

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 26, 2010



Staff Connection...

It seems that everyone this time of year either reads or recalls the Christmas story. At our Christmas Masses we read the account according to Luke. Next week, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we read the account according to Matthew. Most of us however, blend the two stories together at some point during Advent and Christmas to paint our own mental nativity scene.

I was reflecting on the image I have in my own mind, on the characters in both Gospel stories this past week and I kept coming back to the Wise Men (or kings). I couldn't figure out what kept drawing my thoughts to these men. Was it the fact that they traveled so far to visit Jesus? Was it their faith? Or was it the gifts that they brought to Jesus and his family? I finally realized that it was the gifts that intrigued me but, what was it about these gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? Commentators tell us that these were gifts that tell of Jesus' life and death. The gold was a precious gift for a king, frankincense represents the fragrant offering that Jesus would be and the myrrh was a fragrant oil used for burials which signified that Jesus would be anointed and die for us. Even still, this is not what intrigued me about these gifts. What was it then?

After more thought, I realized that these gifts were very expensive and were **the best** that these men had to offer to Jesus. I then began to wonder if I have been bringing the best that I (my life) have to offer to Jesus over the course of this Advent and Christmas season. I did not like the answer that I had to give to myself, which was "no". In my humanness I dare say that I have fallen short in giving Jesus my best—I hear the confessional calling. I have been forced to ask questions like, have I been the best husband, father, friend, youth minister, co-worker this season all in the name of Jesus? These are not easy questions to wrestle with and are even more difficult when you have to face the honest answer of "no" to any of these questions.

In reflecting further I was reminded that this is the way that we are all called to live our lives **every day** and that there is still time to make the most out of this Christmas season by bringing the best that I have to offer to Jesus in all I do and for all those whom I encounter. We are called to spread a little more joy, a little more compassion, have a little more patience and share a little more of Christ's peace with those we meet. It is through others that we meet Jesus and it is in presenting our best to them we bring our best to Him.

So with these reflections, I vow to make every effort to bring my best to the young people and families of Immaculate Conception Church during this Christmas season, leading up to Epiphany and in the days, months and years to come. May you vow to do the same with those you encounter in your own lives. Merry Christmas to you all and 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.

ANOIDING 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 26	8:30AM— In HONOR of Elaine Dorrman by Adelle & Richard Leise 10:30AM— Adolph & Betty Turco by Judy Turco	8:30AM— Baptism during Mass Coffee Hour following 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses— Carges Hall
Monday, December 27	12:10PM— No Mass Today	
Tuesday, December 28	7:00AM— Mary Agnes Cavalletti by Dinah Collins	11AM— Food Pantry— Carges Hall Distribution begins at 1PM
Wednesday, December 29	7:00AM— Margaret “Peggy” Amici by Mary Edsall-Golway	
Thursday, December 30	12:10PM— John Pearson (3 rd Anniv.) by Ruth Pearson	
Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve	7:00AM— Daniel Gallagher by Birthright	Parish Office Closed
Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day Parish Office Closed	4:30PM— Elsie Boronkay by Richard & Carolyn Boronkay	5:30PM— Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00PM— Holy Hour- Church Holy Hour Theme— “They followed the star wherever it went.”
Sunday, January 2	8:30AM— Maryfrancys Lucas by Jean & Frank Raponi 10:30AM— Dale Brewer by Carmen Brewer	11:30AM— RCIA— Carges Hall

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK



IN MEMORY OF **MATT PETERS**
FROM **TOM & ANN HERSON**
AND FAMILY

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
December 19, 2010

Collection 2010	\$ 8,192
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 252,950
Actual Collections: wk 25 of FY	\$ 213,516
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (39,434)
Collection 2009	\$ 8,902

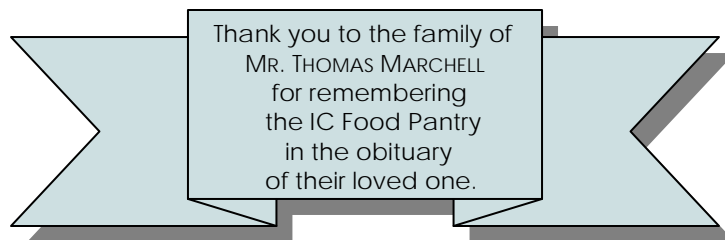
School Support 2010	\$ 1,855
School Support 2009	\$ 1,946

Attendance 2010	744
Attendance 2009	698

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
Goal = \$52,588
We have reached **60.28%** of our goal!

The Christmas Spirit Soared at IC...

Your generosity brought happiness to several families this Christmas. The IC Elves, otherwise known as our Service Team, worked unwaveringly to process, sort and even wrap presents for less fortunate families in the community. The Santa-style bags were stuffed and tables set clad with cookies for visitors as grateful people came to gather their goodies. May it warm your heart to know the smiles on the children's faces were because of **YOUR** kindnesses.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL: No corporation would be complete without a Department of Financial Services. Ms. Lisa M. Passero is Chief Financial Officer. Within this office you will find—Accounts Receivable, Accounting, Payroll, Accounts Payable, and Buildings & Properties. There is also a Diocesan Building Commission with Eric Patchke as Secretary.

**Christmas Flowers & Decorations
in Loving Memory of:**

BROWN, INMAN & SNYDER FAMILIES FROM HELEN SNYDER

RUDOLPH & LOUISA MASSICCI FROM CINDY MASSICCI

**MICHAEL & ESTHER CHORDASH
THE MASSICCI & CICHETTI FAMILIES
MATILDA & JOHN MCGRAW**
FROM RICHARD CHORDASH

THE ADESSO & PARISELLA FAMILIES
FROM MARY & ANNE ADESSO

ELSA & LUIGI SPOSITO FROM LEO & EMELIA SPOSITO

LUIGI & ELSA SPOSITO FROM PAULA & EMILIO SPOSITO

**MICHAEL & BERNICE MORUSTY
CAROL MCGILL & JILL CLEARY
JOSEPH J. SALINO & JOEY SALINO**
FROM JEANNE SALINO & JANET CLEARY

ELWOOD & PHILOMENA WERNER
FROM KAREN & TOM WERNER

**DAGMAR COLLEA
CHARLOTTE McMULLEN**
FROM KATHY SHEALY

ESTHER MONROE FROM JUDY DEAN

**JOSEPH ILLES
ILLES JANOSNÉ**
FROM JULIANNA ILLES

**MARY & ANGELO MASTERS
VICKI ANNE & THEODORE "TED" MATOSICH**
FROM LOUISE & MARSY

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. You can also go to 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.

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
Corner
Rich Rasmussen ext. 110
Carolann Darling ext. 109

Happy 56th Wedding Anniversary
12/26/10
John & Catherine Bentkowski
We wish you many more years
of love & happiness.
Congratulations!!

"Your Merry Christmas may depend upon what others do for you...but your Happy New Year depends upon what you do for others."

Adult Faith Formation—January Schedule

The following DVDs will be shown:
January 6—An Advent and Christmas Journey
January 13—Ritual—The Language of Worship
January 20—Go Up with Joy (the Mass)
January 27—The Word of the Lord

The IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE
Will be OPEN for Business Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
All Christmas Items will be on SALE!!
Come early for the best selection!
Call 273-6363

PARISH STAFF	
Fr. Leo Reinhardt	ext. 113
Pastor/Sacramental Preparation	
Sr. Edna Slyck	ext. 108
Pastoral Associate for RCIA, Liturgy, Evangelization	
Lynn Kingston	ext. 106
Business Manager	
Lynn Hathaway	ext. 101
Parish Assistant	
Ginny Seacord	ext. 102
Office Manager	
Gary Vrabel	ext. 111
Music Ministry	

CONTACT INFORMATION
Diana Oravec - School Principal IC School 273-2707 http://schools.dor.org/ic/
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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.