Immaculate Conception Church

Parish Mission Statement

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church celebrates the Eucharist and proclaims the gospel — in worship, through our love of God and for each other, and with our ministry to the marginalized. We journey together in our faith, united by our trust in Christ's love and mercy and the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

George Green Parish Center 113 North Geneva Street Ithaca, NY 14850 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00AM – 4:00PM Closed for Lunch 12 - 1 pm

JOIN US FOR OUR LITURGIES

MASS SCHEDULE Monday & Thursday 12:10PM

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7AM

> Saturday 8:30AM

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30PM

> Sunday 8:30 & 10:30AM

OCTOBER 20, 2019 29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



Our Vision: To be a community of God's Love and Service

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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 2:30P-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.

<u>HOSPITALIZATIONS:</u> Call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

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Next Sunday—October 27, 2019 30th Sunday Ordinary Time

CMA APPEAL	IN APPRECIATION	THE NEED TO KNOW
The Catholic Ministries Appeal is under- way. The theme of this year's campaign is "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." Jn 15:5. Our goal for 2020 is the same as last year: \$57,151 , and we look forward to your help in meet- ing our goal this year. Last year we man- aged to get 95% of our goal with 222 do- nors, representing 22% of our parishioners. Let's all pull together to support our local church's meeting its pastoral obligation. We count on everyone's generosity in this endeavor. Blessings to you all! Let's get started !	Many thanks to the Mercy Associates and the hospitality ministry for hosting coffee hour this past weekend. Your dedication and love of service is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to our parish ushers for their ministry, and to our dedicated altar servers for their service to our par- ish. To all our food pantry volunteers: Thank you so much for your hard work to our community	 For the month of October, the Holy Rosary will be said before the 12:10 pm mass on Monday and Thursday, and Saturdays at 3:30 pm. October 25 is the next Young Adult Mass. Begins at 5:30pm with the Rosary, mass at 6pm followed by a reception in the parish hall. Masses the weekend of October 26/27 are offered for the intentions of peace and non-violence. Refresher training for all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will take place on the weekend of November 9 and 10. Details are forthcoming.
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Once again the Immaculate Conception Youth and Family Ministry programs are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach for this year's Box of Joy Campaign. The campaign helps provide personal care and fun items to children less fortunate than us in other countries

2019 Box of Joy Campaign Begins Next Weekend

across the world. Last year Immaculate Conception Church packed over 200 boxes. We are hoping to do the same or more this year.

Beginning next weekend (October 26th and 27th) boxes along with lists of items to pack in the boxes will be available at the main entrance of the church after Mass. Along with needed items, we humbly request a donation of \$9 to be placed in the envelope provided in the box of joy to help cover the cost of shipping. More details and information can be found with the instructions within your box. Boxes are due back to the parish by the weekend of November 10th.

We hope you can partner with us again this year to help bring a little bit of Joy to young people across the globe. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Mass of Remembrance

With All Souls' Day approaching, we will have a special <u>Mass of Remembrance</u> for those who have died this past year. It will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd, at 10:30am in the church followed by a light reception afterward.



If you would like to submit the name of a family member who died (in or out of town) this past year, call the parish office (607- 273-6121) no later than Monday, October 28. Calvary Cemetery All flower pots and other items must be removed from the cemetery no later than Thursday, November 7, to allow for winter upkeep of the grounds. Anything left afterwards will be tossed.

YOUNG ADULT MASS Inviting all young adults (ages 17-45) in collaboration with Immaculate Conception Church, N.E.T Catholic parishes, Cornell Catholic, Ithaca College Catholic Community and St. Catherine of Sienna Parish to Young Adult Mass. Join in on Friday, October 25 at Immaculate Conception Church, downtown Ithaca. Ro-

source for October is a music CD: "Blessed Songs for the Young at Heart" by Eli-

ot Morris. This album debuted at #1 on

Billboard's Kid Albums chart earlier this

and their families through inspirational

music that even parents will love!

year and it's a great way to engage children

sary will begin at 5:30pm and mass at 6:00pm which will be followed by a social. Info: Jacob George (607-379-7864)

Assistance Request

During the recent fires in the Amazon, many families living in the countries affected by the fires lost everything. This Christmas a parishioner will visit his home country—Guyana—and would greatly appreciate assistance to help 10 families close to his heart by donating any of the following items:

Food Processors—Microwaves— Blenders—Laptops (used or new). Please drop these off at the office by October 24.

MASS INTENTIONS			THIS WEEK
Sunday, Oc	tober 20		
•	For Parishioners		SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 BISCOTTI SALE
10:30AM	Bagnardi, O'Rourke & Seres F	amilies from Elizabeth Bagnardi	11:45A—HS YTH GRP-yr
Monday, O		Ŭ	2:30p—MS YTH GRP-yr
12:10PM	Rena Anderson	from Ruth Pearson	5:00p—FAMBRE-ph
Tuesday, O	ctober 22		Monday, October 21
7:00AM	Shevawn O'Connor	from Mary Beth & Siblings	11:40A—ROSARY-CH
Wednesday	, October 23		TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
	Joyce Mitchell	from Joan & Merwin Brown	1:00p—Food Pantry
Thursday, (5:15p—Adult Choir-ch
	Chuck Gagliano	from Mary Beth & Gin O'Connor	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
Friday, October 25			-
7:00AM	Margaret Navarro	from John Navarro	5:30P—CONTEMP. GRP-CH
Saturday, O	ctober 26	7:00p—K of C 4th Degree-ph	
8:30AM	Jimmy Bentkowski	from Billy Grover & Family	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
4:30PM	Elwook & Philomena Werner	from Karen Werner	11:40A—ROSARY-CH
	Eucharist: Stephen Hubble	from Filomena Hubble & Family	7:00p—Peace Week Talk-ph
Sunday, Oc	tober 27		Friday, October 25
	8	m Gerardo & Emma Sciarra & Family	9:00a—Finance Cpouncil-pc
10:30AM	For Parishioners		SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
			BOX OF JOY KICK-OFF
		3:30p—ROSARY	

PEACE WEEK 2019

This year, our **Peace Mass** will take place in every parish. The Masses during the weekend of October 26/27 will have a special focus on praying for peace and remembering our call to be non-violent. Please note these additional activities: Monday, Oct. 21: Movie Night at St. Catherine-5:30 Mass, 6:30pm-Screening & Discussion of a film on issues of justice and peace.

Thursday, Oct. 24: 7:00pm; Intro on Talking Circles on Race and Racism at Immaculate Conception: Honest, real and eve-opening conversation on the many ways racism affects us all.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH ACTIVITIES

Birthright-Ithaca - Serving the Finger Lakes Region for 38 years, from Marathon to Geneva, with compassionate care for women and families! Celebrate with us at a Fund Raiser Luncheon, November 16th, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM @ The Hotel Ithaca, 222 S. Cavuga St. Advanced purchased tickets are \$19.95, available through Birthright. RSVP, by November 1 at Birthright, 605 W. State Street.

Ithaca Loves Life, together with 40 Days for Life monthly "Stand Out For Life" on Saturday, October 26 from 9-10:30am across the street from Planned Parenthood on W. Seneca St. Peaceful, prayerful public witness for Life.

USCCB link: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ ugd/20d917_6b7f9951fc3b4422bd2ddcc9a234d47.pdf?index=true



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OUR SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN THIS WEEK IN HONOROF **STEPHEN HUBBLE** FROM FILOMENA HUBBLE & FAMILY

We welcome into our faith family **Ceclia Anne Rooney** Daughter of Travis & Madeline Rooney Baptized on October 13, 2019

PRAYER REQUESTS

- In thanksgiving for a prayer answered
- For the unemployed/underemployed
- For couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony in our parish
- For our seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- For parishioners who have recently passed on

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you interested or do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? **RCIA**—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and for youth) classes begin this fall. For registration information, to find out more about the process or if you just have questions about becoming Catholic, please call Rich Rasmussen in the parish office at (607) 273-6121.

OFFERTORY AND FINANCE OCTOBER 13, 2019

Plate	\$8,909
Attendance	533



SENIORS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Hosted by the young people involved with Immaculate Conception's Youth and Family Ministry Program

Date: Sunday, November 10th
Time: DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 P.M. Dinner served at 3:30 P.M.
Location: Parish Hall
Menu: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes basted vegetables, rolls, dessert, cider, coffee tea
RSVP: Please call the parish office at 273-6121 NO LATER THAN Monday, November 4th to make your reservation.

2020 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2020 "Early Bird" Mass Intentions will be opening up on <u>Wednesday, November 6</u> and <u>Thursday, November 7</u> from 9-11am in the Parish Hall.

Appointments will be scheduled in 5 minute increments.

Please call the office (607-273-6121) to schedule your appointment time.

No walk-ins or phone calls will be accepted.

Each family is allowed up to 3 Masses. 1 weekend, and 2 weekday: (one 12:10 and one 7am). For your convenience, please use the attached form to fill in your requests , and take this along when you arrive for your appointed time.

2020 book, including Sanctuary Lamp, will be open for the public on November 18, 2019.

Your Name: P	hone:
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Date Request:	INTENTION: (please print)	OFFERED BY:

Each Family is allowed 3 Masses: 1 Weekend, and 2 Weekday (1x 12:10, and 1x 7:00)

Sunday, Oct 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME We're stronger together

Most things are easier when shared. We stick to the diet if our spouse commits to it. We exercise with more discipline if a friend meets us at the gym. Working late is less lonely if others in the office agree to put in the extra hours. Is it any wonder Moses can raise his hands in prayer longer if he has company in his exhausting vigil? As the church observes World Mission Sunday, we recall the great commission we share to bring good news to all the earth. Together, we can bring light to all the dark places.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 17:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8 (147). "Aaron and Hur supported [Moses'] hands, one on one side and one on the other."

Monday, Oct 21, 2019

Let's care about those who care for

This is Pastoral Care Week, first held in 1985 by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains to honor all spiritual caregivers. The celebration is an opportunity for everyone to recognize the ministry caregivers provide—in hospitals, prisons, businesses, military settings, healthcare settings, schools, and more throughout the world. This week is also a chance for chaplains and pastoral care counselors, educators, and providers to share their stories. Express your appreciation to the spiritual caregivers in your life, and visit spiritualcareweek.org for more resources on how to participate.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "This night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?"

Tuesday, Oct 22, 2019

People, get ready

If the Lord came today, would you be ready to meet him? Or would you want more time to align your life with his? Take these questions seriously because you never know what the day holds. If you feel out of whack with the Lord and too focused on things of this world, consider this prayer of Saint Ignatius Loyola as a way to get ready: *"Take Lord and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will whatever I have you have given me; I restore it all to you and surrender it wholly give me only your love and your grace."*

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Be ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Wednesday, Oct 23, 2019

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST To heal the past we acknowledge it

John of Capistrano (1386-1456), preacher, theologian, and Franciscan reformer, was also a leading proponent of the antisemitism that sadly has infected much of church history. During his era, Jews faced restrictions on where they could live and what they could own, were required to dress in a way that signaled they were Jews, and at times faced violent pogroms incited by fiery preachers such as John. As we acknowledge past shortcomings, let us remain vigilant to contemporary resurgences of intolerance in any form. The reform we need begins here and now, in our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Thursday, Oct 24, 2019

Light your fire

In scripture, fire often signals God's presence, notably the burning bush Moses encounters and the tongues of fire that appear above the disciples at Pentecost. Fire also signifies a disciple's zeal for the faith. "An apostolic missionary must have both a heart and tongue ablaze with charity," said Saint Anthony Claret, founder of the Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order, better known as the Claretians. For the past 170 years, Claretian missionaries have spread the gospel message around the world, primarily through preaching and parish work, social justice advocacy, education, and publishing. The Claretian logo carries a flame to remind all Christians of their call to unceasingly expend themselves "to light the fire of divine love in the world." Take steps to flame the passion of your faith today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

Friday, Oct 25, 2019

Paul gets it

Who has not felt the anguish of Paul in today's first reading, unable to overcome his own vices? He's so disgusted with himself, he wonders, "Who will deliver me from this mortal body?" Although Paul hints that he'd like to be pure spirit, over and over our faith ties body and soul closely together, resting on the foundation that Christ became flesh. Our bodies may fail us, but they "are temples of the Holy Spirit." If your body has let you down through illness or sin, know that you keep company with Paul, and perhaps ask Paul's intercession. He understands.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self."

Saturday, Oct 26, 2019 Think about it

Catholics proclaim the Nicene Creed on most Sundays when we gather to celebrate the Mass. Spoken in one voice as individuals within a community, it is how we claim the core beliefs of our faith. With the final words, we profess belief in the holy, catholic, apostolic Church, and in one Baptism for the forgiveness of sin. The final sentence is: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." Here is the question: Do I *really* look forward to the life of the world to come?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9 (478). "Lord, this is the people who longs to see your face."



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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Sunday, Oct 27, 2019 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Judgment is a boomerang

Judge not or you'll be judged, as scripture tells us. We're also put on notice that the measure we use against others is the one we're choosing for ourselves. This is why Saint John Climacus insists that to condemn another person is to ruin our own souls. Francis de Sales observes: "If your heart is gentle, your judgment will be gentle"—no surprise from the patron saint of compassionate counsel. Doctor of the church Catherine of Siena put it plainly: "The habit of judging keeps the soul far from Thee." The jury is in: Judgment is out!

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 (150). " 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity.' "

Monday, Oct 28, 2019

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

It helps to have friends in low places

Everyone at one time or another has probably felt like a lost cause and a desperate case. Lucky for us, we have a patron saint: Saint Jude the Apostle. He became patron of the lost because he was neglected for a long time when it came to Catholic veneration: Little is known about him and his name is unsettlingly close to that of Judas Iscariot. Eventually it was thought that Jude would seize any opportunity to help and became the saint to turn to when situations become especially dire. When you're at your lowest, he's there to remind you that Christ is there with you too.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "Jesus went up to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God."

Tuesday, Oct 29, 2019 FEAST OF MARCELLUS

Forging a difficult peace

Saint Marcellus, a Roman centurion who cast aside sword and armor to serve Christ and the cause of peace, was killed for his audacity. His last words to his judge, "May God be good to you," indicate he'd also made peace within. Are we at peace with ourselves, abandoning the self-criticism and "shoulds," and with those around us and closest to us, who—let's face it—at times can be so annoying!? Imagine a conversation between Marcellus and the leaders of Pax Christi International (paxchristi.net), a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organizations. What areas in the world might they identify where peace is most at risk?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480). "Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God."

Wednesday, Oct 30, 2019

Preparing for paradox

A fundamental principle of God's reign as announced by Jesus is a paradox: The lowly will rise, the high and mighty will fall. It carries over into other familiar gospel images: The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the virgin conceives. Our Blessed Mother echoes the theme in her Magnificat: "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty." Wisdom, therefore, dictates that we position ourselves advantageously for the coming of the Kingdom. It's like cleaning out your house before a move. What passing worldly value can you get rid of today to better prepare you for the eternal reign of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 (481). "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Thursday, Oct 31, 2019 God lights the darkness

It's Halloween, the day we spoof evil spirits by dressing up like them. We roam around in the dark to show we are not afraid. Today's gospel, though, reminds us of the fear created by a cruel despot like Herod who stands ready to kill Jesus. Regardless of our Halloween rituals, such fear still lives in the world. Our faith that nothing can separate us from the love of God is what prepares us to cope with it. Today as you don a costume or give a treat to a trickster, recall that core belief of God's abiding presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 (482). "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Friday, Nov 01, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Family reunion—Christian style!

Everybody loves a big reunion with loved ones—the joy of seeing one another, telling stories, and of course the food and fun! The Solemnity of All Saints is exactly like this, Pope Francis said. "We are united with *all* the saints: not only the most well-known . . . but also those 'next door,' our family members and acquaintances who are now part of that great multitude. Therefore, today is a family celebration. The saints are close to us, indeed they are our truest brothers and sisters. They understand us, love us, know what is truly good for us, help us and await us." With whom do you celebrate today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Saturday, Nov 02, 2019

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) Leave the door open

A variety of cultures and traditions approach this time of year with a special reverence for those who have come before us and passed beyond us. In northern nations, perhaps the reflective mood is prompted by the shortening days and lengthening darkness, as brightly colored autumn leaves wither and brown and fall to the ground. Ancients saw it as a time when the veil between this world and the afterword briefly lifted, the doorway between the worlds cracked opened. Take a moment today to reflect on your ancestors going back generations who passed on their faith, hope, and love to you. Pray for their peaceful repose in the loving embrace of the Timeless One.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts."



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