

Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Mission Statement

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church celebrates the Eucharist and proclaims the gospel – in worship, through our love of God and for each other, and with our ministry to the marginalized. We journey together in our faith, united by our trust in Christ's love and mercy and the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

George Green Parish Center
113 North Geneva Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

Hours: Mon. – Fri.
8:00AM – 4:00PM
Closed for Lunch
12 - 1 pm

**JOIN US FOR
OUR LITURGIES**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Thursday
12:10PM

Tuesday, Wednesday &
Friday
7AM

Saturday
8:30AM

Vigil Mass Saturday
4:30PM

Sunday
8:30 & 10:30AM

OCTOBER 6, 2019
27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



Our Vision:

To be a community of God's Love and
Service

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: A preparation session is required before the baptism of your child.

Please call 273-6121 prior to your due date for an appointment.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 2:30P – 4PM

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.

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Next Sunday—October 13, 2019 28th Sunday Ordinary Time

CMA KICK OFF

The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is underway. The theme of this year's campaign is *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.... This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* Jn 15:5. Our goal for 2020 is same as last year: **\$57, 151**, and we look forward to your help in meeting our goal this year. Last year we managed to get **95%** of our goal with **222** donors, representing 22% of our parishioners. Let's all pull together to support our local church's meeting its pastoral obligation. We count on everyone's generosity in this endeavor. Blessings to you all!

THE NEED TO KNOW

- October 7th is the **Feast of the Holy Rosary**. We will say a rosary before mass in the parish garden, weather permitting.
- For the month of **October**, the **Holy Rosary** will be said before the 12:10 pm mass on Monday and Thursday, and Saturdays at 3:30 pm.
- **October 14** is Columbus Day. The office will be closed and Daily Mass is at **9:00am** that Monday.
- **October 25** is the next Young Adult Mass. Begins at 5:30pm with the Rosary, Mass at 6pm followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

IN APPRECIATION

Special thanks to the Resurrection Choir and Funeral Hospitality for their presence and dedication to the latest onslaught of funerals they have been called to serve at. Your love and dedication in this ministry is greatly appreciated. Families of the bereaved are comforted and supported by your loving service. Asante sana!

WELCOME

Last week, we informed you that our Maintenance Director, Patrick Paolangeli, has retired after many years of service. We now welcome **Donald "Don" Woodman** as our new Maintenance Director. Don is a knowledgeable and dedicated individual, who has been assisting at our cemetery as Assistant Groundskeeper since May. Thanks Don for joining our team!

YOUTH AND FAMILY CORNER

On Friday, September 27th, young people, families and youth ministry volunteers from our parish took part in the Ithaca Mobile Pack through an organization called Feed My Starving Children (FMSC). FMSC is a Christian, non-profit organization that was founded in 1987 to provide meals specifically formulated for malnourished children. The organization currently serves 70 countries throughout the world. In 2018-2019 alone, 999,110 children throughout the world were fed for an entire year. In the United States 1,306,128 volunteers worked to pack meals for those children.

Our group participated for a two hour slot with other groups from the area. In that 2 hour time, we helped pack 168 cases, which totals 36,288 meals. That is the equivalent of helping feed 99 children for an entire year.

It is truly amazing what people can do in a short period of time to help those in need. This is one of the foundations of our faith that young people and families worked at putting into practice. Thank you to all who were able to take part in helping meet the basic needs of children across the world.



Did you know that Immaculate Conception has its own App for iPhone and Android smart phones? Parishioners can stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. The app also includes additional features like our parish bulletin, prayers, daily readings, and helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession. The "Discover Mass" button helps those who are traveling locate masses in the immediate area. As you can see, the app is a great tool to help stay connected and nurture faith.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. Once you have loaded the app, search for Immaculate Conception Church Ithaca, NY and select. You can also use the QR code to download the app.

AREA EVENTS

Please join the Ithaca 2019 Public Square Rosary Crusade! Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save the Unborn and America through the Rosary of His most Holy Mother. Please join on **October 12, 2019 at 12 noon** across from Planned Parenthood on W. Seneca St. For more information on this national effort see the America Needs Fatima website: www.americanneedsfatima.org

Mind over Matter: Thomistic Perspectives on Human Consciousness presents Dr. Mark Barker of Notre Dame Seminary speaking on The Cogitative Power: A Missing Piece in Philosophical Psychology. The lecture is on **October 22, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm** at Cornell in **Physical Sciences 120**.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Tickets are now on sale for the 24th annual Empty Bowls, a fundraiser for **Loaves and Fishes**, to be held on **November 2nd event at St. John's Church at 210 N. Cayuga St. in Ithaca starting at 6:30 pm**. Loaves and Fishes is a community kitchen that serves 3,000 free meals monthly to residents in need. For tickets or more information, call 272-0457 or email info@loaves.org.

Sunday, Oct 06, 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Valuing all of life

We desire happiness and avoid suffering. We might turn the page quickly on the faces of hungry children or cross the street to escape an encounter with the homeless. The prophet Habakkuk objected to the sight of violence and misery in his generation. If the anguish was so apparent to him, why did God not see it too and respond? God does respond—in sending ambassadors of divine will to act. This Respect Life Month, how will you respond in Jesus' name?

TODAY'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141). *"Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?"*

Monday, Oct 07, 2019

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Mother of Mercy, pray for us

To some, the Rosary can seem like a static form of prayer. In reality, Catholics pray a form of the Dominican Rosary that's been evolving since the 1400s. In 1917 the Fatima Prayer was included. In 2002, John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries—used on Thursdays—joining three other sets of mysteries as meditations on the life of Jesus: Glorious (Sun./Wed.), Joyful (Mon./Sat.), and Sorrowful (Tue./Fri.). What's more, you can pray merely a decade—10 Hail Marys—on your own or as part of a Rosary Circle. You can pray it with beads or your own 10 fingers. You can pray with others as you go running or kneel at church with parishioners. No matter how you pray the Rosary, the concluding "Hail Holy Queen" reminds us that Mary is our life, our sweetness, and our hope as we strive to emulate her mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"He answered, 'The one who treated him with mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*

Tuesday, Oct 08, 2019

Balance your Martha with your Mary

People who look after practical details often feel bad when they recognize themselves as Martha in today's reading. However, Catholicism has long made room for both the practical and the prayerful, and ideally we integrate the two. For instance, monks pray frequently but must spend part of each day on income-producing work. Likewise parents with small children can be intensely busy but routinely fold those small fingers together for prayer at meals and day's end. No matter our station in life, we can keep marrying the focus of Martha with the focus of Mary by pausing during the day to lift our lives to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."*

Wednesday, Oct 09, 2019

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Your life is your most effective witness

Saint Denis—first bishop of Paris and patron saint of France—was so gifted at winning people over to Christ that he and two fellow missionaries provoked the ire of local leaders, leading to their martyrdom. Depictions of Denis in iconography—a cephalophore ("head-carrier") saint, his head held in his hands—

remind us that Christian faith is so much more than a head trip, asking us to commit our hearts, and perhaps our very lives, to the radical love Jesus preached. Saint Denis, pray for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"Do not subject us to the final test."*

Thursday, Oct 10, 2019

Knock, knock, knockin' on heaven's door

In 1893 Francis Thompson published his famous poem "The Hound of Heaven" about God's relentless pursuit of the human heart—a love story, in verse, that captured the imagination of Catholic literary greats G.K. Chesterton and J.R.R. Tolkien. But as Jesus reminds us today, it's OK to be as persistent in return. Like the man who bangs on a friend's door in the middle of the night, begging a favor, our pestering of God always pays off. Saint Teresa of Avila knew this love story well: "This Beloved of ours is merciful and good. Besides, he so deeply longs for our love that he keeps calling us to come closer." Which is why she also said this about prayer: "You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him." Go ahead. Knock.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*

Friday, Oct 11, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE

Beauty more than skin deep

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was born in 1881 in Italy, the fourth of 13 children. He reigned as pope from 1958 to his death in 1963. He is best known for convening the Second Vatican Council. Earlier in his career, when he was made apostolic nuncio to France, a rival for the position characterized him as an "old fogey." And when he first saw himself in the mirror in his new papal vestments, he remarked "this man will be a disaster on television!" Remembering this "old fogey" saint, pray today for someone you know who may not measure up to cultural standards of beauty but is beatified in God's eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465).

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."

Saturday, Oct 12, 2019

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother Mary comes to me

Fridays are traditionally the day for Catholics to remember Christ's Passion and death. Sundays are always our celebration of his Resurrection. So where does that leave us with Saturdays, the day in between? According to the great saints Bernard of Clairvaux, Thomas Aquinas, and Bonaventure, it leaves us remembering Mary—as the one who never left Jesus's side, a mother cradling his body at the foot of the cross the way she cradled him as an infant. The church honors Mary as the greatest disciple and our steadfast mother by setting aside every Saturday that isn't already claimed by another saint's observance. Trust that she never leaves your side, either, by remembering to pray the Memorare today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"A woman from the crowd called out and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that carried you.'"*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Sunday, Oct 13, 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A grateful heart goes a long way

In a somewhat unscientific survey, Jesus noted that nine out of 10 people fail to be grateful even in circumstances of wonderful fortune. We might all take a lesson from A. A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh: "Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." Our small hearts are capable of holding whatever we choose to store there: resentment or forgiveness; past injuries or present opportunities; envy for what others have or appreciation for all that is ours. The ability to be grateful is a sign of mental wellness. Choose thankfulness.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144). *"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"*

Monday, Oct 14, 2019

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

To err is human

Callistus was a pope who was once a slave—and made some mistakes in his life, including losing his master's money, running away to avoid punishment, and brawling with debtors. It's only natural that he would have a forgiving nature toward sinners, for which he was sharply criticized by his enemies and eventually martyred. During this Respect Life Month, remember Callistus as we pray for the abolishment of the death penalty, which our bishops teach is an affront to the inviolability of life and the dignity of the human person.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it."*

Tuesday, Oct 15, 2019

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The soul has boundless capacity

When religion consisted mostly of externals and clergy were the only intermediaries to God, Teresa directed attention within, saying "We are not hollow inside;" the soul's amplitude could never be exaggerated. A "late bloomer," she reformed the Carmelites, wrote *The Interior Castle*, danced gracefully around the Inquisition, and became the first woman doctor of the church. Spend a few minutes thinking of yourself in Teresa's metaphor, as a beautiful castle, the dwelling for a good Sovereign at the very center.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."*

Wednesday, Oct 16, 2019

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN

Love compels us

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque was a 17th-century sister often "visited by the presence of God." Those who experience divine visions tend to have their detractors and Margaret Mary did indeed face criticism from other sisters and some priests. Nonetheless, she developed a devotion to Jesus' Sacred Heart that the church practices even today. While some may think of this devotion as contemplation of an image of the Sacred Heart, it actually encourages active imitation of Jesus' unconditional love

and mercy for every human being. Look for a way today to imitate that Divine love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"But there will be glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good."*

Thursday, Oct 17, 2019

The ending of poverty must always be with us

Today is International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, inspired by Father Joseph Wresinski (1917-88). Born into poverty himself, he became a priest, served those in emergency housing in France, and started an international movement to fight poverty in collaboration with the poor themselves. His goal was to unite everyone, in all walks of life, around those in extreme poverty. In the words of United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, "Let us remember that ending poverty is not a matter of charity, but a question of justice."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter."*

Friday, Oct 18, 2019

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

Eat, drink, and be Jesus

Jesus may have been the first foodie of the Christian era, at least according to the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, it seems Jesus is on his way to a meal, at a meal, or returning from a meal! His critics insulted him for this, calling him a glutton and a drunk. Luke highlights Jesus' love of meals, not for the food, but because of his radical commitment to welcoming all to the table. No one was excluded, no one went hungry. It was a place where Jesus could teach the people and share life and nourishment with them. How is the table a place of hospitality in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you."*

Saturday, Oct 19, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Witness with respect

John de Brébeuf had a singular talent for languages and spent much of his time with the Huron people learning theirs, from his arrival to what was then part of "New France" in present-day Canada in 1625 to his martyrdom in 1649. He spent years studying the native language and culture and translating as best he could between two very different worldviews and sets of beliefs. Though the record of missionaries to the "New World" ("new" to them, that is) is a mixed one, we can honor the memory of those who with sincere hearts tried to communicate the love of Christ to people in language they could understand.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."

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MONKS BISCOTTI FUNDRAISER For Our Pilgrimage to NCYC

After Masses during the weekend of October 19th and 20th teens and chaperons from our parish will be hold a fundraiser for our pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference. We have partnered with the Monks at the Abbey of the Genesee to bring you their **WORLD-FAMOUS** Monks Biscotti.

Monks' Biscotti are traditional, twice-baked Italian cookies, the perfect complement to coffee, tea, wine or ice cream. In a variety of terrific flavors, each package is 7 oz. (about 8 pieces), each serving under 100 calories.



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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 6

8:30AM Joseph Capogrossi from Bill & Judy Steele
10:30AM For Parishioners

Monday, October 7

12:10PM Mary Bontzolakes from the Angelo Family

Tuesday, October 8

7:00AM Edward Schano from the Perry/Schano 15

Wednesday, October 9

7:00AM Kathleen Mary Kohm from Mary Kohm

Thursday, October 10

12:10PM Carolyn Romani from Angelo & Molly DiGiacomo

Friday, October 11

7:00AM Tom Herson from IHS Class of 1953

Saturday, October 12

8:30AM Donald Seacord from Dinah Collins
4:30PM For Parishioners

Sunday, October 13

8:30AM DM of the Turco Family from Judith Turco
10:30AM Joseph Michael Zichettella from his Parents

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

11:45A—HS YTH GRP-YR
2:30P—MS YTH GRP -YR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

:30P—CEMETERY GROUP-PC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:00P—FOOD PANTRY

5:15P—ADULT CHOIR-CH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

3:00P—PIETRA FITNESS-PH

5:30P—CONTEMP. GRP-CH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:40A—ROSARY-CH

1:30P—TITUS TOWERS SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

3:40P—ROSARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 COFFEE HOUR

11:45A—CELIA ANNE ROONEY BAPTISM

11:45A—HS YTH GRP-YR

2:30P—MS YTH GRP-PH

PEACE WEEK 2019

This year, our **Peace Mass** will take place in every parish. The Masses during the weekend of **October 26/27** will have a special focus on praying for peace and remembering our call to be non-violent. Please note these additional activities:

Monday, Oct. 21: Movie Night at St. Catherine—5:30 Mass, 6:30pm-Screening & Discussion of a film on issues of justice and peace.

Thursday, Oct. 24: 7:00pm; **Intro on Talking Circles on Race and Racism** at Immaculate Conception: Honest, real and eye-opening conversation on the many ways racism affects us all.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For parishioners recovering from surgery
- In thanksgiving for new members in our parish community
- For our RCIA candidates/catechumens
- For an end to war and for peace
- For members of our armed services
- That on this Respect Life Sunday we re-commit ourselves to upholding the dignity of every human life

AREA SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The **2019 Rochester Men's Conference** will be held on **Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm** at **St. Jude the Apostle, 4100 Lyell Road**. Lunch is included with the registration fee of \$55. This year's theme is **Rebuilding the Family: At Home-Through the Church-In Sports**. The guest speakers are: Dr. Ray Guarendi-psychologist and author, Tom Nash, answers apologist and Fr. Fred Freedy, vocations and college QB. For more information: exultrochester.org.

Birthright-Ithaca - Serving the Finger Lakes Region for 38 years, from Marathon to Geneva, with compassionate care for women and families! Celebrate with us at a **Fund Raiser Luncheon, November 16th, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM @ The Hotel Ithaca, 222 S. Cayuga St.** Advanced purchased tickets are \$19.95, available through Birthright. RSVP, by November 1 at Birthright, 605 W. State Street.

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

RCIA—*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (and for youth) classes begin this fall. For registration information, to find out more about the process or if you just have questions about becoming Catholic, please call Rich Rasmussen in the parish office at (607) 273-6121.

OFFERTORY AND FINANCE SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Plate	\$5,342
Special Ministries	\$1,482
Attendance	536

CONGRATULATIONS

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