—School Support**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS...THE WEEK AHEAD
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—HS & MS Youth Group—School 12-3PM—Giving Tree Gift Distribution—CH 12-2PM—Christmas Choir Practice—Church
Monday, December 20	10:30AM(@ Cayuga Ridge) - Cecelia Kenney 12:10PM—Thomas Phillip Connell (40th Anniv.) by Helen Talutis	10:30AM—Mass at Cayuga Ridge 1PM—Rosary Making—Parish Center 3PM—Communion Service—Titus Towers 4PM—Communion Service—McGraw House
Tuesday, December 21	7:00AM—Carole Harvill & Deceased Members of the Harvill & Edsall Families by Jim Harvill	11AM—Food Pantry—Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday, December 22	7:00AM—Frank Cassaniti by Louise Cassaniti	
Thursday, December 23	12:10PM—Richard J. O'Brien by Janice O'Brien	Parish Office Closed
Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve 	4:00PM—Betty & Charles Manning by Jim & Barb Manning 6:30PM—Raymond Lawrence by his wife, Rollande Lawrence 11:00PM—Harold Cushman by Natalia Cushman	Parish Office Closed
Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day	10:00AM—Margaret Guidi by Mario Guidi	Parish Office Closed 
Sunday, December 26	8:30AM—In HONOR of Elaine Dorman by Adelle & Richard Leise 10:30AM—Adolph & Better Turco by Judy Turco	Coffee Hour following 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses—Carges Hall

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF **BOB BEACH, SR.**
FROM KING & JEAN TANG



OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
December 12, 2010

Collection 2010	\$ 9,110
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 242,832
Actual Collections: wk 24 of FY	\$ 205,324
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (37,508)
Collection 2009	\$ 8,902



Attendance 2010	698
Attendance 2009	698

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Goal = \$52,588
We have reached **59.55%** of our goal!

COFFEE HOURS (SOCIAL HOURS) – Sunday, DECEMBER 26th

If you are planning to be in town on Christmas weekend and attend Mass on Sunday, December 26th, why not plan to come down to Carges Hall after Mass and share some time with other parishioners and guests? PLAN TO BRING ALONG SOME CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND IF YOU ARE WILLING, TO SHARE SOME FAVORITE RECIPES AS PART OF A COOKIE EXCHANGE.

Thank you to all of those who participated in our “Dish-to-Pass” on the evening of the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Sharing good food and community with our Christian Family is such a blessing. Also...
Thank you to all of those who baked for the Alternative Gift Fair. The goods were sold to cover expenses particularly for HOSPICARE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: The Department of Catholic Schools is overseen by Mrs. Anne Wilkens Leach, Superintendent of Schools. She and her staff interact with the Catholic Schools throughout our Diocese, including our own school here in Ithaca. This office was instrumental in helping us interview and hire Diana Oravec, our principal.

Christmas Flowers & Decorations in Loving Memory of...

**THE KOHM FAMILY
FRANK & VELMA MAYO
FROM JOE & MARY KOHM**

**JAMES C. SMITH
FROM ELIZABETH M. SMITH**

**MR. & MRS. ANGELO PAOLANGELI & SON, ALFRED
MR. & MRS. WILLIAM T. CLARKE & SON, WILLIAM
FROM FRANCIS & JEANNE PAOLANGELI**

**THE RUDAN & HEUCHERT FAMILIES
FROM JOHN & DOREEN RUDAN**

AARON CORINA FROM THE CORINA FAMILY

**LOUISE KACZOROWSKI
FROM CINDY & JASON CORINA**

**CATHERINE & KENNETH FAULS
FILOMENA & ERNEST PAOLANGELI
FROM RUDY & COOKIE PAOLANGELI**

**LUCILLE MARY HARVILL
DIANA LYN HARVILL
BUDDIE JOE HARVILL
LEON & DOLORES REYNOLDS
MATTHEW REYNOLDS
FROM JIM HARVILL**

**BILL EGAN
FROM MARIANNA EGAN & FAMILY**

**MR. & MRS. CAMILLO DIGIACOMO & SIX SIBLINGS
FROM MARIANNA EGAN**

**LOUIS GOLWAY
JACK & MARIE SHEA
BERNIE VERGAMINI
MARILYN RAYMORE
FATHER BERNARD CARGES
CAROLE HARVILL
SISTER JUDY KENRICK
SISTER CAROL WULFORST
JOSIE CARDONIA
FROM MARY EDSALL-GOLWAY**

**LARRY W. BROWN
MR. & MRS. JOSEPH LOSUNRDO
MR. & MRS. EUGENE HOSIER
FROM ANNA BROWN & FAMILY**

**GLENN DARLING
THE STONE FAMILY
FROM PAT DARLING**

**ROBERT BEACH SR. & ROBERT BEACH JR.
LOU GOLWAY
ANNA SLAGHT
JIM POTORTI
JOHN, ROSE & JOHN PAUL FEHER
JOSEPH A.B. STEARNS
JIM & JACKIE TURSCIK
AMELIA FONTANA & FLORA MAZUR
FATHER BERNARD CARGES MICHELLE TANG
FROM PATRICIA BEACH**

**ANTHONY & MARY MAZZA FAMILY
FROM ROSE MAZZA**

**THE BILLERA & KEBBA FAMILIES
FROM JEANNE & LOUIS BILLERA**

**RAYMOND "IKE" WHEELER
CATHERINE & MICHAEL KELLY
DOROTHY & RAYMOND WHEELER
PETER, MILDRED, JOHN & DOROTHY CULLEN
NANCY FREY MARY & GEORGE FREY
CATHERINE & SAM EDWARDS
GEORGE BECKWITH
ZOLTAN GOMBAS
FROM ANN WHEELER**

**CHARLES & ELIZABETH MANNING
BRITTON ANDERSON
THE WILLIAM C. ENNIS FAMILY
THE JAMES B. FAULS FAMILY
THE LAMPMAN FAMILY
FROM BARB & JIMMY MANNING**

**RICHARD & PHYLLIS WHITTAKER
FROM GRANDSONS—ROY, CHRIS & RICK**

**ED HUMULOCK
FROM DORIS HUMULOCK**

**DALE AND HANCY FAMILIES
FROM CLARA DALE**

**JOSEPH MAZZA
FROM MARGE MAZZA**

**ROSE SHEEHAN
FROM HELEN HAMILTON**

**STAN DUDEK
FROM TERESA SENDEK**

**JOSEPHINE T. MARZOLF
FROM HER GRANDDAUGHTER**

**ROBERT T. CORNISH
RINALDO & GIOVANNA BORDONI
EDWARD & NATALINA PORTARI
FROM LOUISE CORNISH**

MR. & MRS. FRANK E. GRASSI
FROM MR. & MRS. STEPHEN HUBBLE

OLGA & FRANCIS LETIZIA
LUCIA, BENEDETTO & ARMANDO ROMANI
LOIS RIDER
FROM PETER & CAROLYN ROMANI

RALPH MAZZA
BETTY MAZZA
FROM LYN MAZZA

THEODORE & ANGELINA MANCINI
GIUSEPPE & MAURIZIO MANCINI
GAETANO & SALVATORA FERRARA
GIUSEPPE & GRAZIA FERRARA
PAUL, GIUSEPPE & VINCENZO MANCINI
FROM FRANK & TERESA FERRARA

THE GIULIO CIASCHI & CARL LOKKEN FAMILIES
GEORGE & RUTH HOVANEC
FROM MARGE CIASCHI

THE CARMEN CANESTARO FAMILY
THE FRANK JOHNS FAMILY
FROM GINNIE CANESTARO

EDWARD & MARY KELLY
REV. THOMAS KELLY
ART & NORA LUNDY
SOPHIA CAMPBELL
ROSE DEFEDE
FROM EILEEN P. KELLY

THE POWERS/ARGETSINGER FAMILY
BARBARA WILCOX
FROM ANN ARGETSINGER

TIMOTHY GONYEA
HELEN & GEORGE MYKYTEN
FROM THE GONYEA FAMILY

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FLACCO & CIASCHI FAMILIES
LOUIS FLACCO & ANTHONY CIASCHI
FROM THERESA FLACCO

FRANK & ROSE BYCINA
MILLIE ANDERSON
MARY ANN COGHILL
FROM JOHN BENTKOWSKI

THE MACALI FAMILY
FROM HELEN MACALI

NANCY NAZER
FROM THE NAZER FAMILY

ESTHER & EDWARD WILCZAK
EDWARD JOSEPH COLLINS
FROM DINAH COLLINS

BILL GOMBASH
FROM RUTH & THE KIDS

ALBERT & ANNE SMITH RILEY
ABRAHAM & SUSIE NICHOLAS
FROM GEORGE & RITA NICHOLAS

ELSIE & JOHN BORONKAY
FROM THE RICHARD & JOHN BONONKAY FAMILIES

THE STURM FAMILY
FROM A FRIEND

LOVED ONES FROM MARY ANDERSEN

ANNA SLAGHT FROM THE SLAGHT FAMILY

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE TANG FAMILY
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROBERT BEACH FAMILY
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE POI SUT CHEUNG FAMILY
MICHELE TANG & DEBBIE LYN
FROM THE KING TANG FAMILY

DARLENE ADAMS
FROM JIM ADAMS

THE HOLUB & KAY FAMILIES FROM IRENE HOLUB

JOSEPH HOLUB & THE KEDRA FAMILY
FROM WANDA & IRENE HOLUB

MICHAELE CAPORICCIO
FRANK & MARIETTA LARocca
FROM LELIA CAPORICCIO

JOHN PARENTE &
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
PARENTE & MARSHALL FAMILIES
FROM AL & JAN PARENTE

GABRIELLA ROMANO
FROM BARBARA PETER, PETER, JR., & GIGI

VINCENZO, EVA, GENARRO & LILLIAN RAPONI
LESLIE, MARY AND WILLIAM RIBBLE
STEPHEN, ANN, PASQUALE, ANTHONY,
DANIEL & MARY RAPONI
FROM FRANK & JEAN RAPONI

GARY JAYNES FAMILY
WILLIAM B. KENNEDY & FAMILY
FROM JOSEPHINE JAYNES



*Merry Christmas
&
A Joyous New Year*



CELEBRATING ADVENT

Fourth Sunday : Love

Light two purple candles (Hope and Peace), one rose (Joy), and the third purple candle to represent Love.

Prayer ~ Read Romans 8:18-25
Extinguish the flames

*“Christmas began in the heart of God.
It is complete only when it reaches
the heart of man.”*

EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION

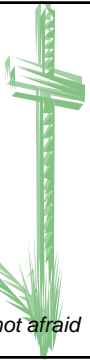
Jesus, I Trust in You

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. Invite a friend to go to Mass with you
2. Lead by example: Model Jesus in your every day actions and in the choices you make...(actually Do What Jesus Would Do)

Be not afraid



The History of the Candy Cane

One of the most often seen symbols of Christmas is the candy cane. Not only are candy canes used as a sweet Christmastime treat but they are also used for decoration. How did this seasonal candy get its familiar shape, and when did it become part of Christmas tradition?

When the practice of using Christmas trees to celebrate Christmas became popular in Europe the people there began making decorations for their trees. Many of the decorations were food items including cookies and candy. The predecessor of our modern candy cane appeared at about this time in the seventeenth century. These were straight, white sticks of sugar candy.

Part of the Christmas celebration at the Cologne Cathedral were pageants of living crèches. In about 1670 the choirmaster there had sticks of candy bent into the shape of a shepherd's crook and passed them out to children who attended the ceremonies. This became a popular tradition, and eventually the practice of passing out the sugar canes at living crèche ceremonies spread throughout Europe.

The use of candy canes on Christmas trees made its way to America by the 1800's, however during this time they were still pure white. They are represented this way on Christmas cards made before 1900, and it is not until the early 20th century that they appear with their familiar red stripes.

Many people have given religious meaning to the shape and form of the candy cane. It is said that its shape is like the letter "J" in Jesus' name. It is also in the shape of the shepherds' crook, symbolic of how Jesus, like the "Good Shepherd" watches over his children like little lambs. It is a hard candy, solid like a "rock", the foundation of the Church. The flavor of peppermint is similar to another member of the mint family, hyssop. In the Old Testament hyssop was used for purification and sacrifice, and this is said to symbolize the purity of Jesus and the sacrifice he made.

Some say the white of the candy cane represents the purity of Jesus and his virgin birth. The bold red stripe represents God's love. The three fine stripes are said by some to represent the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Others say they represent the blood spilled at the beating Jesus received at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

From its plain early beginnings to its familiar shape and color of today, the candy cane is a symbol of Christmas and a reminder of the meaning of the holiday.

MS & HS YOUTH INFO:

We are planning a GIFT EXCHANGE to take place on **Sunday Jan 9th**, To celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the Official end of the Christmas season. The party and exchange will take place during regular Youth Group- 11:45AM-1:15PM. Open to all **MS & HS** youth, simply bring a \$5 value wrapped gift to swap.

Youth

Office of Youth Ministry & Religious Education

Rich Rasmussen ext. 110
Carolann Darling ext. 109

Corner

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

There will be **NO 7AM Mass** on

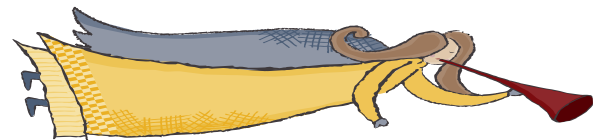
December 24, 2010

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00PM 6:30PM 11:00PM

Christmas Day 10:00 AM

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



*May Your Christmas
&
the Year Ahead be filled
with
Happiness & Love.
Fr. Leo & your IC Staff*



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