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.

April 28 and 29, 2018  5th Sunday of Easter

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

Knights of Columbus  Council 11094. Grand Knight Charles Browning-725-7516. Meetings the 1st Thursday of each month.

Gluten free hosts are available. Notify the Sacristy before Mass if you need one.

ICC Prayer Chain  Do you believe in the power of prayer? If so you are invited to become a link in our chain. We accept prayer requests from anyone who asks & pass the request down the (phone) line or by email. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact the Parish Office.

Believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ & Love one another.
Mass Schedule
SATURDAY 4/28/18
4:00 pm † Jim Doughty by Audrey Egan
SUNDAY 4/29/18
10:15 am † For the Unborn by Knights of Columbus, Holy Trinity Council
TUESDAY 5/1/18
8:30 am Communion Service
WEDNESDAY 5/2/18
12:15 pm For Parishioners
THURSDAY 5/3/18
8:30 am Communion Service
SATURDAY 5/5/18
4:00 pm † Bill Barden by family
† Don Simpson, Anniversary, by Annie Simpson
SUNDAY 5/6/18
10:15 am For Our First Communicants

Lay Persons Schedule
This Week
Saturday 4:00 pm
E. M.’s: J. Moxley
D. Barden
Lector: M. Delaney
Servers: Adult Volunteers

Sunday 10:15 am
E. M.’s: C. Gibbons
Z. Urda
L. Detweiler
Lector: Youth
Servers: K. Browning
J. Browning
M. Browning
Counters: A. Browning
E. Hadlick

Next Week
Saturday 4:00 pm
E. M.’s: J. Trepa
D. Carlin
Lector: D. Maginsky
Servers: Adult Volunteers

Sunday 10:15 am
E. M.’s: B. Norton
E. Browning
B. Doughty
Lector: D. Heisler
Servers: J. Eroshevic
J. Eroshevic
M. Browning
Counters: D. Maginsky
A. Simpson

Sacrificial Giving and Expenses
for the month of March 2018
Total Income: $ 12,659.11
Total Expense: $ 8,122.76
Second Collection 4/29—Home Missions
Income includes: rent, donations for the new chairs, Easter flowers.
Expenses includes: snow plow service, utilities, supplies (office, kitchen, B & G.)

Parish Council Elections continue this weekend. The ballots are available in the pews. Please fill one out & place it the collection basket.

We will be showing the Diocesan video about this year’s HOPE appeal during both Masses this weekend. Thank you Tom Nichols for being this year’s chairperson.

Marian Garden News:
Take a moment this week and visit our Marian Garden. Many of the bulbs are out of the ground and blooming! It is a wonderful, quiet place for prayer or just to gather your thoughts. If you would like to make a donation to the garden in memory of a loved one, there are special envelopes in the vestibule. Please drop them in the collection plate during Mass. We will be ordering new plaques for the donation board on May 7.

We extend our sympathy to...
...The Stanton Family in the recent loss of their loved one, Ray “Skip” Stanton, 4-20-18
We pray for the happy repose of his soul.
May he find a new life with God in heaven.
Save the Date!  
The yearly metal drive will be held the entire month of June at the ICC parking lot drop off bin. More information to come.

**Pulled Pork Dinner**, Sat. April 28, 6:30 -8 pm at St. Joseph, Oxford. Knights of Columbus, Holy Trinity Council will serve their delicious pulled pork as a dinner with potatoes, vege, cole slaw, roll, dessert & beverage. They will be hosting this dinner along with the St. Joseph Cemetery Board to benefit the Cemetery Improvement fund. Free will offering, eat in or take out.

**Sight & Sound Theater**—invites you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time! JESUS is the action-packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. Please sign-up in the vestibule to join us July 17 for the bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see the show, followed by lunch at Hershey Farms. Tickets are $35 for adults and $25 for children. Seating is limited.

**Spring Flower Sale!**  
We will once again have a Spring Flower Sale fundraiser at ICC. There are order sheets in the vestibule and in the social hall. Please take one home and let our fundraiser be part of your summer flower garden. Orders need to be in by May 1 and the flowers will be available for pick up on Mother’s Day weekend, May 12/13. Why not get your mother a lovely hanging basket for Mother’s Day? Payment is due when you pick up your flowers. Feel free to wait and purchase your flowers from the abundant selection we will have that weekend as cash and carry.

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
**Greene Food Pantry** - We collect 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. Call the Parish Office to join our team!

**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 4 cents per pound collected.

**Greene Baptist Church** will be having a community dinner on the 31st of May from 6-8 pm. Free will offering.

**Mother's Day Charity Breakfast.** Partial proceeds donated to MOMS HOUSE. Sunday, May 13th, 8 am - Noon with the Knights of Columbus at 136 Park Avenue Bing, 771-8303. Tickets are available at the door, adults $9 and children under 10 are $4. !!! Happy Mother's Day !!!

It’s that time of year again when we start searching for sponsorships for the **8th Annual Running for a Reason**. We are pleased to announce this year’s recipient is the Link to Life program. The Link to Life program supplies residents in the town of Greene with medical alert buttons. Approximately 100 residents currently benefit from this service. Greene Community Services is a not for profit group in Greene that provides this service to our residents. Link to Life is provided to residents free of charge, subsidized by donations from local citizens and groups. The cost of providing this service is approximately $40,000 per year. Help Running for A Reason support this great program! Your business name and or logo will be on the run shirt. This is a certified 5k run that goes through downtown Greene. A family friendly course that starts at the Greene Ball Flats, you may walk or run it’s your choice. Registration & Sponsor forms are the vestibule.

**I am the true vine...**
Blood Drive at Immaculate Conception
2018 Schedule:
5/16, 7/25, 9/19, 11/21
12:30-5:30 pm

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Plot $700
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Parish Registration Form

Name: __________________________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: __________ e-mail: __________________________

Address: __________________________________________
City: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

I am new to the parish and wish to register. I am previously registered . I want offering envelopes. I am interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.

How did hear about our parish?

Mail to: Immaculate Conception Church, 1180 State Hwy. 206, Greene, NY 13778 or place in collection basket
Embrace your faith everyday.

The Vine and the Branches

WORD SEARCH

John 15:1-8

IF EVER YOU FIND YOURSELF DOUBTING YOU CAN MAKE IT THROUGH A CHALLENGE, SIMPLY THINK BACK TO EVERYTHING YOU’VE OVERCOME IN THE PAST.

Karen Salmansohn
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“When we are full of self-importance, we leave no space for God. So let us ask the Lord for a conversion of heart.”
Religious Instruction
Children/Youth grades K-8
Class, Sunday 9:00 am: April 29
ICC First Communion will be Sunday May 6 during the 10:15 am Mass.
The May Crowning will be during Mass.

Confirmation Class
Sacrament of Confirmation will be Thursday May 17 at St. Paul’s in Norwich
Rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass will be Monday, May 14 in Norwich. Carpooling available.
Sunday May 20- special Mass in Greene honoring our Confirmation Students.

Adult Bible Study "Fulfilled"
Come and find out how the Old Testament is "Fulfilled" in the New Testament. Gatherings are Sunday mornings from 9-10 am.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Safe Environments for Our Children
Audit Compliance
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires all dioceses in the United States to undergo yearly audits to verify their compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Since 2003, the Diocese of Syracuse has been found compliant with all audited articles within the Charter. Passing the audit for the 15th year not only reflects the quality of the Safe Environment training programs offered, but more importantly, reflects the commitment and dedication of all clergy, religious, diocesan/parish employees, and volunteers who play a significant role in maintaining safe environments for all children and youth across the diocese (40,000 to date!)

May Devotions at St. James Church, JC every Tuesday, 7 pm, during the month of May. Each Tuesday evening will answer the question, “Why do Catholics have Marian devotions?” as seen through the eyes of five different saints:
St. Louis de Monforte,
St. Maximillian Kolbe,
St. John Paul II,
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and
St. Padre Pio.
Please join us and share in the devotions to our Mother, Mary. For more information, call 607-729-6147.

Dear friends,
We have 13 teenagers preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have been attending class for two years and will be confirmed on Thursday, May 17, at 7 pm. The Mass will be at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Norwich, and all the confirmation students in Chenango County will be participating. Everyone is welcome to attend. On Sunday, May 20 there will be a special celebration here in Greene. We will begin the day with a pancake breakfast from 8-10 am, prepared by the Confirmation students, parents and teachers. They will accept a free will offering for the breakfast feast, with the proceeds going to the missionary work of Sister Brigid in Haiti. They were especially moved by her talk and have shown interest in going with her on a future trip to Haiti. She was very excited to hear this! These students will then participate in the Mass as readers, ushers and gift bearers. Father will give them a special blessing, as it is also Pentecost Sunday, which celebrates Jesus giving the Apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit. How special for these students and our parish families to be able to witness this. God certainly moves in mysterious ways…

This weekend our First Communion students had a workshop to finish preparing for their special day on May 6, here in Greene. There is a special white envelope attached to the bulletin board in the vestibule, where anyone can leave a special note of encouragement for these five second graders. Please pray for all of the children and youth in our parish that they feel the love of God in a special way in May.

We also had the spring PCA meeting, this time held at St. John’s in Bainbridge. As you may know we rotate our meetings so that all in attendance can get a quick tour of the church and have a little social time getting to know the folks from that parish. The meeting consisted of discussion of ways lay people can help the priest by leading prayer services and communion services. Deacon Tim shared some special insight on this. We also discussed ways we can collaborate going forward, recognizing the shortage of priest, and the need for lay leadership in the parish. Msgr. Putano and Msgr. Lang have asked that we always include this topic at our meetings.

Thank you for attending the communion services and the midweek Wednesday Mass. Father Paul is very happy with our parish, for the vitality felt here with involvement of young people, fellowship for families and older individuals and participation at Mass. Have a great week.
Peace!~Mary