



## 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.

~September 25, 2011~

### Staff Connection...



YOUR FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION  
**TAKE THE ST. FRANCIS PLEDGE**  
TO CARE FOR CREATION AND THE POOR

Immaculate Conception Church

Ecological spirituality begins, as any spirituality must, by authenticating moral practice. Authentic moral practice is epitomized by our Patron Saint of ecology St. Francis of Assisi, who we memorialize this October 4th, 2011. St. Francis of Assisi, born Francis Bernardone in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy, was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant and lived a lavish and irresponsible young life. At the age of twenty, he went to war against Persia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. In the years to come he founded a new order called Friars Minor that would grow in numbers into the thousands. Out of humility St. Francis never accepted the priesthood but remained a deacon all his life. He died on October 4, 1226 at Portiuncula, Italy. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later. St. Francis had a great love for God's creatures and is also the Patron Saint of animals, families' peace and the *environment*.

Notably, our environment has changed much since the days of St. Francis in so many ways.

In the distant past, human technological capacity and the tools available allowed us to make the earth more fruitful, but there was no capacity to inflict lasting damage to the balance of nature. An earthly spirituality was expressed during the time in St. Francis' delight in God's creation, of which we are an intimate part along with the brother sun and sister moon. The spiritual experience of God was summed up in St. Benedict's dictum, to work is to play. All people needed was a good intention to serve and praise God, and that attitude turned work into spirituality. Many men and women found God while working in everyday life: plowing, weaving, baking, and working wood. During the past century, however, humankind found ways of manipulating the very forces that shape nature-gravity, the atom, and the gene. We no longer simply mine coal, work wood, and spin cotton; now we transform the forces of nature as we create atomic fuel and weapons through engineering and new forms of life through genetics. Our powerful instrumental control over nature alters our sense of how we belong in and to nature. The extent of earthly changes—depletion of the ozone, deforestation, contamination from toxic and nuclear wastes, and global warming indicates that we are acting, not as stewards of a renewable earth with concern for the most vulnerable people - the poor, but as masters of a pliant earth. Ecological spirituality sharply challenges our behavior. We are of the earth. We must treat it as we do our home. There is no true spirituality without obedience to this moral mandate. Below is the St. Francis

Pledge, to care for creation and the poor. For further information go to the website listed below. Carolann and Lynn  
Excerpts from: USCCB: "An Ecological Spirituality"

#### The St. Francis Pledge

I Pledge to:

[www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/the-st-francis-pledge](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/the-st-francis-pledge)

- **PRAY** and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- **LEARN** about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- **ASSESS** how we-as individuals & in families, parishes and other affiliations-contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
- **ACT** to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- **ADVOCATE** for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable. I personally commit and sign this pledge.

Sign Here:

#### MASS SCHEDULE

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

#### 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.  
**ANONING OF THE SICK:** Call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.  
**HOSPITALIZATIONS**  
Call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

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
<b>Sunday 9-25</b>	8:30AM—Frank Ciaschi (8th Anniversary) by Bea Ciaschi 10:30AM—Rudy & Callista Paolangeli (57th Wedding Anniversary) by The Family
<b>Monday 9-26</b>	12:10PM—Elizabeth Allinger by The Family
<b>Tuesday 9-27</b>	7AM—Eunice Richards by The Food Pantry
<b>Wednesday 9-28</b>	7AM—Viola Maliski by The Simone Family
<b>Thursday 9-29</b>	12:10PM—Athaleen Cammuso by The Seacord Family
<b>Friday 9-30</b>	7AM—Emma Grover by Mary Ann Fitzpatrick
<b>Saturday 10-1</b>	4:30PM—Santa, Maria, Helen & Lee Torcia; Rose Colby by Rose & Peter Torcia
<b>Sunday 10-2</b>	8:30AM—Tony Matosich by Leo & Emilia Sposito 10:30AM—Mary Sheila Mullen Henry by Joe & Jessica Ryan

**PLEASE HELP VICTIMS OF FLOODING:**  
 As you know from news accounts, many parts of the Southern Tier have been devastated by flooding in recent days. Bishop Clark has asked all parishes to conduct a Second Collection at all weekend Masses Sept. 24/25, 2011, to provide emergency and long-term assistance to those affected in Chemung and Tioga counties. Please give generously! If you donate by check, please make it out to this parish with "Flood Relief" in the memo field. All funds collected will be sent to Diocese of Rochester Catholic Charities and used for emergency assistance.

**Everyday Evangelization!**

*Jesus, I trust in You*

The Evangelization Team Suggestions for this week:

- Anonymously do something kind for someone.
- Pray the daily "Take Five for Faith" prayer.

*Be not afraid*

**The Week Ahead...**

**SUNDAY, SEPT 25**

COFFEE HOUR AFTER 8:30 & 10:30 MASSES—CARGES HALL  
 8:30 & 10:30A—CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT @ MASSES  
 11:30A—RCIA—PARISH CENTER  
 11:45A—JR & SR HI YOUTH GROUPS—SCHOOL  
 5P—FAMILY BASED—CARGES HALL

**MONDAY, SEPT 26**

10:30—MASS CAYUGA RIDGE  
 1P—ROSARY MAKING—PARISH CENTER  
 6:30P—COMTEMPORARY CHOIR

**TUESDAY, SEPT 27**

11A—FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION BEGINS @ 1PM—CARGES HALL  
 7P—TRAD CHOIR—CHURCH  
 7P—COVENANTING COUNCIL—ALL SAINTS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 28**

5:30-7:30P—OPEN HOUSE—SCHOOL  
 6P—KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4TH DEGREE—PARISH HALL

**THURSDAY, SEPT 29**

12:40P—ADULT FAITH FORMATION—CARGES HALL  
 3P—TITUS TOWERS  
 3:30P—FINANCE MEETING—PARISH CENTER  
 4P—MCGRAW HOUSE—COMMUNION SERVICE  
 7P—ALL COMMITTEES—PARISH CENTER

**FRIDAY, SEPT 30**

6P—FAMILY NIGHT—SCHOOL GYM

**SATURDAY, OCT 1**

9:30—PET BLESSING—NEAR SCHOOL PARKING LOT  
 5:30P—EXPOSITION—CHURCH  
 6P—HOLY HOUR—CHURCH

**SUNDAY, OCT 2**

11:30—RCIA—PARISH CENTER  
 11:45—JR & SR HI YOUTH GROUPS—SCHOOL

**THE POWER OF MANY: STRONGER AS ONE**

We launched out 2011-2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal this past weekend with the showing of our Diocesan DVD. Our Goal for this year is \$50,269. As Father Koos Walters said when he was here: There is good news and bad news. The good news is that it is \$1,413 less than last year. The bad news is that last year you contributed \$40,386, leaving us taking \$11,246 from our "operating budget". Hopefully it all can be good news by May 27, 2012.

**OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD**

September 18, 2011

<b>Collection 2011</b>	<b>\$ 6,786</b>
<b>Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)</b>	<b>\$ 121,416</b>
Actual Collections: wk 12 of FY	\$ 96,667
OVER/(UNDER) to date	<b>\$ (24,749)</b>
<b>Collection 2010</b>	<b>\$ 7,195</b>
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Human Development 2011	\$ 1,972
Human Development 2010	\$ 1,880
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<b>Attendance 2011</b>	<b>801</b>
<b>Attendance 2010</b>	<b>737</b>
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**CMA APPEAL**

**STEP BY STEP—BUILDING THE FAITH**

Goal: \$50,269

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 We appreciate the suggestion of gifts to Immaculate Conception Church or School in obituary notices as a fitting and respectful way to honor our deceased parishioners.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your support of last week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these time when everyone's budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.



### IC INSPIRATIONAL GIFT SHOP



The feast of the Guardian Angels is Thursday, September 29, 2011. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are among the angels we honor. St. Michael is the defender from evil and the patron of police and soldiers. St. Gabriel is the messenger of God and St. Raphael is a Divine Healer and can help in times of illness. Our Shop has many books on angels for children and adults. The Catholic faith teaches that each child has a guardian angel to guide him/her through life. Come learn more about the angels at the IC inspirational Gift Shop

Monday thru Friday 10:00 AM to 5:00PM  
Saturday 12:00 to 4:30PM

Volunteers are needed Call Sharon at 273-6363.

### 2011 CROP HUNGER WALK

Please consider participating in the 2011 CROP HUNGER WALK which will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2-4pm at the Cass Park Pavilion.

This is a change in venue for ACT's annual Crop Walk. We walk to support those around the world who walk to get their food and water or to take their produce to market.

Registrations and contributions are handled through Church World Service at their website  
<http://www.cropwalkonline.org/ithacany>



### OUR SANCTUARY LAMP

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

MEMORY OF

RUDY & CALLISTA PAOLANGELI

IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR 57 YEARS OF MARRIAGE  
FROM THE FAMILY



### COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The next mailing of our envelopes will be October-November. If you will be away for the winter months, please let us know so that we can stop your envelopes for that durations. Thank you

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our first Adult Faith Formation session is just around the corner on Thursday September 29, 2011 and will include "Therese, Ordinary Girl, Extraordinary Soul". We will meet in the Parish Hall following the 12:10 Mass. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. St. Therese's feast is October 1st.

### TRADITIONAL CHOIR

Our traditional choir has begun regular rehearsals on Tuesdays @7:00pm in the choir loft. If you enjoy singing & God gave you the gift of music, please consider sharing it with others & join our traditional choir. Remember that "**To sing is to pray twice**" (St. Augustine).

### The Catholic Tour

Website: [www.thecatholictour.com](http://www.thecatholictour.com)

E-mail: [info@thecatholictour.com](mailto:info@thecatholictour.com)

The Catholic Tour, a 30 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce it's new pilgrimage for our "Special" to Rome, Italy. The pilgrimage March 7-13, 2012 is being done below cost to introduce all to "The Center of Our Catholic Church" at just \$999.00 Including all land arrangement, superior tourist hotel near the Vatican most meals, motor coach, guide, and air from JFK airport in New York. The price does not include taxes, airlines surcharges, lunches, three dinners, or table drinks besides tap water.

Call 1-877-627-4268 (877-Marian tour) toll free for further information, reservation forms etc. First Come-First Served with only 25 seats available. Also available—Rome & Fatima: Rome, Assisi, and Florence; Padre Pio Southern Italy. Please call or e-mail today to [jlmadr@thecatholictour.com](mailto:jlmadr@thecatholictour.com)

### Children's Liturgy Of The Word (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin Sunday, October 2nd during the 10:30a.m. Mass. Children ages pre-k-2nd grade are welcome to participate. Fr. Leo will dismiss the children after the opening prayer. At that point children will go to Carges Hall (church basement) to be led by adult and teen volunteers in exploring the weekend's gospel in a fun and interactive way. Parents are also welcome to assist their children at that time if needed. If you would like more information about CLOW or would like to volunteer as a leader please call Rich at 273-6121.



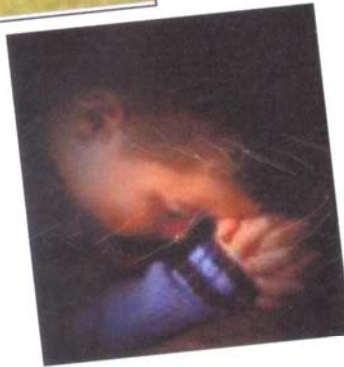
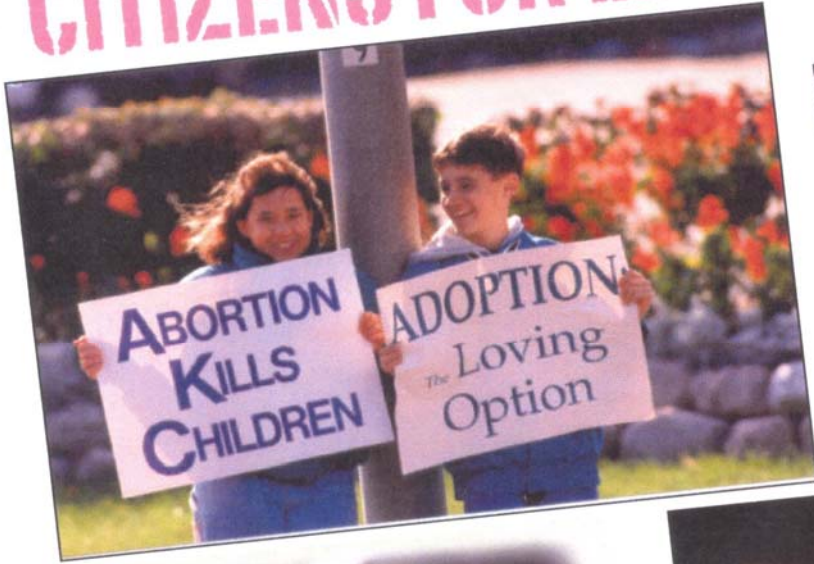


## FIVE WAYS YOUR CMA GIFT SUPPORTS CHURCH MINISTRIES

1. **Vocations and Priesthood:** Our parish continues to nurture and foster vocations to the ordained ministry. Your CMA gift helps to fund the formation of both aspirants to the Permanent Diaconate and those who are in the stages of discernment or are in formation for the Diocesan Priesthood. Your gift also affords current priests the opportunity to engage in sabbaticals, where our pastors can energize themselves, learn additional skills and receive additional formation for their priestly ministry.
2. **Catholic Charities:** By virtue of our baptism as disciples of Christ, we are called to a life of social justice and to support the poor. Your CMA gift helps fund programs of Diocesan Catholic Charities, such as *Catholic Charities Community Services*, which provides residential and support services to those individuals and families who have developmental disabilities. Your CMA gift also helps fund ministries of Catholic Charities, such as the many services Catholic Family Center, including employment support and education, childcare and adoption services, housing services including services for the homeless, refugees, elderly, and those in need of utilities assistance.
3. **Migrant Ministries:** Your gift to the CMA has helped to provide housing, assistance, education, and worship facilities to migrant workers throughout our diocese and has helped the diocese to establish Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Marion, NY. This parish provides a warm and welcome place for migrant workers and their families to celebrate the Eucharist and receive the sacraments and faith formation.
4. **Catholic Schools:** The Diocese of Rochester is committed to Catholic Schools and Catholic education. Your CMA gift provides programs, services, and aid directly to students in all of our diocesan Catholic Schools. These programs are for students, development for teachers, aid for tuition, and administration of the schools. Your CMA gifts directly help all those involved in our Catholic Schools.
5. **Faith Formation Ministries:** Youth Ministry programs such as diocesan-led retreats and our diocesan participation in national events like the National Catholic Youth Conference are made possible for our young people from your CMA gift. CYO sports such as basketball and soccer, and the more than 500 teams across our diocese receive support from our CMA gifts. College campus ministries, funded in part by CMA gifts, provide spiritual homes for our students when they are away studying and beginning the journey to adulthood. Your CMA gifts also help fund programs for sacramental development such as RCIA workshops, marriage preparation opportunities, and celebrations at our diocesan cathedral.

**The Power of Many: Stronger as One!**

# CORTLAND COUNTY CITIZENS FOR LIFE



## NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 2ND • GROTON AVE. (-CLINTON ST.) & MAIN ST.

CORTLAND

1:45 PM MEET FOR BRIEF INSTRUCTION & SIGN SELECTION @ PARKING LOT ON MAIN STREET (NEAR 1ST NIAGARA BANK)

ALL WELCOME!!

KIDS, FAMILIES, TOO!!!  
STROLLERS AND LAWN CHAIRS WELCOME!

[www.nationallifechain.org](http://www.nationallifechain.org)

607-351-6668 for local info

IT'S A PEACEFUL, SILENT,  
PUBLIC WITNESS FOR AN  
END TO ABORTION.

ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN.

ABORTION HURTS WOMEN.

### LITURGICAL CHANGES—THEY ARE A' COMING!

There's been lots of talk—both pros and cons about the liturgical changes that will soon be upon us. November 27, the first week of Advent, marks the beginning of these changes. Change is always difficult, so to help us better understand the upcoming changes, we have invited Joan Workmaster, a liturgical consultant in the Diocese of Rochester, to share the reason for the new translation of our liturgical prayer that we will soon be experiencing and the rationale for making these changes. Two presentations of the same material will be offered at St. Catherine of Siena Church: on Monday, Oct. 3 at 7PM and also on Tues., Oct. 4 at 10AM. Come take advantage of this opportunity to prepare yourself for the changes, enjoy the company of others, and gain a few calories on some delicious desserts.

“Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe”

The Family of Mrs. Anna C Maliski-Diller will be having a Memorial Mass @ 11A on October 1, 2011 with a light lunch following in the Immaculate Conception Carges Hall hosted by the family. Any questions please call JoAnn Kendall-Daughter of Anna @ 703-603-4444



### A BRIEF LOOK AHEAD

- Oct. 5—Pastoral Council
- Oct. 8—Confirmation Day of Prayer
- Oct. 10—Parish Office Closed
- Oct. 11—Welcoming Committee
- Oct. 15—Anointing of the Sick/Luncheon—following
- Oct. 15/16—Reconciliation Enrollment
- Oct. 16—Spirit Alive Masses
- Oct. 21—Fun Walk for the School
- Oct. 28—Halloween Party
- Oct. 29—Confirmation Day of Prayer
- Oct. 30—Youth NCYC Breakfast
  
- Nov. 1—All Saints Day—Masses @ 7A, 9A & 5:30P
- **NOV. 6—THANKSGIVING DINNER**
- Nov. 16—International Cultural Festival

**SAVE THOSE DATES!**

### Middle School Youth Group

We had a great time at our first group meeting so let's have another get together on **Sunday, October 2nd from 11:45AM-1PM** in the After School Room at Immaculate Conception School. All Middle School Youth of the parish and their friends are invited! Come hang out and meet others for fun and prayer. Contact Carolann @ 273-6121 ext. 109 for more info. We'll see you there:)

In the Christian sense a STEWARD is the MANAGER OF THE AFFAIRS OF GOD ON EARTH. You are called to reflect on how you are managing God's affairs using your talents and abilities? Life itself is a STEWARDSHIP! Live life to its fullest!

**Please fill out and  
return your  
Stewardship Forms  
As Soon As Possible  
Thank You!**

**The Last Week is Approaching for  
Parish Directory Pictures!**

Let's get a picture put to that name, if you need help call Mark Jasinsky @ 241-2796 [mjasinski@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mjasinski@twcny.rr.com)  
Schedule your appointment ONLINE @  
<http://signup.olanmills.com> or call Olan Mills directly @  
800-866-2263 Scheduled dates: Oct 6-8



**St Francis of Assisi**  
*Calling all to care for God's Creation*



Many of us with a beloved pet know of St Francis, and we celebrate his Feast Day for that reason on October 4. St. Francis is patron saint of nature. He is said to have called the birds and all creatures "brother" and "sister" and saw them as his equal partners. He believed and preached that nature was the mirror of God. Francis preached the teaching of the Catholic Church, that the world was created good and beautiful by God, and humanity has the duty to protect nature as stewards of God's creation. As the Feast Day of the beloved Saint approaches, it calls each of us to reflect on how we are doing as a steward of God's creation.

The Blessing of the Animals will be taking place at the Immaculate Conception School on October 1, 2011 at 9:30AM near the school parking lot. All are welcome to join us.

**ROSARY MAKING**

Rosary making has once again begun. Our parish members who make rosaries for the missions started September 12th. These ladies welcome anyone who would like to participate in this ministry and learn the art of rosary making to come down to the Parish Center on Mondays at 1P. You will find the friendly conversation along with the art of Rosary Making enjoyment in itself! The next session will be September 26, 2011 at 1P. Hope to see you there.



**FAMILY NIGHT**

This year the parish youth and family ministry program and parents of Immaculate Conception School are joining together to organize "family nights" at the school. Our first event will be Friday, September 30th from 6p-8p in the Immaculate Conception School Gym. This is an event for families of all sizes and ages. Just bring a dish to share. There will be activities and games for kids and parents will have an opportunity to connect and meet other parents from our parishes. Call Rich at 273-6121 for more information.



Looking for a **Kind Hearted Parishioner** who would be willing to take another parishioner to Church on Sundays, Once a month would be wonderful. Please call Jo-Anne @ the Church Office for details. 273-6121. God Bless!

**Cell Phone Users.....**

Please be sure phones are turned off and, out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, please do not use them while church. Thank You!



We welcome into our faith family  
**Shelby Rosemarie & Cameron Edward Parsons**  
Daughter and Son of Robert & Rebecca Lynch  
**Baptized on September 17, 2011**



Please pray for the sick of our parish and for all of those affected by the recent flood that they may find the strength to get back on their feet to resume everyday living.

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL*

The 2011-2012 school year has begun at Immaculate Conception School. We would love to have you join our school family! We have a limited number of openings in the Pre-K 3 program (8:00 – 12:00) and six openings in the Pre-K 4 program. Pre-K 4 students may attend the 8:00 – 12:00 program or the 8:00 – 2:00 program three or five days a week. We are also accepting transfers into the Kdg – Gr. 6 classes.

Call 273-2707 to arrange a visit and to learn more about our programs. Mark your calendars to attend our fall Open House on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Diana M. Oravec, Principal  
Immaculate Conception School  
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