

Immaculate Conception Parish

520 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052

Pastor

Rev. Robert W. Wardenski

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Rev. John Mack

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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 first Friday 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, September 29, 2008 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 AM Helen Kishel –Paul

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 St. Jerome

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kempf & Hagen Families –Mary Hagen

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 St. Therese

8:00 AM Robert Caves –Donna Caves

Thursday, October 2, 2008 The Guardian Angels

8:00 AM Edward McGuire –Edna Mumm

Friday, October 3, 2008

8:00 AM Jacob Steck –Family

Saturday, October 4, 2008 St. Francis of Assisi

4:30 PM Martin Fitzpatrick –Wife, Carol

Sunday, October 5, 2008

8:00 AM David Woodward –Gardon Family

9:30 AM Ardeth Patricia Cummiskey –Husband

11:15 AM Mary Walsh –Mars Family

October 4/5

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM A. Burke, D. Ward, N. Ward, R. Ward

8:00 AM A. Hackford, N. Hackford, E. Sendor

9:30 AM A. VanTuyl, M. Graham, E. Vallone, J. Besch

11:15 AM M. Young, C. Young, J. Kessler, K. Bett

LECTORS

4:30 PM B. Kirsch 9:30 AM A. O'Connor

8:00 AM P. Winiewicz 11:15 AM C. Peters

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM K. Lenihan, J. Kosinski, J. Warner, M. Pitt, H. Lisitsky, W. Lang

8:00 AM J. & T. Corigliano, M. Zittel, J. Stanley, K. George, D. Bodekor

9:30 AM H. & D. Walczyk, T. Thomas, L. & S. Bardo, P. Synor

CUP C. Voigt, P. Thiesen, H. Sadek, L. Palumbo, C. O'Brien, B. Lamond

11:15 AM L. Easton, B. Koller, T. Bogard, J. Blind, B. Foster, N. Lazarus

SACRISTANS

4:30 PM M. Pitt 9:30 AM T. Thomas

8:00 AM J. Stanley 11:15 AM J. Blind

GREETERS

4:30 PM J. Stoeckl, K. Fones

8:00 AM S. Roemer

9:30 AM L. & S. Bardo, S. LeVeque

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

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Fr. John Mack as our new weekend Priest at Immaculate Conception. Fr. John is on the formation team at Christ the King Seminary and also working on an advance degree in theology. We welcome him and ask God's Blessings upon him in his new ministry at Christ the King and here in our parish.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are off to a good start this school year at Immaculate Conception. We are hoping this year to go on various field trips to enhance our learning. (To that end, we added a fundraiser from Innisbrook wrapping paper to help defray the cost of bussing. We appreciate any and all of your support.)

On October 2nd the 4th and 5th Graders will be going to the Lockport Locks. This gives our students an opportunity to see and experience the tremendous advancement in transportation that the Erie Canal provided in 1825. It remains an important means of travel and recreation today. **Picture Day is Friday, October 3rd.** We'll look great as we cheer our friends from the East Aurora High School as they pass by in the Homecoming Parade.

October 2nd is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. They are our unseen protectors and guardians. There is a tradition to bless flower bulbs on this day and to plant them for the spring. Just like angels, they are hidden but make a brilliant appearance when needed, like when we are tired of winter. Would anyone be willing to give us some bulbs and/or help the children with planting? If so, you may contact Miss Adamski at 652-5855.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

There is still time to sign up for our Adult Faith Formation classes on 21st Century Catholicism on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, beginning this week October 1st.** Please contact the Religious Education Office at 655-0067 or dweigeljr@gmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you and God Bless to all the men and women who volunteered to teach our parish children the Catholic Faith. We are grateful for your service.

Immaculate Conception Peace and Justice Committee



Reflection on Today's Readings

It may seem easy to live in a world where it is "us versus them," and, "If you're not with us, you're against us." This form of logic creates a sense of right and wrong that distinguishes the good and the bad people with little effort. In this Sunday's gospel, the "good" people are hearing from Jesus that "those people" (tax collectors, prostitutes, sinners in general) are the ones who are getting into God's reign long before they are.

One of the central points of Catholic social teaching is a spirit of solidarity (FC #53). This spirit summons us to bring down the walls that divide, whether they are local or international, and embrace our differences. With solidarity there is no longer an "us versus them" attitude but rather one of, "We are all in this together."

Reflection: When I listen to candidates' agendas, do they convey a spirit of solidarity with people "not like us" or do they try to define who's right and who's wrong?

For more information, go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org

RESPECT LIFE



This Fall, from **September 24 - November 2**, our community will be one of more than 170 cities in 45 states joining together for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history--the 40 Days for Life

campaign. 40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life effort that consists of: 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful prayer vigil and 40 days of community outreach. For more information about 40 Days for Life, contact Pam Miliotto at 652-4838.

Please join us for our next Respect Life meeting, Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm.

POPCORN SALE

Immaculate Conception's Boy Scout Troop 599 will hold its Popcorn fundraiser **after all the Masses on October 4/5**. The popcorn is not only of high quality and a good value, it helps provide a great program for the young boys of our community.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS

We will be making up the schedules for **November and December** for all **Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans and Greeters**. Please call the Rectory by **October 15th** of any days you are not available. Schedules will be available the weekend of **October 18/19** to be **picked up** in the Sacristy.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting used watches and clocks. There will be specially marked boxes at the Sacristy & Front door entrances of the Church. Please put your donations in these boxes only. **Please do not put them in food boxes.**

This month **FISH** is asking our parishioners to donate **Baked Beans**. We thank the members of St. Vincent de Paul for coordinating this collection

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP RCIA

Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Is there anyone in your family who might be interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you have a neighbor who has expressed interest in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Invite any and all of these people to become part of the **RCIA** process. The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is how we welcome new members in to the Catholic Church. This year long process will begin in September and will end with welcoming new members into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. For more information, please call the Rectory at 652-6400 during normal business hours (8:30am-3:30 pm). If interested, please fill out the form below and return to the Rectory.

RCIA

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

LIFE CHAIN

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian Community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception. The LIFE CHAIN will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 5th** from **2:00-3:00 pm** on **Niagara Falls Blvd.** Cars will leave Immaculate Conception parking lot at 1:00 pm and return around 4:00 pm.

SUPPORT LIFE ABORTION KILLS WITNESS TO TRUTH

For more information about car pools or any questions, please contact Joe Blind at 655-5681.

2008 TOUR OF HOMES

Aurora Adult Day Services will present the 2008 Tour of homes on **Saturday, October 4th**. This self guided tour begins at **9:30 am** and will feature beautiful homes extraordinaire. Cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are limited. Make checks payable and send to:

Aurora Adult Day Services
101 King Street, Suite B
East Aurora, NY 14052

For information, call the Center at 652-4269 or Sharon at 655-0415.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Every child deserves a family. Catholic Charities works hard to make the dream of a forever family come true for children and teens who are waiting for love, nurture and a safe environment. We need you to be a foster family-all you need is room in your heart. Call Children's Services at 856-4494 to learn more.