

# 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)

March 20, 2011

## Staff Connection....

This weekend's Gospel reading is filled with great imagery. From pitching tents, to images of Moses and Elijah to Jesus' Transfiguration our minds become flooded with ideas of what this scene must have been like for Peter, James and John. However, I would like to go back a little earlier in the story to where they were all hiking up the mountain.

The story does not give us any indication of any conversation between Jesus and the disciples as they were making their journey. I think that the conversation might have gone something like, "Jesus, where are you taking us?" Jesus then replies, "just follow me and see!"

So many times in our lives we feel like we lack direction and are filled with uncertainty about where we are headed personally, spiritually, emotionally, vocationally. They become complicated by change, anxiety, pain, loss and sometimes joy. In our prayer we ask the very same question, "Lord where are you taking me?" There may also be times when life's journey can seem so difficult and scary. It is in those moments we don't simply "ask", we actually CRY OUT in pain and frustration, "Lord where are you taking me?"

The disciples loved and trusted Jesus so much that they seem to follow him blindly into whatever situation Jesus led them into. Now that is what I call faith! We are called to do the same, yet this is easier said than done. To have that kind of faith takes courage and patience; patience to listen for the Lord's instruction and patience to simply wait for the Lord's perfect timing to reveal where he is leading you. It is in this patient waiting that Christ reveals those transforming and glorious moments of our lives; moments of wonderful growth and illuminating change. May the remainder of your journey through Lent, and your life, call you to the patient waiting for the answer, "Lord where are you leading me," and may you have many illuminating moments of transfiguration that bring wonder, awe and joy.

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

**March 20, 2011 – Second Sunday of Lent  
Second Collection—School Support**

DATE	EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS	PARISH EVENTS....THE WEEK AHEAD
<b>Sunday, March 20</b>	8:30AM – Glenn Darling (7th Anniv) by Pat Darling  10:30AM – I.B. Alexander & Deceased Members of the Alexander Family by Gloria Scalise	
<b>Monday, March 21</b>	12:10PM – Janet Aagaard by John Aagaard	<b>1PM – Rosary Making – Parish Center</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 22</b>	7:00AM – Katherine Bifulio by Bill & Marie Marshall	<b>11AM – Food Pantry – Carges Hall</b> Distribution begins at 1PM
<b>Wednesday, March 23</b>	7:00AM – William Lucas by Luis & Jean Billera	<b>10:30AM – SCC Meeting – Parish Center</b>
<b>Thursday, March 24</b>	12:10PM – Robert Ruane by Ruane Family (4th anniversary)	
<b>Friday, March 25</b>	7:00AM – Rex Hildreth by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Romanowski	<b>7PM – Stations of the Cross – Church</b>
<b>Saturday, March 26</b>	4:30PM – Robert Avery by Dinah Collins	<b>11:30AM – 2nd – First Eucharist Prayer Day for Candidates and Parents – Carges Hall</b>
<b>Sunday, March 27</b>	8:30AM – Joey Salino by Mom  10:30AM – Alex Ferrer by Guillermo Ferrer	<b>Coffee Hour After 8:30 &amp; 10:30AM Masses – CH</b> <b>9:20AM – Religious Ed – School</b> <b>11:30PM – RCIA</b> <b>11:45AM – Youth Group – School Gym</b> <b>2PM – Regional Choir Practice – Church</b>

*"No matter what you've done for yourself or for humanity,  
if you can't look back on having given  
love and attention to your own family,  
what have you really accomplished?"*

**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK**  
**IN MEMORY OF CAROLE HARVILL**  
FROM JIM HARVILL



<b>OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD</b>	
March 13, 2011	
Collection 2011	\$ 7,759
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 374,366
Actual Collections: wk 37 of FY	\$ 320,152
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (54,214)
Collection 2010	\$ 7,473
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Catholic Relief 2011	\$ 2,144
Catholic Relief 2010	\$ 1,925
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Attendance 2011	755
Attendance 2010	671



**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
Goal = \$52,588  
We have reached **72.41%** of our goal!

## School News...

**ICS DAY @ BARNES & NOBLE**—SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 11AM—5PM. ICS IS HOSTING A BOOK FAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE IN ITHACA. THEY WILL BE SHOWCASING OUR CHILDREN & THE SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF THE PROFITS MADE THAT DAY. YOU CAN PICK UP A VOUCHER AT THE STORE OR THE SCHOOL TO USE ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OR TO USE ON THE INTERNET 3-19 THRU 3-21.

**ROLLER SKATING PARTY**—THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> IN THE SCHOOL GYM FROM 6-7:30PM. ALL AGES WELCOME.

**ANNUAL SPRING MUSIC CONCERT**—TUESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> @ 7PM IN FORD HALL ON THE CAMPUS OF ITHACA COLLEGE.


 Seder Meal 4-20-11  
 Reservations available  
 at the Parish Office
 

SACRISTANS NEEDED FOR THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH. DUTIES INCLUDED MAINTAINING ALTAR AREA AND HOLY WATER AND WASHING AND IRONING WHITE CLOTHS USED AT MASS.

CONTACT SHARON WOLOSZYN AT 277-1582

**LENTE REGULATIONS:**

- **ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fast and abstinence.
- **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT** are days of abstinence. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast; 14 and older are obliged to abstain.
- **ABSTINENCE** means no meat; **FASTING** means on full meal—two lesser meals are allowed and only liquids in between meals.



Lenten Fish Fry Tickets Available NOW in the Parish Office. Please support the Knights of Columbus



**WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

Bishop Matthew Clark will celebrate a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25 years or more on Sunday, May 15th at 2PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. A reception will follow to honor attendees. If you would like an invitation to this Mass please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso at [smancuso@dor.org](mailto:smancuso@dor.org) or call her at 1-800-388-7177 ext. 1295 or 585-328-3228 ext.1295.

**EVERYDAY EVANGELIZATION**

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*Jesus, I Trust in You*

The Evangelism team suggestions for this week:

1. Let your fasting draw you ever closer to the heart of God.
2. Do as Mother Theresa suggested—”Do small acts of kindness with great love.”

*Be not afraid*

The IC Inspirational Gift Shop is fully stocked for LENT EASTER FIRST COMMUNION

SHOP HERE FIRST FOR ALL OF YOU SPECIAL GIFTS

Mon. thru Fri. 10AM—5PM & Saturday til 4:30PM

**Middle School Youth of the Parish:**

**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>**

from 11:30AM to 1:15PM. Join us for a LENTEN PRAYER WALK around downtown Ithaca. We will be walking to various organizations which provide care and assistance for the needy of our communities and praying for the work they do. Hope you can come!! More info to follow.

**ALL MS/HS Youth interested in participating in the  
 LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 on April 1, 2011 @ 7PM  
 please come to a rehearsal at 1:30PM Sunday,  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> in the church.**

Please contact Rich Rasmussen additional information.



**What is RFC?**

RFC, or “Reaching for Christ”, is a full-weekend Catholic retreat experience run by high school youth and intended for other high school youth who want to explore their faith and what it means to be a Catholic. It’s an opportunity to talk about your faith and beliefs with other teens, get your difficult questions answered, and think about what role God does play, and should play, in your life in today’s world. The weekend is run entirely by teens who design the schedule and activities and lead the discussions themselves! Complete with some great food, time for sports and socializing, and unexpected surprises, RFC is a fun, meaningful experience - guaranteed to exceed your expectations and better your faith life in a way you’ve never experienced before!

**When and where?**

The retreat will be held Friday, April 29 thru Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The location is still to be determined so keep your eyes on the parish bulletin for details. This is an overnight retreat, so bring your sleeping bag!

PARISH STAFF	YOUTH & FAMILY
Fr. Leo Reinhardt ext. 113 Pastor/Sacramental Preparation	Rich Rasmussen ext. 110 High School & Family Based Carolann Darling ext. 109 Middle School
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