



Parish Mission Statement

We are the people of Immaculate Conception (est. 1860) in Ithaca, NY (Tompkins County), a Parish of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Rochester. Inclusive and rich in diversity, we joyfully embrace our baptismal call to worship, celebrate sacramental life, nurture spiritual growth, foster lifelong faith formation, minister to others, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure, and affirm the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to welcome everyone no matter where they are in their spiritual journey.

~August 28, 2011~

Immaculate Conception Church

IN CATHERINE'S SPIRIT...

At some point in time, most of us have received an invitation to a birthday party, a wedding or some other special occasion. Some invitations we anticipate while other invitations come to us as a surprise. That is how invitations from God seem to arrive; some may be ordinary everyday calls to go the extra mile for a family member, a friend or even a stranger. While other invitations call for us to go deeper into the mystery of God.

For most of my adult life I never gave any thought to becoming a religious sister mostly because I had been married and I had three children. My idea of a woman entering religious life was someone who was most likely young and who had never been married. Those ideas regarding what religious woman might be like soon changed after I was invited by Sister Edna to attend a celebration with the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester. In the year leading up to Sister Edna's invitation I had begun the discernment process to become a Mercy Associate thinking I was following the direction that where God was leading me. But, that direction suddenly changed course after my visit to Rochester. There I met two sisters of Mercy who were close to my age, who were mothers and one was even a grandmother.

In June of 2004, I moved to Rochester, New York to enter the Sisters of Mercy of the New York Pennsylvania, Pacific West Community as a candidate. Then in August of 2006 I journeyed to Laredo, Texas as a novice thinking I would be returning to Rochester after completing my 16 month novitiate. However, God invited me into a new moment. As a novice in Laredo I had weekly volunteered at Casa de Misericordia, a domestic violence shelter and the Lamar Bruni Vergara Educational Center, both ministries sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. Working with the women and the children who are victims of domestic violence deeply touched my heart and from within there was an inner invitation to stay on in Laredo and to become a part of the team at Casa de Misericordia. I approached Sister Rosemary Welsh, Director of Casa de Misericordia, asking if there might possibly be a position for me at Casa. I also needed to ask permission from the Mercy leadership team back in New York to remain in Laredo. To my great joy, Casa offered me a position as a Children's Advocate and the leadership team affirmed my staying on.

Now in my 4th year of ministry in Laredo, I continue to enjoy the challenges not only of developing programs for the youth, but of being present to the children who come to the shelter and unfortunately sometimes return to the shelter with their mothers.

As I prepare to profess my perpetual vows as Sister of Mercy, I have been deeply inspired by the "yes" of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, to God's invitation to serve the poor of her time. It is in Catherine's spirit that I hope to remain open to God's invitations to serve the Church and the World.



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Thursday—12:10PM
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday—7AM
Vigil Mass Saturday—4:30PM
Sunday—8:30 & 10:30AM

George Green Parish Center *** 113 North Geneva Street
Ithaca, NY 14850 *** 607/273-6121
Hours: Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM—4:00PM
Sat. 10AM—4:30PM

Date	Mass Intentions
Sunday 8-28	8:30AM—Emilio Sposito by Carmen & Gino Campagnolo 10:30AM—Deceased Members of the McCarthy & O’Neil Families by Joan M Gombas
Monday 8-29	12:10PM—David Yengo by Peter & Olga Potorti
Tuesday 8-30	7AM—Joe Natali by Julia Kennedy
Wednesday 8-31	7AM—Patricia Fertilla by Carmela Savarese
Thursday 9-1	12:10PM—Maria West by Mary J. Lent
Friday 9-2	7AM—Louis Farkas by Julianna Illes
Saturday 9-3	4:30PM—DM of Lee & Rose Powers Families by Rita Bangs
Sunday 9-4	8:30AM—DM of the Picciano & Zichettella Families by Joseph & Mary Zichettella 10:30AM—Rita Alexander Cerasaro by Helen & Benny Campagnolo

OUR SANCTUARY LAMP
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
IN MEMORY OF JAMES C. SMITH
FROM
ELIZABETH SMITH

*A Sincere Thank You to the family of
Thomas Yengo
For remembering
Immaculate Conception School
In the obituary of their loved one*

Banns of Marriage

Lauren Seager & Jonathan Gorski - III

Saint Anthony Church of Groton is selling raffle tickets for \$10 each.
 ▶ First Prize: 60" Mitsubishi HDTV Home Theatre
 ▶ Second Prize: \$200
 ▶ Third Prize: \$100
 Contact Pam Senter @ St. Anthony Parish office, 898-5135 if interested in a chance to win!!
 Winners will be drawn @ the annual Rummage Sale Combo Fund Raiser on Sept 10th @ 3pm at the American Legion Pavilion, Main St, Groton.

The Week Ahead...

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
11:30AM—RCIA CHURCH
MONDAY, AUGUST 29
7PM—MERCY ASSOCIATE PARTY—CARGES HALL—SR. MADELINE ROCKWELL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30
11AM—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT 1PM—CH
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31
7PM—PASTORAL COUNCIL—PH

Please come and join The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates to help celebrate with **Sister Madeline Rockwell, RSM**, A former parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church. She recently made her Final Profession of Vows in Rochester at the Mercy Center (former Motherhouse). Now a special reception is going to be held here in our Parish Hall on Monday, August 29th, at 7:00PM. This will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to gather and celebrate this important milestone in her life.



THE IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOPPE IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO WORK ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM 12 TO 4:30—ONCE A MONTH. PARKING IS FREE AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON PURCHASES. CALL SHARON @ 273-6363 FOR MORE FOR INFORMATION.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: A preparation session is required before the baptism of your child. Please call 273-6121 prior to your due date for an appointment.
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3—4PM
MARRIAGE: Please call 273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD
August 21, 2011

Collection 2011	\$ 6,751
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$ 80,944
Actual Collections: wk 8 of FY	\$ 64,751
OVER/(UNDER) to date	\$ (16,193)
Collection 2010	\$ 6,559

School Support 2011	\$ 1,835
School Support 2010	\$ 1,809

Attendance 2011	760
Attendance 2010	718

8/24/11

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Time is approaching to begin creating a new pictorial directory of our church family. This directory will help us connect names with faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of our church's congregation.

Our Parish Directory will not be complete without you!

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church.

You can schedule your appointment online at <http://signup.olanmills.com>. Or call Olan Mills at 800-866-2263. Call soon to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free church directory and a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate, no purchase necessary.
- You will only need to come to the church once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase portraits and frames on the same day of photography. All portraits come with a 100% unconditional guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

Please volunteer! It will take a group effort to make this a reality and I ask for your support by volunteering just a little of your time.

DATES ARE FILLING QUICKLY!!

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are:

- September 7, 8, 9 2pm to 9:30pm
- September 10 9:30am to 5pm
- September 22, 23 2pm to 9:30pm
- September 24 9:30am to 5pm
- October 6, 7 2pm to 9:30pm
- October 8 9:30am to 5pm

If you have questions, please contact Mark Jasinski 241.2796 or mjasinski@twcny.rr.com

Our new directory won't be complete without you.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAVE THE DATES!!						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mission Appeal Coffee Hr after Masses- Carges Hall 11:30-RCIA-PC 11:45-Sr Hi Youth- Sch 5P-Family Based-PH	LABOR DAY Parish Offices Closed	5:30-7P-Ice Cream Social-School 7P-Trad Choir-CH	BACK TO SCHOOL ☺			Mission Appeal (Fr. Roos. Walters)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Catechetical Sunday 9:30-NCYC Breakfas: Carges Hall 10:30-Catechelist Recog 11:45-Jr Hi Youth- School	6:30P-Contemp. Choir 7P-"We Are The Beggars" Concert @ St. Catherine's 7P-Confirmation Parents/Cand-Church PH	8:30-Mass School Gym 7P-Trad Choir - CH 7P-Stewardship Comm- PH	7P-K of C - PH			9-Family Based-PH Confirmation Enrollment @ Mass
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Pursuing Peace Together

9/11 to September 21, 2011

The Catholic Community of Tompkins County Invites You:

Sunday September 11, 2011

Memorial Service @ Ithaca Fire House, 8:30am
Interfaith service and rededication of Peace Pole, 3:00pm
@ the meditation pond at Muller Chapel, Ithaca College
Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim Communities

Monday September 12, 2011

"Peacemaking/Peacekeeping in Hearts, Homes, Communities and the World" 7:30pm
a conversation with Carsten P. Martensen, SJ
@ Holy Cross Catholic Church, 375 George Rd., Freeville, NY

Tuesday September 13, 2011

"War and Peace: Fresh Thinking for New Times", 7:00 PM
Drew Christiansen, SJ, editor-in-chief of national Jesuit weekly America
@ Roy J. Park School of Communications, Ithaca College
Question and answer / dialogue to follow presentation

Wednesday September 14, 2011

Panel Discussion 7:00 PM
w/ Prof. Juan Arroyo – "Sept 11, 2001: Looking Back" &
Prof. Patricia Rodríguez - "September 11: A Day in the Heart of Latin America",
@ Klingenstein Lounge, Campus Center, Ithaca College
Presented by Dept of Politics, Ithaca College School of Humanities and Sciences

Thursday September 15, 2011

"Clarification of Thought – the Six Wars", 7:00pm
Presentation and discussion by G. Simon Harak, SJ;
Director of the Marquette University Center for Peacemaking
@ First Baptist Church, 309 N. Cayuga St, Ithaca, NY

Friday September 16, 2011

Mass for Peace, 7:30pm; G. Simon Harak, SJ, presider and preacher,
@ Emerson suites; Ithaca College Campus Center

Saturday September 17, 2011

International Festival for Peace, 4-10pm @ St. Catherine of Siena Church
Retreat with G. Simon Harak, SJ, 9:00am to 3:30pm
@ Immaculate Conception Church basement meeting room

Sunday September 18, 2011

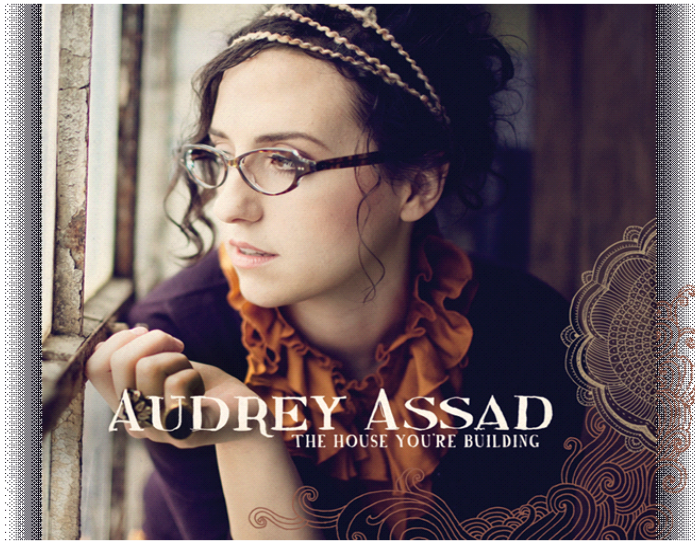
International Festival for Peace, 11am- 4pm @ St. Catherine of Siena Church
Mass; 1:00 and 9:00pm, Bishop Matthew Clark, presider and preacher
@ Muller Chapel, Ithaca College

Monday September 19, 2011

"We Are The Beggars" Tour: Audrey Assad & Ike Ndolo
w/ Annie Hickman, 7pm
An evening of song, praise and worship @ St. Catherine of Siena Church

Wednesday September 21, 2011

International Day of Peace – Day of Fasting and Prayer



Featuring

National Catholic Recording Artists

Audrey Assad

and

Ike Ndolo



Venue: St Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca, NY

Tickets: \$17.50 Artist Circle \$12.50 General Admission

Time: Show begins at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Church Youth and Family Ministry, St. Catherine of Siena Church ("Cayuga Heights") in Ithaca, All Saints Church (Lansing), Holy Cross Church (Dryden) and St. Anthony's Church (Groton)



"We Are The Beggars"

Tour

AN EVENING OF SONG, PRAISE AND WORSHIP

with Special Guest: Ennie Hickman Domestic Missionary and Dynamic Catholic Speaker



SPACE IS LIMITED GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

Tickets may be purchased at the offices of: Immaculate Conception Church, 113 N. Geneva St., Ithaca; and St. Catherine of Siena Church in Cayuga Heights. Credit Card orders available through The Inspirational Gift Shop, Ithaca: 273-6363 (M-F 10am to 5pm; Saturday 12 Noon til 4:30pm)

Mark the date and help spread the word: Monday, September 19th @ 7pm, popular Catholic recording artists Audrey Assad and Ike Ndolo and dynamic Catholic speaker, Ennie Hickman, will be leading our communities in an evening of song, praise, worship and fun as part of their "We Are The Beggars" Tour. Immaculate Conception Church and St. Catherine's of Ithaca will be working together with All Saints Church (Lansing), Holy Cross (Dryden) and St. Anthony (Groton) to provide this very special opportunity. The event will take place @ St. Catherine of Siena Church in Cayuga Heights-Ithaca.

Coincidentally, their concert date falls within the time frame in which area congregations are planning special activities for "Pursuing Peace Together" week here in Tompkins County which will mark the 10th Anniversary of the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

Tickets may be purchased @ St. Catherine of Siena Church, Immaculate Conception Church, The Inspirational Gift Shoppe and All Saints Church in Lansing.
In Peace, Carolann and Rich

Save the Date! 24th National Life Chain, Sunday, October 2, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.



Join the Life Chain in Cortland!! Main St and Groton Ave intersection. Contact Carolann Darling for more info: 273-6121.

Last year on the first Sunday of October in more than 1,800 locations in 1,500 cities and towns across the United States and Canada; tens of thousands of pro-life people gathered to pray silently beside major streets and hold professionally-printed signs that are provided at the site.

Again this year they will peacefully show solidarity in the Christian community for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. They will stand in honor of the 50 million lives who have been lost to abortion.

Every year young women report deciding not to have an abortion after reading the signs and seeing the people praying. Students who participate understand that a third of their generation has disappeared and then convince their friends at school not to kill their baby. Numbers of people step into volunteer pro-life positions after being part of a Life Chain - becoming more aware of the need to pray for people in crisis situations. Photos, videos and partial listing of Life Chains are on <http://LifeChain.net>. Additional information is on <http://NationalLifeChain.org>.

Yours for Life, Sharon Albertson, LifeChain.net coordinator 972-618-0400
Royce Dunn, NationalLifeChain.org director 530-674-5068

September 10 and 11 we will be Celebrating the Missions Appeal. In honor of this special occasion Fr. Roos Walters will be visiting us from the North American Missionaries of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and their Supporters. For over 100 yrs the Oblates of St. Frances de Sales – whose unique charism in the Catholic Church is to spread the spirituality of *The Gentleman Saint* – continue his work. Today, many North American De Sales Oblates serve with more than 200 other De Sales Oblate Missionary Priests, Sisters, Brothers, and Deacons from Namibia, Bahia, Ecuador, Netherlands, Ukraine, Uruguay and Benin. For example, Father Walter DeSa supports several hundred orphaned children at his mission in a new African nation – Namibia. For the last 50yrs, Fathers Harry Schlight & Robert Hindley have labored in the Namib Desert among the poor of South Africa, especially during their years of suffering under the racist *apartheid* regime.

ATTENTION LADIES!

Another year gone by and it is time for the Women's Retreat weekend at Notre Dame Retreat House. This year's theme is: "TO BE OR NOT TO BE A 24/7 CATHOLIC; FOR THAT IS THE QUESTION." That theme has certainly peaked my interest....how about you?

Please join me in what promises to be a renewal of our identity as Catholic women of faith.

Date: September 16-18, 2011 Deadline for registration is September 7, 2011

Contact: Maureen Seeley 589-6483 or e-mail mseeley@htva.net



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