

# Immaculate Conception Parish

520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052

*Pastor*

Rev. Robert W. Wardenski

*Weekend Priest*

Rev. John Mack

*Pastor Emeritus*

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## Rectory

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### MASSES:

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am  
Weekdays: 8:00 am  
Holy Days: As Announced

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday at 3:30 pm  
or at anytime by calling the Rectory.

### NEW PARISHIONERS:

Please contact the Rectory to register as members of our parish family. We hope you will find a loving Christian community here. Letters of recommendation can only be given to members of our parish who are in good standing and have been formally registered in the parish and active for at least three months.

### MARRIAGES:

Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least four months in advance. Please call the Rectory for an appointment. Saturday weddings can be scheduled only at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Due to the large volume of weddings for our parishioners, our policy is that we do not perform weddings for those who are not registered members of our parish.

### MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Anthony A. Kalinowski - 1-585-535-0488

### PRAYER WHEEL:

If you need prayers for yourself or others, call 652-6167, 652-4111 or 652-7572 **anytime**.

### BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of each month. To help parents prepare for their child's rebirth into a life of grace, a class is offered on the second Monday evening of January, March, May, July, September and November in the rectory. All parents must attend this class before Baptism. Please call the Rectory to register.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Letters of Recommendation are given only to registered parishioners in good standing. In order to receive a recommendation as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, you must be a registered parishioner, attend Mass regularly and receive the Sacraments regularly, be Confirmed in the Catholic Church, and if married, you must be married in the Catholic Church. Please call the Rectory to obtain a letter.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Administered at the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday. Please contact the Rectory prior to the Wednesday you would like to be anointed.

### HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

If you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the Rectory - 652-6400.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday, October 27, 2008**

8:00 AM Marilyn Pifer — Mary Hagen

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008 St. Simon & St. Jude**

8:00 AM Daniel Wolf — Paul & Liz George

**Wednesday, October 29, 2008**

8:00 AM Dolores Truskey —Kerry & Vinnie Doyle

**Thursday, October 30, 2008**

8:00 AM Pauline Doctor —The Abeyounis Family

**Friday, October 31, 2008**

8:00 AM Bill Schnitzer — The Family

4:00 PM Wedding — Adam Phillips & Jacqueline Kuczanski

**Saturday, November 1, 2008 All Saints**

**9:30 AM** Alfred Sieracki —Cheryl Percy

**4:30 PM** Ruth Abt —Family

**Sunday, November 2, 2008 All Souls**

8:00 AM Robert W. Woodward —Regina & Family

9:30 AM All Souls

11:15 AM Robert J. Mars — Mars Family

**November 1/2**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:30 PM M. Hadley, J. Cartwright, B. Hager, J. Hager

8:00 AM N. Hackford, A. Hackford, M. Ferrara

9:30 AM C. Hawk, P. Lafferty, J. Shriver, M. DeSantis

11:15 AM J. Bogard, J. Hoelscher, C. Link, S. Smith

**LECTORS**

4:30 PM J. Kosinski                      9:30 AM J. Lamond

8:00 AM M. Zittel                      11:15 AM C. Peters

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30 PM C. Burgess, J. & D. Baker, B. Cartwright, C. Hebert, J. Hadley

8:00 AM P. Flavin, S. Schaub, G. Andrews, J. Garvey, D. Bodekor, K. George

9:30 AM B. Lamond, R. & S. Bantle, L. & S. Bardo, T. Roth

**CUP** P. Bremer, T. Thomas, P. George, C. & J. O'Brien, L. Palumbo

11:15 AM A. Codd, T. Bogard, L. Easton, B. Foster, K. Furlong, B. Koller

**SACRISTANS**

4:30 PM J. & D. Baker                      9:30 AM T. Thomas

8:00 AM S. Schaub                      11:15 AM T. Bogard

**GREETERS**

4:30 PM J. Stoeckl, J. Baker, G. Hamann,

8:00 AM S. Roemer

9:30 AM B. Lamond, L. & S. Bardo

11:15 AM B. & C. Howard, P. Kumiega

**PLEASE NOTE—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
 This Saturday, **November 1**, the **Feast of All Saints**, is a Holy Day **without obligation**. This means that Catholics are **not obliged to attend Mass on this Holy Day** because it falls on a Saturday. There will be a special **9:30 am Mass** for those who would like to honor the Feast of All Saints.

**SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS**



On **Sunday, November 2**, at **11:15 AM** we will celebrate a special Memorial Mass here in our Church for all of our parishioners who have died this past year. Family members of those who have died from last November 2nd until this November 2nd have been invited to join us at this Mass. We invite all of our parishioners to pray with them and show our concern and care. The Parish Social Committee will serve coffee & donuts in the school cafeteria following the Mass.

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

The **Parish Social Committee** will be hosting a **Coffee Social** after the **11:15 Mass on Sunday, November 2**

**SCHOOL NEWS**



On **Monday, October 27th**, the 7th and 8th Graders will be visiting Temple Beth Zion on Delaware Avenue to learn more about the Jewish traditions and its culture. On **Wednesday, October 29th**, the 5th and 6th Graders are going to Forest Lawn Cemetery as part of an art/sculpture/architecture experience. We will conclude the week with some Halloween activities and a prayer on the eve of All Saints.

**WHAT IS SCRIP?**

**SCRIP** is purchasing cards and certificates that are used just like cash, and a percentage comes back to our school, with **no extra cost to you**. Our Home School Association offers SCRIP from approximately 35 businesses in varying amounts. SCRIP will be available after all Masses until Christmas.

*Immaculate Conception Peace and Justice Committee*



***Reflection on Today's Readings***

Today's gospel reading contains the "great commandment" to love God so completely that we cannot but help to love others as we love ourselves. These commandments "sum up" the entire Mosaic Law, which imposed not only strict laws of worship, but of social behavior as well. Today's first reading is one such example, defending aliens and immigrants, widows, orphans, and all who are on the margins or powerless in the society.

The bishops' statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* reminds us that our political outlook must be shaped by these same values, rooted in the understanding of the dignity of every human person, regardless of where they are or who they are. This means that we "are called to promote the well-being of all" (FC#10).

Reflection: Do we make love, especially the love of neighbor, the overriding force in our political choices?

**For more information, go to  
[www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org)**

**A CATHOLIC CEMETARY MOMENT**

This year Cemetery Sunday (the first Sunday of November) and All Souls Day (November 2nd) fall on the same day.

This day affords us the opportunity to remember in a "spiritual way" through our prayers all our beloved dead asking God to grant them a place of eternal rest, peace and joy. And it is in visiting a cemetery that we remember and show in a "physical way" respect for the final resting place of their mortal remains. This Sunday, try to visit the final resting places of your loved one.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is collecting used watches and clocks. There is a specially marked box at the Sacristy & Front door entrances of the Church. Please put your donations in these boxes only.

For October **FISH** is asking our parishioners to donate **16 oz. YAMS**. For the month of **November**, the **donation will be soup**. We thank the members of St. Vincent de Paul for coordinating this collection

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS**

Schedules for **November and December** are in the Sacristy (Altar servers and Greeters included.) Please pick up the schedules and, also, sign up for All Saints Day, Thanksgiving and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

**Please remember**, the new laws make it unlawful for hospitals to notify us when one of our parishioners has been admitted to the hospital. Therefore, Father Bob can only visit if a family member notifies us when someone is in the hospital. Father Bob is never "too busy" to visit the sick at home or in the hospital.

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS**

The next Pre-Baptism class will be held on **Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm.** at the Rectory. All parents **must** attend classes prior to their child's Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 652-6400 during normal business hours (8:30 am—3:30 pm) to register.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**SAVE THIS DATE—NOVEMBER 23, 2008**

The annual Immaculate Conception Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Sunday, November 23rd** beginning immediately after the 8:00am Mass. Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, visit Santa from 9 am - 1 pm, and shop for the holidays! We need your support and donations for the following booths: Baked goods (cookies, pies, breads, cupcakes, cakes); Candy booth (homemade candy of any kind); Christmas Decorations (homemade items of any kind); Raffle Booths (gift certificates, in-kind services, handcrafted items) and cakes for our famous Cake Walk! Donations are also needed for the children's Craft area. In addition, your patronage on the day of the Bazaar is always appreciated. Come and help support Immaculate Conception Parish. For more information, or to volunteer or donate. Please call Kate Martucci (655-5171), Eileen Scannell (655-9203) or Carrie Smith (652-4289).

***Readings for Next Week***

**Isaiah 25:6, 7-9**

**Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

**Romans 6:3-9**

**John 6:37-40**

**WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?**

In these difficult times it's sometimes hard to figure out what God wants. Fr. David Baker will discuss how to discern God's will on **Thursday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.** during the next session of **Come and See** in **St. Benedict Church, Main Street at Eggert Road in Amherst.** Discussion topics include: closed parishes, bereavement, divorce and separation, annulments, life issues, difficult questions and coping with cancer. No cost. No Reservations required. For information, call 834-1041.

**SAINT JOSEPH CLUB**

**Father Walter Szczesny, Vocation Director,** is announcing a meeting of the **Saint Joseph Club.** The **Saint Joseph Club** is a gathering of high school men who wish to take a serious look at their lives and grow personally, emotionally and spiritually while considering the possibility of God calling them to the vocation of Priesthood. The meeting will be at **Christ the King Seminary today, Sunday, October 26th from 1 to 4 pm.** Come for prayer, discussion, fun and refreshments. All high school men are welcome to attend. For more information, contact the Vocation Office at 716-847-5535.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER TODAY**

A Spaghetti Dinner is being held to benefit the Sisters of St. Francis (Williamsville) **Sunday, October 26, 2008** from 11:00 a.m. — 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace, 10950 Main St, Clarence. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Take outs will be available. Enjoy door prizes, theme baskets, auctions and the infamous "Nun-Sweeter" Bake Sale. For additional information, please call 632-2155 ext. 685.

**DINNER/THEATER**

The St. Mary's High School Performing Arts Department will be presenting "You Could die Laughing!" a murder mystery/ comedy, **on Thursday, Oct. 30, and Saturday, Nov. 1.** The October 30 presentation is part of a Dinner/Theater performance with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by the play at 7:30 p.m. The November 1 performance is the play only, beginning at 7:30 p.m.. The dinner/theater tickets cost \$15 per person (advanced reservation required) Tickets to the play either night are \$5 per person. Tickets and information — 683-4824.