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Feel free to contact the Trustees or Council Members with any concerns you have about our parish.

November 14 and 15, 2015  
Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

We at Immaculate Conception are a group of people bound together by our belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior. When we were baptized, we were called to share in His work. Therefore we pledge ourselves to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed and appreciated. Armed with the faith in the Immaculate Conception of Mary, we will celebrate the gift of life together in word and sacrament.

Weekend Mass Schedule  
Pastoral Care Area South:  
Saturday Vigil Mass:  
4:00 pm Immaculate Conception, Greene  
5:45 pm St. Joseph, Oxford  
Sunday:  
8:45 am St. Joseph, Oxford  
10:15 am Immaculate Conception, Greene  
4:00 pm St. Paul, Norwich

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.
Mass Schedule
SATURDAY 11/14/15
4:00 pm † John S. Trepa, Anniversary, by Trepa Family
† Stella Trepa by Trepa Family
SATURDAY 11/15/15
10:15 am For Parishioners
THURSDAY 11/19/15
8:30 am Communion Service
SATURDAY 11/21/15
4:00 pm †Theresa & Thomas Tuite by family
† Willis Bowen by Parish Family
SUNDAY 11/22/15
10:15 am For Parishioners

ICC WEEK AT A GLANCE
SUNDAY 11/15   America Recycles Day
8:45 a Rel. Ed. Class - AC
9:00 a Bible Study
11:30 Confession
MONDAY 11/16
6 p Cub Scouts
TUESDAY 11/17
6 p Cub Scouts - L
WEDNESDAY 11/18
THURSDAY 11/19
8 a Rosary
9:30 a Bible Study - L
6 p Cub Scouts - H
FRIDAY 11/20
8-5 Bake Pies for Holiday Pie Sale - K
11:30 a Circle of Friends Meeting - H, DT
SATURDAY 11/21
3:15 p Confession
Knights of Columbus “Boot” Drive
After Mass - Holiday Pie/Bake Sale - H
SUNDAY 11/22   Youth Mass
8:45 a Rel. Ed. Classes - AC
9 a Bible Study
Knights of Columbus “Boot” Drive
11:30 a Confession
After Mass Holiday Pie/Bake Sale - H
Coffee Hour - H, K

America Recycles Day, November 15
We received a letter from the Founder of St. Pauly Textile thanking us for being a host site for the clothing drop off shed. They asked for our help in getting the word out about the America Recycles Day on Sunday, November 15. Please plan to bring clothing or bedding donations to our drop off shed this weekend. Pass this along to your family and friends. Our parish does receive a small contribution each month for being a host site.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
This weekend’s 2nd collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change & uplift the poor in the US. It’s grants improve education, support economic development, & create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity & build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

Sacrificial Giving and Expenses for the month of October 2015:
Total Income: $ 9,148.42
Total Expense: $ 7,887.24

2nd Collection, 11/15 - Human Development
The Total Expenses include salaries, utilities, accountant fees, Holy Family School, insurance, Remember St. Paul’s advice: “God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Cor.9:7)
Sacristy Meeting Thursday, November 19, 7:00 in the Parish Hall. If you are not able to attend please email your thoughts & suggestions to Mary Wentlent so they can be included in the discussion.

The Circle of Friends quarterly meeting will be Friday Nov. 20 at 11:30 am for lunch! All current members are encouraged to come and any new members are welcome. The Circle of Friends is a group of ladies who keep in touch with our senior church friends who don't get out that much anymore. Through letter writing and an occasional phone call, we let them know we care.

Holiday Pie Sale, Sat & Sun. November 21 & 22. Pre-order your holiday pies: Apple, pumpkin, mince, blueberry, cherry & peach; 8 inch & 3 inch. Sign-up in the vestibule. We make the pies here on Friday the 20th. If you would like to help make pies sign-up in the vestibule. Any help, any amount of time, we’ll be here all day. There will be a few extra pies available to purchase & other assorted baked goods. Proceeds go toward the March For Life trip to DC in January.

When you are buying supplies for your holiday baking please consider picking up a little extra toward our Holiday pie sale. Leave items in the parish kitchen. Apples, flour, sugar, shortening, pie filling, etc. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council 11094 will hold a Boot Drive here & at St. Joseph’s the weekend of November 21 & 22. The Council supported Seminarian Malachi Clark, a native of Binghamton, last year. The drive is to raise a $500.00 donation/scholarship for the Seminarian/Postulant to use as they wish to help defray expenses associated with their education.

The Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council 4937, Sidney/Bainbridge/Afton, supports 8 Seminarian/Postulants. This year our Council would like to sponsor two candidates. To make this possible we are asking all of the parishioners of both parishes to help us with this endeavor. We have a chance to help bring much needed priests into our own diocese. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Council 11094. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Opportunities
Greene Food Pantry The first weekend of each month we take up a collection of non-perishable foods for our local food pantry. May & November we cover the hours at the Pantry.

Meals On Wheels Our volunteers make the deliveries for August & February: Mon, Wed, Fri, 11:15am.

Our Brother’s Keeper—We take donations of CLEAN blankets, quilts, sheets, towels, batting & fiber fill. & yarn. Please bag the items.

Bottle & Can Drive - drop off your refundable items in the bin next to the Rectory garage.

St. Pauly Textile collection shed in our parking lot. Donate your unwanted clothes & fabric items & ICC receives 5 cents per pound collected.

Community Interest

Annual Adult Turkey Party, 11/20, 6-10 p, St. James, JC. Admission $8, includes food, door prizes & more…

Holiday Bake Sale - Sat. 11/21, 9-Noon, St. Bartholomew’s Parish Center. To order cookies, cream puffs, cannoli, meatballs - call 334-2158.

50/50 Raffle to benefit the St. Joseph Cemetery Association. Tickets available after their weekend Masses & at the monthly Fish Dinners. The drawing held during the 12/4 Fish Dinner.


This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book for the Family," builds on this year's Synod of Bishops on the Family and Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families.

Theology on Tap - Join Young Adults from around the Diocese at Dillinger's Pub in

iccgreene.wordpress.com - Don’t forget to check out our website to access the bulletin and the schedule of upcoming events.
Parish Registration Form

Name:__________________________
Address:________________________
City:__________________________State:_________Zip Code:_________
Phone:________________________ e-mail:________________________

☐ I am new to the parish and wish to register. ☐ I am previously registered and would once again like envelopes.

Mail to: Immaculate Conception Church, 1180 State Hwy. 206, Greene, NY 13778 or place in collection basket
Suicide Bombers

How does God deal with suicide bombers who believe they will go to “paradise” and be with Allah? How can they, or anyone go to hell if they don’t even believe in it?

Catholic teaching has some interesting & valuable things to say about it. Contrary to the assumptions of many, the Catholic Church holds that all persons who sincerely attempt to follow the dictates of their conscience, what they believe to be right & good, are saved. This concept is by now well entrenched in church teaching.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do His will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience - these too may achieve eternal salvation. This assumes a diligent, honest attempt to inform one’s conscience with all the grace & wisdom possible, & then to live one’s life in accord with what is seen as “religious duty,” however the individual sees that duty. Some will claim that no human being could honestly envision as morally good the inhuman & appalling acts of cruelty we experienced on that day. More than a few Americans have publicly proclaimed that all the dead terrorists are burning in hell, & those still alive will do so. Arrogance like this is unworthy of any thoughtful person.

Judgments about the condition & fate of other people’s souls are wholly beyond our reach. The pretense of having sufficient knowledge & wisdom to make such judgments invades territory that belongs to God alone.

God created all of us, including the terrorists, out of love. Jesus died for each of us. It is the worst sort of blasphemy to dare to tell God which of His children He will reject, or tell Jesus which of those for whom He died must be condemned. Someone of any or no religion, whatever beliefs, is capable of rejecting God and His law by deliberate, radical, eternal choice of evil over good. But we must also confront our complete ignorance of how God’s grace & truth may have transformed a person, not only during their life, but also in the last moments. We believe God performs incredible miracles of mercy.

From Bishop Cunningham on Assisted Suicide:

“In October of this year, the governor of California signed a law legalizing assisted suicide. Seriously ill patients suffering from depression and suicidal feelings can now receive lethal drugs to end their lives. Cardinal Sean O’Malley, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the USCCB, has called the governor’s decision “a great tragedy for human life.” And indeed it is. “A government that legalizes assisted suicide sends the terrible message Pope Francis has so eloquently warned us against, that there is such a thing as disposable people.” (Cardinal O’Malley)

We believe each & every human life is an unrepeatable gift, created in the image & likeness of God. “We are called to respect & protect human life because of its inherent dignity, sacredness & value. We understand that life is a sacred trust over which we have been given stewardship, but not ownership. Our life belongs to God, & we do not have absolute power over it. So while it is entrusted to us, we are called to care for it, preserve it & use it for the glory of God.” (NYS Bishops. “A Catholic Guide to End-of-life Decision Making”)

Legislation to legalize physician-assisted suicide has been introduced in our state. It is important that we remain vigilant concerning the progress of this bill and determined to oppose its passage.

Wisdom from Our Catholic Tradition “I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God” St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

A Convert’s View

“The date of my Confirmation (and reception into the Church) was set for 12/9/00. Two days later, I was to return to Canada for my first Christmas as a Catholic. Today I recognize that so many different hands have formed my life, yet each has been guided by the one hand of God. He lifted me from the gutter, healed me of my addictions, & put life back into my spirit. He even touched my liver, damaged by alcohol abuse, and restored it to health. In all these ways, He gave me a will to live in a way I had never known.

In the mirror, I still see Robert Rodgers, once an alcoholic, a drug addict, a thief, a pathological liar, and abuser of every good thing that came into his life. I also see, however, a sinner who has been forgiven, a son of God who has come home to the arms of his Eternal Father, a man who receives such remarkable life and love that it often seems like a dream.” Rob Rodgers, former Anglican & convert to the Catholic Church
Dear Friends,

Each October our Diocese asks us to tally the Mass attendance, so that we can assess any drastic or even gradual trends. Combining our Saturday and Sunday figures, ICC had an average of 180 people attend Mass each weekend. That is slightly lower than last year. Looking back over 10 years, however, the range goes from 170-240 for a total weekend count. That being said, we have added two new families this month. We welcome Sara and Matt Gilbeau and Janet and William Taylor to our parish family!

Kathy Ives orchestrated another successful Lasagna Dinner. After expenses, the social committee raised just over $700. These funds will help pay for the committee’s sponsored parish activities. This committee sets their annual calendar of events during their July meeting and each member chooses at least one event to chair. All are welcome to assist that chairperson with any event as well. New members are welcome! Call the church office if you would like to help out with upcoming parish events.

October was a busy month as we made sleeping bags for the homeless and did a month long collection for Birthright of Sidney. Our homemade sleeping bags were taken to Volunteers of America Homeless Shelter in Binghamton. They were very happy to get them and they gave me ideas on items they need for homeless children. We are planning ways to help them and will let you know soon. The baby items we collected were taken to Birthright of Sidney. Thank you to so many people who brought items and left them in the baby bassinette in the vestibule. While I might have been the driver, you, my friends, were the ones who made it possible! You spent time on a Saturday making the homemade sleeping bags with loving care. You remembered to buy baby diapers, shampoo and food for unwed mothers in need. Someone even crocheted two beautiful, soft baby blankets. Through weekly donations and a volunteer spirit, others make it possible that we even have this church home in Greene. We are using this parish to reach out in the name of Jesus to help those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity. Peace! -Mary Wentlent

We extend our sympathy to the Chambers Family in the recent loss of their loved one, Paul Chambers, 11/7/15.
We pray for the happy repose of his soul.
May he find a new life with God in heaven.

Adult Bible Study:
Sunday 9-10 am in the Parish Hall
Thursday 9:30-10:45 am in the Parish Hall; The Book of Acts.
New people are always welcome!!

If you are finished with your "33 Days to Morning Glory" home retreat, please return your book to the table in the back of the church for others to enjoy. Thank you!

We are looking for a college age rep at our parish. We have many parishioners who are attending college either locally or away from home, and we want to keep in contact with them via media and postal mail. Would you be willing to set aside some time each week to reach out to this important age group? We aren't looking for monthly meetings or elaborate events. Just some simple contact to let them know we are thinking of them, praying for them and to not forget that God is always there in spirit. Call the parish office if you think this ministry would be a good fit for you.

2015 Women’s Conference Penny Sweet & Mariruth Kim attended the Women’s Conference in Syracuse along with about 800 other women. The main theme was JOY: joy in the rosary; joy in adoration of Jesus and joy in helping others. There were three speakers. The first was a nun who talked about her rough childhood and adulthood but came out on top with the help of Jesus. The second speaker was a priest who talked about devotion to Mary and consequences of not doing so. And the last speaker was a mother of ten children, who talked about life in general with the help of our Lord. Very worthwhile and we would encourage all women of the parish to attend next year’s conference.

Religious Education
Kathy Nichols, Coordinator - 656-9546
Sundays 8:45 - 10:00 am
Youth Mass, Sunday, November 22
No class Sunday, November 29.