

Immaculate Conception



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Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:00 a.m. – Noon

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."

Parish Staff

Fr. Leo Reinhardt – Pastor / Sacramental Preparation ext. 113
Sr. Edna Slyck – Pastoral Minister for RCIA, Liturgy, Evangelization ext. 108
Rich Rasmussen – Jr./Sr. High Youth Minister, Administrator of Religious Education ext. 110
Kaelin Corina – Religious Ed. Assistant ext. 109
Lynn Kingston – Business Manager ext. 106
Diana Oravec – School Principal 273-2707
Sr. Elise Quigley – Administrative Assistant. ext. 101
Ginny Seacord – Office Manager ext. 102
Gary Vrabel – Music Ministry ext. 111

Contact Information

Immaculate Conception School – 273-2707
<http://schools.dor.org/ic/>
Religious Education Office – 273-6121 ext. 109
Sacramental Preparation – 273-6121 ext.113
IC Inspirational Gift Shop – 273-6363
Calvary Cemetery – 272-5780

Sacrament of Baptism

A baptism preparation session is required before the baptism of your child. Please call 273-6121 prior to the due date for an appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call 273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.

Hospitalizations

Please call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

Immaculate Conception Staff Connection

BAPTISM

The word “sacrament” is taken from the Latin word “sacramentum” which involved a promise, vow, contract or commitment made in the presence of a “god”. Each of the sacraments involve the continuing living out of a promise, vow, a contract or commitment made with God and lived out in our everyday life.

As the child is welcomed at the door of the church at the beginning of the baptismal rite, the parents make a promise to raise the child in the “practice of the faith”. By this the Church means: Worship; Formation & Service. The last time I checked, God has not done away with the Third Commandment. We are called to “Keep Holy the Lord’s Day” to spend time giving thanks to God for all the Lord has done for us; to offer “liturgy” “our work—our singing, our praying, our posturing, our attention” for an hour a week. Formation: we have to continue to learn about our religion and how to live out our faith. No one ever reaches the point that they know it all & parents are promising to educate their children in the ways of Jesus Christ and not the ways of the world. Service: everyone in the family has talents and responsibilities. The same goes for the parish: every disciple of Jesus should be involved in some capacity with ministry. Parents should already be worshipping, growing in knowledge and serving **BEFORE** their child is baptized and they are confirming that they will continue to do so, **AFTER** the child is baptized. That is why the parents and the faith community are asked to renew their baptismal promises: to reject self, ego, relativism and to commitment themselves to following Jesus both when it is convenient and inconvenient. The anointing with Chrism signifies the parents immense responsibility—to be priest, by living a life of prayer; to be prophet, by announcing the word of God; and to be royalty, by accepting the role of leader. By this anointing, we consecrate and challenge your child to accept the implications of discipleship in Christ.

The white garment is the “uniform” to make the child recognizable as one who shares the risen life of Christ. Parents are reminded of their duty to help their child keep that Christian dignity as pure as the garment. The minister addresses the parents, asking them to keep the light of Christ burning brightly in this child. Parents need to protect the faith which has been placed in their child. Let us live our baptism everyday and keep the promises we make to God and to the church.

Father Leo

HEARTS' CRY SPONSORS NEEDED

The Hearts' Cry program has two students who were previously sponsored, but have lost their sponsors. We are hoping that someone else will be able to sponsor them so that they can continue their education. Kavitha Katepalli is a 14 year old Catholic girl currently in the 9th grade at St. Ann's School in Mattampally, India. She lives with her father Prakash, her mother Lalitha, and 3 siblings. Her father works as a farmer and the family income is \$207 a year. Kiranmai Peddoju is an 11 year old girl currently in the 7th grade at St. Ann's School. She lives with her mother Shalamma, and her older brother Phani. Her father has left the family and her mother works as a coolie laborer to support the family. Their yearly income is \$325. If you are able to help either of these girls, please contact Hearts' Cry at 319-0200.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



On August 15, 2009, Father John Corapi will be making his first and only public speaking appearance in two years at the HSBC Arena in Buffalo, NY. Father will be preaching what he says will be one of his most powerful presentations ever on the person and power of the Holy Spirit. He will be delivering four exciting and moving sermons. Joining him will be Raymond Arroyo of EWTN and master of ceremonies Jerry Usher. The best seats are going fast! This event is sponsored by The Stations of the Cross, Catholic radio. To get more details and to register, go to: www.fathercorapilive.com or call (888)223-6000.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION

Even though we are just now closing out one academic year, we are in the process of planning for religious education for the 2009-2010 academic year. If you have not done so, please stop by the Parish Center to pick up a registration form for either the Sunday morning program or the Family Based Program. You can return these forms to Rich at the Parish Center. The Sunday morning program is for students grades 1-5. The Junior High Youth Group is for 6th—8th grades and the Senior High Group is for 9th—12th grades.

Parents, please note that if your child(ren) are planning on celebrating a sacrament in the upcoming year that your child(ren) **must** be registered in some form of catechetical program (religious ed., student at Immaculate Conception School, youth groups, family based religious ed. etc.) which assists as a base for faith formation of your child and assists in helping your child become "ready" to celebrate sacraments. These programs are not the same as the preparation sessions for the sacraments but are a way of supporting that process. The sacramental preparation sessions are a separate process that Fr. Leo and Sr. Edna oversee. If you have any questions you can contact Rich at 273-6121. Thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 6

12:10 PM Deceased Members of the Picciano & Zichettella Families (req. by Joseph & Mary Zichettella)

TUESDAY, July 7

7:00 AM Antoinette Cinque (req. by Leo & Amelia Sposito)

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 AM Sister Carol Wulforst (req. by the Mercy Associates)

THURSDAY, July 9

12:10 PM Pauline Zavaski (req. by Pat Beach)

FRIDAY, July 10

7:00 AM Frank Toth (req. by Ruth Pearson)

SATURDAY, July 11

4:30 PM Filomena & Ernest Paolangeli (req. by Rudy & Cookie Paolangeli)

SUNDAY, July 12

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Vincenzo & Gennaro Raponi & Ribble Families (req. by Frank & Jean Raponi)

10:30 AM Jeffrey June—19th anniversary (req. by Doris June)



Elizabeth Ann Pfanner & Richard Prybyl II
 Meredith Hornbrook & Michael Murolo I

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Habitat for Humanity has started a new project, building a home on Breed Road in Lansing. They need people with construction skills (either professionals or people with home project experience) to supervise different aspects of the project. They are also looking for one or two people who are willing to be general contractors of sorts—to communicate with the construction supervisors, find and negotiate discounts/donations from suppliers and get materials on hand for the next build day. If you would like to get involved, please contact Theresa Jodz at 539-6474 or (cell phone) 351-6523 or by e-mail at: teressaj7@yahoo.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 13th to the 17th from 9:00 AM until noon each day in the Immaculate Conception School gym. The theme is "Discovery Canyon." The week will be filled with games, crafts, music stories food and more with daily themes of "rejoice," "pray," "ask," "tell," and "seek." The cost for the week is \$25 per child with a maximum of \$75 per family. Please stop by the Parish Center for a registration form or contact Rich at 273-6121 ext. 110. This promises to be another enjoyable year for those who participate. Any Junior or Senior High student or adult who would like to be part of the VBS team can also contact Rich.

OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Our new parish website is now up and running.. We have done some things to bring the site and the parish into the 21st century but there are still a few things that need to be finished.. So, please pay a visit to the new site and let us know what you think!

CELL PHONE USERS.....

Please be sure phones are turned off and, out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, please do not use them while in church. Thank you!



THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, July 5

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church

Tuesday, July 7

11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall

Thursday, July 9

7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting—Carges Hall

Saturday, July 11

10:00 AM Baptism Preparation Program—St.
 Catherine's Parish Center

Sunday, July 12

7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church



SANCTUARY LAMP

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of
 Mary Ann Coghill from John Bentkowski.

IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP

The Immaculate Conception Inspirational Gift Shop is looking for volunteers. We need people to work one Sunday a month from 9:30 until noon and also people who can work during the week. Free parking space, volunteer discount, and a friendly spiritual environment. Training will be provided. Please call Sharon at 273-6363 if you are able to give some time to our shop.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR MINIATURE GOLFERS



July 22nd is "Miniature Golf Day" for the youth of our Parish who have been faithful **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and/or Lectors and their families.** Our day will be at the T-Burg Mini Golf Family Entertainment Center. It will begin at noon with a Pizza Party and last until about 3:00.

Youth Liturgical Ministers are guests of the Parish. For family members those

ages 11+ the cost is \$7.00 and for those under 10, it is \$6.00. Registration forms and money (if others are coming) are due to Sister Edna by July 19th in order to plan for the Pizza Party, etc. Don't miss out on this fun afternoon!

POT OF GOLD TICKETS



Our 8th annual Pot of Gold dinner and raffle will be held on Saturday, September 26th at the Immaculate Conception School gym. Tickets are \$100 each. Buy one for yourself or split a ticket with a friend. Packets of tickets

are now available at the Parish Center for anyone who would like to be a seller. Each packet has five tickets to be sold. Every one who sells 10 tickets or more will get a free ticket. Please stop at the Parish Center either to pick up a packet or to buy a ticket. Remember to save the date and plan to attend the dinner and drawing. It is a fun evening. Thank you..



Please pray for the sick of our parish and the men and women in service to our country

Our Offering to the Lord
 June 28, 2009

Collection 2009	\$7,415
Budgeted (\$10,217 weekly)	\$531,284
Actual Collections: wk 52 of FY	\$435,362
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$95,922)
Collection 2008	\$6,955

Peter's Pence Collection 2009	\$2,434.
Peter's Pence Collection 2008	\$2,226

Attendance 2009	704
Attendance 2008	812

We appreciate the suggestion of gifts to Immaculate Conception Church or School in obituary notices as a fitting and respectful way to honor deceased parishioners.

VOCATION AWARENESS

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet" (Ezekiel 2:2). Are you confused about the direction your life is taking? Do you find yourself afraid to take the next step regarding school, work, or possibly a vocation (life commitment)? God **promises** to lead us to the path meant for us and then to give us the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to follow that path. Trust in our loving God who says, "My grace is sufficient for you". To talk to someone about a vocation, contact the Office of Vocation Awareness at (585)461-2890, on the web at: www.dor.org/vocations, or on e-mail at vocations@dor.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATIONS

July is Immaculate Conception's month to provide basic supplies to Catholic Charities so that they may help those people in our local area who are in need. Items wanted are: toothbrushes and toothpaste, paper towels, toilet tissue, soap, deodorant, powder, shampoo, Kleenex, detergent, etc. The blue bins are at the main entrance and at both side doors next weekend. We thank you in advance for your help and support of this very necessary project.

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

As baptized Christians the Gospel is a two-fold gift to us. It is our guide and strength as we navigate a faith-centered life, and it is our work, which is the building of the reign of God.

As we live and preach the message of the Gospel, we can also expect resistance to the message. We will face our own weaknesses, we will face those who revolt against the message, and like Jesus, we may be rejected by those we love and respect the most.

Living the Gospel is hard work with no guarantees of success. In the face of resistance, Mother Theresa urged us to "Be kind anyway, love anyway, be good anyway." This Gospel living is between you and God and God is carrying you always.

Reflection: *Is your eye on God and living the Gospel?*