

I TITLE AND DATE OF ORIGIN

1. **Official name and address of parish**
Immaculate Heart Of Mary
Beeachwood Avenue
Liverpool, NY 13088
2. **Date of establishment**
August 22, 1950
3. **Date of incorporation**
January 14, 1952

II TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

4. **From what parish or parishes was your parish originally formed?**
What were the original boundaries?
St. Peters, Our Lady Of Pompei, St. John Evangelist
Original boundaries:

Buckley Road, Old Liverpool Road, Electronics Park, 7th North Street
5. **Give in chronological order any additions made to the original territory, naming the parish from which each increase was obtained.**

6. **Give in chronological order all transfers of territory from your parish, specifying whether it was given to a newly created parish or to an already existing one.**

7. **Give the names of missions originally attached to your parish and any missions later attached to your parish.**
N/A
8. **Give in chronological order the names of missions detached from your parish, specifying whether they became independent parishes, were transferred to another already existing parish or were suppressed.**
N/A

III CHURCH PROPERTY

9. Describe the arrival of first Catholics from what places they came, the building first used for divine services and by whom and when the first Mass was said.
10. Give the location and original cost of property, the date of construction and names of architects and describe the type of material used in construction for the following: first permanent church, mission churches, later churches, additions, first permanent rectory, later rectories and additions. If possible include final costs of each project.
11. Describe briefly the events of historical interest associated with each church such as dedication services, religious celebrations etc..
12. Give the location and a description of the place of residence of the first pastor if different than the first permanent rectory.
13. Excluding school properties and buildings, give the date, location and cost of other properties and buildings acquired by the parish.
14. Include available photos of first and later churches, first and succeeding residences of pastor or buildings used as church and parochial residence.

A small group of neighbors petitioned Bishop Walter A. Forey in the summer of 1950 to consider building a new church in the Galeville area of Liverpool. The neighborhood was growing fast, with many young families with children in need of religious education. As so began Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Ground was broken by the Most Reverend Walter A. Forey on August 22, 1950 (the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) on a plot of land donated by Mr. Attilio Giarusso.

While construction was begun on the new church (the present day Parish Center) this young parish celebrated its first Mass on September 10, 1950 at the Will & Baumer Candle Company's warehouse – which was loaned to the parish until January 14, 1951 when the new church was to be decided.

On November 8, 1950 the certificate of incorporation was signed. Fr. Edward J. Ryan was appointed the first pastor of this new Faith Community.

The new Church was dedicated on Sunday, January 14, 1951 with a standing room only crowd in attendance (seating capacity was 350 people). The spacious new basement of the church would be used for religious instruction classes. A rectory was to be located in a house next door to the church.

As the parish increased in numbers so too did its building needs. The rectory was expanded to include another house, and a two car garage was added. The pastor moved into the new rectory in September, 1951. Brick veneer was added to the church in February, 1952. Pews donated by Our Lady Of Pompei Church were installed in June, 1952. More parking space was added in May 1953.

In June of 1953 Forty Hours Devotion was held. It was so hot the candles melted and tipped. The Forty Hours Devotion was changed to October the next year.

In 1957 Bishop Foery gave approval to construct a Chatechetical center on Church property on 7th North Street. Six classrooms were opened in October 1957, for the Religious Education of Catholic children from the Chestnut Hill schools.

With this kind of growth in the area it was dreamed of some day adding a school to IHM. In anticipation of that event construction of a convent to house Franciscan nuns was begun on July 31, 1960.

In May 1962, because the congregation had outgrown its original church, construction was started on a new church for Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Under the direction of Msgr. Edward J. Ryan, the founding pastor, a beautiful church was built for this congregation. The church was built according to the standards which were current at the time of its design and construction. Dedication of the new church was on June 27, 1963.

A new rectory was begun in March, 1969. Parish Offices and Priest living quarters were now more accessible.

In the Spring of 1989 it was decided the the church building, which had served the people of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for more than a quarter of a century was in need of refurbishing and redecorating and that several things were in need of repair or replacement. A major renovation was begun in January of 1991. Although many changes were made – some of the past was integrated into the new. The marble from the old side altars and the altar rail were used to make the new altar, candle holders and ambo. Wood from the pews that were removed was reused, the old Baptismal font was used as a base for the tabernacle in the Chapel, old kneelers were refinished and reupholstered, and the relics of martyrs which has been in the old altar were replaced in the new altar. Furnishing and appointments wich could not be reused were donated and shipped to reopened and newly builyt churches in Poland and secions of the former Soviet Union. Major renovations were completed for Easter of 1991.

With so few sisters in residence in the convent, and no Catholic School planned for this area, it was decided in 1993 to convert the Convent into a Religious Education Center. Thhis would bring all of our facilities, and staff to the same location, thus making a complete complex of all our facilities.

Renovations to the basement of the Parish Center were made in 1998. This made room for more kitchen, dining and meeting space.

Our Parish will continue to grow and we will continue to have....

In 1955, Rev. John V. Ahern was appointed Paster to Immaculate Heart Of Mary Parish.

In the early part of the 21st century, the parish community decided that a new parish life center was needed to help the parish move into the next years. This new center would house the parish offices, faith formation class rooms, gym and social hall. The task was to raise between 2 and 4 million dollars. After doing some background studies, it was agreed that the parish would handle this large undertaking. And so it bagan on a 5 year journey to raise the necessary funds.

Mid-way thru the process a major economic down turn began in the United States and its far reaching affect was felt among our parishioners. In conjunction with this Bishop Moynihan announced that IHM and St. Joseph the Worker would be linked and the two communities would eventually share one pastor.

In 2008 Bishop Moynihan appointed Rev. Daniel O'Hara as Pastor of Immaculate Heart Of Mary Parish.

In Spring of 2008, the all purpose room behind the sacristy was turned in to a daily Mass Chapel. It was no longer necessary to heat the entire church building, for daily Mass, which cut the heating costs in half.

After some soul searching, it was recommended not to build the new family life center but clean and repair the former parish life center. Thus the Capital Campaign Funds collected will be spent in putting on new roofs, windows, heat/air, drainage, sound system, etc.

This work continues the vision of Msgr. Edward J. Ryan. His hope was that the parish would always be proud of where it had been and where God is calling us in the future. May the good work that God has begun in us bring his love and presence to the future of the Galeville and Liverpool communities.

Pride in the Past and Faith in the Future

IV CATHOLIC POPULATION

15. Give the number of families and predominant nationality of the original Catholic population of your parish and of each of the missions attached to it.

Italian, Irish, German, Polish, Phillipino

16. Indicate later changes in the size and nationality of the parish population at successive stages.

17. Name outstanding lay pioneers associated with the early history of the parish.

Ed and Alice Saroney; Rosemary and Tom Mick; Frank and Sue Alteri; John and Inga Lavante; The Mazza Family; Andrew and Dorothy Koval; Norma Burkett; Gene and Norma Kilpatrick; Connie and Joe Ostuni; Johanne and Anthony Calaprico; Pat and Babe Laratta; Leonard and Louise Annesi; Ellen and Diane Kessler; Walt and Grace Toporzycki

18. Give a chronological list of the boys from your parish who entered the priesthood or brotherhood and of the girls who entered the religious life. In each case give the family name, name in religion, name of religious community or diocese and date of origination or religious profession.

19. List extraordinary events such as floods, fires, losses by war or other causes, outstanding events peculiar to parish from pioneer days to the present; also legends and traditions connected with the parish.

V PAROCHIAL CLERGY

20. Give a chronological list of the pastors and administrators of the parish, attaching to each the dates of their tenure of office.

Pastors:

Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Ryan – 1950-1983
Rev. John L. Roard – 1983-1995
Rev. John V. Ahern – 1995-2008
Rev. Daniel O'Hara – 2008-present

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Thomas E. Connor – 1954-1955
Rev. Richard Drummond – 1955-1962
Rev. James D. Matthews – 1962-1966
Rev. Laurence J. Lord – 1966-1969
Rev. Thomas F. Moffitt – 1969-1972
Rev. David J. Baehr – 1972-1975
Rev. Robert G. Tierney – 1975-1980
Rev. William J. Shanahan – 1980-1990 (weekend associate)
Rev. Theodore Gerkin, S.S.C. – 1980-1981
Rev. Ronald P. Buckel – 1981-1984
Rev. Richard P. Morisett – 1984-1985

Rev. Kevin W. Ruane – 1985-1990
 Deacon David James – 1991-1992
 Rev. Joseph H. Phillips – 1990-1995 (in residence)
 Rev. Thomas P. Kobuszewski – 1995-1998
 Rev. James C. Fritzen – 1999-2000 (in residence)
 Rev. Ejike Innocent Onyenagubo – 1999-2000 _____
 Rev. Msgr. James Lang - _____

Weekend associates from LeMoyne's Jesuit Community
 Rev. George Coyne, S.J.
 Rev. William Dolan, S.J.
 Rev. Msgr. Charles Fahey
 Rev. Donald C. Maldari, S.J

21. If there was a transfer of the parish from seculars to religious or vice versa, note this change in its chronological order. N/A
22. Give a chronological list of the assistants attached to the parish, giving for each the dates of their tenure of office. (answered above)
23. Give a chronological list of deacons assigned to your parish giving for each the dates of their tenure of office. Dc. John Wosozyn
24. Include photos of deceased clergy.

VI EDUCATION

A. PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS (Active and Closed) N/A

B. FAITH FORMATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN

38. Enrollment – 2015-2016

Elementary	175
Secondary	72
Total	247

39. Staff:

Priests	1
Sisters	1
Lay Persons	3

40. Methods of Faith Formation support - Volunteers

C. ADULT FAITH FORMATION

41. Organization of program

42. How is sacramental life of parish promoted?

VII PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

43. List various parish organizations, date each was organized, description of programs, chair persons.

1962 – Holy name Society; Altar and Rosary; Legion of Mary, Youth Group

VIII HISTORICAL RECORDS

44. Give a list of the extant sources of information for the history of your parish, such as baptismal, marriage and census records, correspondence, county histories, secular or diocesan newspapers, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, diaries, letters, etc., specifying years for each.
45. If there is any printed matter relating to the history of your parish, please send a copy with your historical notes.

IX PARISH CEMETERY N/A

46. Give location, date of organization, cost and area and additional purchases and their cost.
47. Explain form of organization, i.e., membership association, private association, special corporation, etc.
48. If incorporated, give date of incorporation.
49. Date of first burial, number of burials per year
50. Notable events concerning cemetery

X MISCELLANEOUS

51. Are you linked with or have you merged with another parish?
Include effective dates and any change in name of parish.

52. If merge has been completed, what was the date of the last Mass of the closed parish?
53. Do you have commissioned lay ministers? How many?
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A total of 120 lay ministers as lectors, altar servers, greeters and Eucharistic Ministers.
55. Names of nuns assigned to your parish; names of their orders

One Priest – Rev. Daniel O’Hara

Sr. Rose Marie Caravaglio, CSJ
(CSJ stands for - Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet – motherhouse is in Lathem, NY)
56. If applicable, name those from your parish who are studying for a religious vocation.
57. List parish staff positions.
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| Executive Assistant: | Julie Eggert |
| Secretary: | Sara Pascarella |
| Secretary: | Carol Hartmann |
| Faith Formation Ministry/Baptisms: | Amy Wojcikowski |
| Liturgy/RCIA: | Diane Pare |
| Adult Faith Formation Ministry: | Micki Bliss |
| Youth Ministry: | Nick Longo |
| Human Development/Liturgy | Jennifer Woodburn |
| Outreach: | Terry Lacey |
| Music Ministry: | Sr. Rose Marie Caravaglio |
| Music Ministry: | Ben Krisher |
58. Name of your organist and the type of organ used

Organist: Sr. Rose Marie Caravaglio, CSJ
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Name of Organ: Allen Renaissance Organ
59. Describe the choirs and music program.

Congregational hymnals are the Music Issue – (incorporates the hymns and psalms) and Today's Missal (has the Sunday Readings and seasonal music) published by Oregon Catholic Press.

The **Music Ministry** is one of the most important areas of service to the liturgical life of a parish. St. Paul advised the Colossians to “let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.” That is the calling of *every member* of the worshiping assembly. But it is the special calling of **music ministers** to teach, encourage, inspire, and lead them by example. Here are many ways the musically inclined at Immaculate Heart of Mary can do this:

Adult Choir

The choir sings at the 9:30 am liturgy and rehearses after the 9:30 am Mass and for additional needs, on Wednesday evening.

The choir season begins in September and ends in June on Father's Day of the next year. The choir helps us celebrate at sacramental times such as Confirmation (this has been the combined choirs of IHM and SJW most recently), special liturgies such as our Annual Memorial Mass for families, and all the festive occasions such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and landmark anniversaries.

Children's Choir

During the Faith Formation class sessions, we invite all our YOUNG PEOPLE who attend the 9:30 am Mass to come and sing the hymn for the *Preparation of the Gifts*. The children learn new songs through this avenue and love joining in the participation of the singing.

The children who form the core of this choir also participate in our Christmas Eve liturgy in which the birth of Jesus is highlighted in our Christmas pageant. The children also join in the joyful alleluias our Easter Sunday celebration at the 9:30 am Mass.

Resurrection Choir

Our Resurrection choir is composed of some of our Adult Choir members and any other interested parishioners who wish to share their gift in this ministry. Our Resurrection choir does our church a tremendous service and sings at the funeral masses when they are available. This is so helpful to families as they are supported in their loss by the comforting sounds of this choir singing consoling music.

60. Name of your parish historian
61. Do you have a parish center or community room? YES

62. Are your parish buildings handicapped accessible? YES
63. Have there been renovations or additions made to any of your parish buildings? Demolition of any of your parish buildings? Include dates of those events.
64. Names of saints whose relics are in the altar stones.
65. History of stained glass windows
66. Please include any other items that you feel should be added to your parish history.

Please type answers, numbering them according to the order listed. Responses should be e-mailed or sent through the USPS to Mickey Bruce by September 1, 2016.

240 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202

The Vision Statement of Our Parish

As members of a Christian Community in the Catholic Tradition, we believe we are surrounded by the love of Jesus and called to follow in His footsteps. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, with Mary as our special model of openness to God, we commit ourselves as a community of faith to the following vision:

- The center of our life as a Parish is our gathering around the Lord's table to hear God's word and to share in the Eucharistic meal;
- As we experience the Eucharistic as the center of our lives, we acknowledge that our continuing spiritual journey needs to be nurtured by prayer, study and the support of one another;
- As we recognize God's presence in the support of one another, we seek to be a home of welcome to all and a people responsive to all levels of need;
- As we embrace our rich heritage of faith, we provide for our young people experiences of community, knowledge of our beliefs, and opportunities to be people of prayer and service.

God of past and our future, we join together with all creation in praising You our wonderful God! Inspire us with the courage to embrace our parish vision which challenges us:

- To be transformed by Word and Eucharist;
- To grow in knowledge of You;
- To reach out in compassion as we witness our faith.

May we together praise your holy name and work to complete all the good you have begun in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

