

Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Mission Statement

At Immaculate Conception Parish we are a Catholic Community of Faith, Prayer, Love and Service, centered on Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

George Green Parish Center
113 North Geneva Street
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Hours: Mon. – Thurs.
8:00AM – 4:00PM
Closed on Fridays
Closed for Lunch
12 - 1 pm

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OUR LITURGIES**

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday, Thursday 12:10PM
Tues., Wed., Friday 7:30AM

*Vigil Mass Saturday
4:30PM

*Sunday
8:30 & 10:30AM

Confessions
Saturday 2:00-3:30pm

AUGUST 30, 2026
22NDSUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME



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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 2:00 – 3:30PM

MARRIAGE: Please call 607-273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call 607-273-6121 to request this sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Call 607-273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

PRAYER CHAIN: To submit a Prayer Request, contact the Office

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BULLETIN REQUESTS:

E-mail: iimmacul@dor.org
no later than Mondays @ 4PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 30

8:30am For Parishioners
10:30am Fr. Chumo & all our Deacons (L) from Anonymous

Monday, August 31

12:10pm Turco Family from Judith Turco

Tuesday, September 1

7:30am Myron & Teresa Brooks from William & Diane Brooks

Wednesday, September 2

7:30am Eileen P. Kelly Estate

Thursday, September 3

12:10pm Edward & Debbie Shea from Kathy Teeter

Friday, September 4

7:30am Edward J. Smith Estate

Saturday, September 5

9:00am Luigi & Nancy Petricola from Steve & Nancy Parrot t
4:30pm David & Patricia Natali from Louise Morey

Sunday, September 6

8:30am Cynthia McGrath from John McGrath & Family

10:30am For Parishioners

(DM=Deceased Members)

(L=Living)

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00P—SPANISH ROSARY-CH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1:00P—FOOD PANTRY

4:00P—WEDDING REHEARSAL

5:15P—CHILDREN'S CHOIR-CH

5:30P—DIVINE MERCY CENACLE-PH

6:15P—ADULT CHOIR-CH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:00 P—COLEMAN WEDDING

1:00P—BIBLE STUDY GRP-PH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:00P—SPIRITUALITY DISCUSSION GRP-PH

6:00P—PASTORAL COUNCIL-PH

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00A—LAUDS

8:00A—ADORATION

3:00P—BENEDICTION

5:00P—IC OCIA GRP-PH

6:00P—IC BIBLE STUDY GRP-PH

7:00P—CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP ADORATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:00P—SPIRITUALITY GRP-PH

3:00P—HOLY HOUR ADORATION

OCIA 2026-2027

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an Adult who is baptized but never received Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? The Order for Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for people wanting to become Catholic or wanting to complete their sacraments. The OCIA program will begin this year on September 21 at Immaculate Conception Church. Please contact Deacon George Kozak at george.kozak@dor.org for more information.

Canonization of Bishop Fulton Sheen

Bishop Bonnici will celebrate Mass with us on November 4th at 7pm in honor of the Canonization of Bishop Sheen with relics. Plan on being there. It will be a celebration for the whole deanery. Let's pray that the Canonization of Bishop Fulton Sheen will inspire deeper faith and vocations in our Diocese.

Notre Dame Retreat House

Couples Retreat: "Holy and Beloved" will take place from August 21st-23rd at the Notre Dame Retreat House. www.notredameretreat.org or 585-394-5700 for more information or to register.

St. Joseph & Sacred Heart Candles

The St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Candles still have many openings for intentions coming up. They burn for a week and the requested donation is \$10. Please call the parish office to sign up for Intention dates. Deceased and/or Living.

Counter Needed

A volunteer is needed to join our Count Team, which counts the weekend collections on Monday mornings at St. Catherine. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Office. Approx 2 hrs. every other Monday.

Parish Picnic

The annual Immaculate Conception Picnic will be at the Stewart Park Large Pavilion on Sunday, September 20th from Noon to 4pm. Food, drinks, Ice Cream, and table service will be provided by the Parish. Other dessert donations are welcome. We will once again have a DJ for music. Please mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on all the fun. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance to church near the posters. Be sure to sign-up by Tuesday, September 15th.

ATTENDANCE

August 22 & 23, 2026

Attendance

Saturday 4:30pm	124
Sunday 8:30am	202
Sunday 10:30am	255

OFFERTORY AND FINANCE

August 22 & 23, 2026

Envelopes	\$4816
Plate (Loose)	\$12196.10
Total Sunday Offering	\$6112.10
Assumption	\$2738

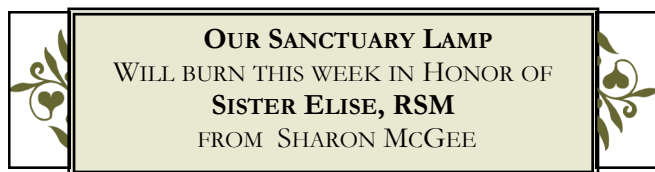
Next Sunday—September 6, 2026 —23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Second Collection—Building Maintenance

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading Jeremiah complains that God has seduced him. He was convinced that following God would lead him to success an easy life, instead he ended up what seemed a total failure. He feels abandoned by God all by himself. Jeremiah's experience is mirrored in all those called by God to carry out special missions. Suffering and persecution will be inevitable. It is good to know from the start, God does not deceive.

In the gospel we see that Peter thinks like Jeremiah and he does not, a suffering, defeated Messiah. Jesus spells out conditions for those who follow him, that nobody will be able to say that they were seduced with flattery or false promises.

The second reading is very close to theme. It invites us not to go along with the way everybody else thinks. The life of a Christian is not acceptable to most. If we live in an imperfect world, we must carry our daily crosses. The good news is that a Christian who stands in the shadow of the cross will his or her own cross will soon become bearable. As well as enriching to his/her life.



Newcomers

If you are NEW in our parish we warmly welcome you. Kindly introduce yourself to us by calling the parish office or by talking with any of our parish staff at any time. Let us know how we can help you in your faith journey. Check the parish website for ministry opportunities to participate in the life of our parish and to please consider becoming a registered member.. Registration forms are on the website.

Pope's Intentions for August

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel and Discover creative paths to build community.



We wish to thank the Clark Family for hosting a wonderful Coffee Hour last Sunday. Their efforts were enjoyed by all who attended and they put out a spread of a variety of tasty treats to enjoy. We are so grateful to have such generous and dedicated Parishioners.

FAITH FORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS

Enrollment for Faith Formation, Sacrament Preparation and High School Youth Group has begun. Registration forms can be found by clicking on the "Youth & Families" page on our parish website www.immconch.org. There, you will also find detailed information regarding our Family Based Faith Formation Program, High School Youth Group and Sacrament Preparation Programs and policies. We will also hold a Registration Weekend after Masses the weekend of August 29th & 30th where Rich, Director of Faith Formation, will accept registrations and answer any questions families may have. You can also feel free to email Rich at rich.rasmussen@dor.org for more information.

Upcoming Events

Beginning in September, we will resume our Monday Holy Hour Adoration from 6-7pm and along with 1st Friday Adoration at 8am, and 1st Saturday Holy Hour Adoration at 3:00pm. Coffee Hours will resume in October due to the Parish Picnic.

Young Adult Group

Young adults and graduate students at Immaculate Conception Parish are invited to meet up for brunch at a local café after the Sunday 8:30am Mass. We will meet outside the front doors on the Sundays of August 23rd, 30th, and September 6th and go from there. Please contact Claire McNally at cfm58@cornell.edu if you have any questions.



SWAHILI CORNER

Karibu Wanafunzi! - Welcome Students!

Tunawataki8a baraka tele shuleni.

We wish you abundant blessings at school.

Tuna Misa kila siku.

We have Mass every day.

Jiunge nasi!

Join us!



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road
Rochester, New York 14624

August 20, 2026
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons, Religious, and Faithful of the Diocese of Rochester:

It is with great excitement that I write to you a little over one month before the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the Sixth Bishop of Rochester. This momentous occasion should bring us all great joy – it is not every day that a diocese has one of their bishop emeriti beatified. Bishop Sheen’s beatification should give us hope, I know it gives me hope, because although he was not perfect, he strived daily to fulfill the mission entrusted to him. Is that not what the Lord asks each of us to do? To be faithful to the mission entrusted to us, to do our best with the gifts that we have been given, and to leave the rest to the Lord.

I wanted to write to you all today to share some exciting news. Thanks to the generosity of the Diocese of Peoria and Bishop Louis Tylka, the Diocese of Rochester will be receiving a “substantial” first-class relic of Bishop Sheen. The week after Bishop Sheen’s Beatification in Saint Louis on September 24, 2026, Bishop Tylka will be visiting the Diocese of Rochester to bring us the relic. We will receive this relic in a special Mass on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, New York.** I cordially invite you all to join me for this special event when Bishop Sheen returns to his Cathedral, our Cathedral!

After this initial Mass, we will be bringing Blessed Fulton Sheen on the road to the different deaneries of the Diocese. We will be hosting a Mass with the veneration of the relic in each deanery. I invite my brother priests to join me as concelebrants for the Mass in your deanery, and to invite the faithful you serve to join us for these special celebrations. The schedule and locations of the Masses are enclosed. I look forward to this opportunity to celebrate the beatification of Fulton Sheen with all of you and to meet more of the good people of the Diocese of Rochester on this occasion.

Finally, I would like to use this special occasion to make an appeal: Pray for vocations to the Priesthood. I ask that all of the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester to join me in asking Blessed Fulton Sheen **every day** to send us good and holy priests. On April 4, 1967, Bishop Sheen wrote a letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester, in which he said:

Vocations are dwindling. We leave to others to seek out the causes of the decline. What is important is not to analyze chemistry of the waters which flood the sinking ship of vocations, but to refloat it. Today a thousand devices are used to instill vocations, such as deluging our youths with letters, pamphlets and appeals. But Our Lord gave only one way – and that way was prayer. [...] It may be a little disappointing to us that the solution to the problem of vocations is so simple, when we thought it was public relations, pictures of novices playing tennis and smiling like Hollywood teenagers. We have been inclined to follow every human resource before we come to what seems to be that “unpractical one of prayer.” We are not face to face with a decline in vocations, but rather with a decrease in prayer. This is where we must begin.

What Bishop Sheen wrote almost sixty years ago is true today. And so, I humbly beg you, pray for vocations. I ask every person in the Diocese of Rochester to pray **one Hail Mary** everyday for vocations, and to add Bishop Sheen's prayer from his letter: **"Lord, infuse young hearts with vocations."** What a great thing if we all unite in this common prayer, and what a great thing to ask Blessed Fulton Sheen, the Sixth Bishop of Rochester to pray for.

As we anticipate the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, may each of us be renewed in faith. May we be inspired by his example to seek holiness, and to be faithful to the mission entrusted to us. May we unite in a common prayer begging the Lord of the Harvest to send us laborers to build up the next generation of saints.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months. In the meantime, let us pray for one another.

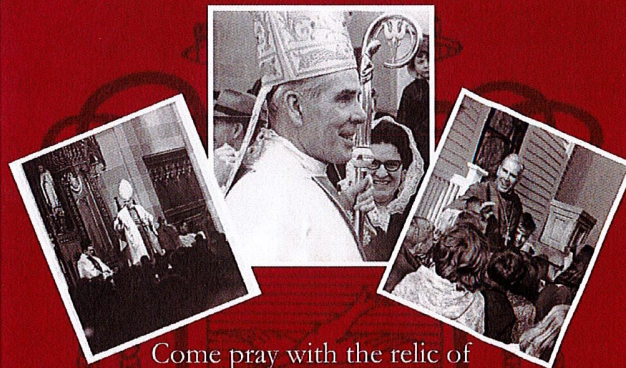
United in a common mission, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *John A. Bonnici*

*The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici
Bishop of Rochester*

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour



Come pray with the relic of
Rochester's sixth bishop!

Locations/Dates

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Rochester

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. STEPHEN

Genesee

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Spencerport

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY

Genesee

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. JOSEPH

Penfield

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, 7:00pm

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER

Horseheads

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, 7:00pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Utica

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, 7:00pm


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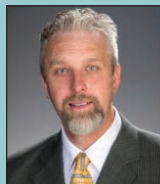


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