

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 6, 2019—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019–2020

We realize that this is a difficult and complicated time to solicit funds for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. For a Q&A from the diocese on the impact of the bankruptcy proceedings on the CMA, please see pages 8 and 9 of this bulletin. You can also go to <https://www.dor.org/giving/catholic-ministries-appeal/> to read more about the CMA and to see the video about this year's appeal.

More than thirty years ago, Bishop Matthew Clark began the “Thanks Giving Appeal” to raise money for diocesan ministries and outreach. The work begun by Bishop Clark continues today in the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps those in need throughout the diocese. The money raised in the appeal allows the diocese to take care of the poor, the troubled, the battered, and the addicted through 10 regional Catholic Charities agencies, including our own invaluable Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga. It supports chaplains for colleges, hospitals, and jails; provides Catholic school tuition assistance and youth retreats; trains catechists; and prepares our seminarians for ordination.



The Catholic Ministries Appeal also helps to make our parish ministries possible here at St. Catherine's. The diocesan team provides financial and program support for our sacramental preparation and youth ministry programs, fixes our office computers and trains our staff, advises us on our buildings, and helps us with issues like insurance policies and pensions. Our Coordinator of Faith Formation, Ashley Blank, is obtaining her master's degree at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry with tuition assistance from the diocese.

You may have already received a letter from the diocese asking for your support for this year's appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a gift. Our goal for the appeal this year is \$56,250 (the same as last year). You might not know that our parish is responsible for sending the full amount to the diocese, regardless of how much we raise in pledges, so your generosity is vital to supporting both St. Catherine's and the diocesan mission. Thank you for your consideration.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community
through worship, witness, and service.*

St. Catherine of Siena Church is a Tompkins County Living Wage Employer

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration packets are available at all Church entrances and at the office.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Sister Parish

We enjoy an ongoing exchange of people and prayer with St. Anthony's in the Dominican Republic. Donations to the "loose change bowls" located at each Church entrance provide meals and education for over 200 children at the parish daycare center.

Almsgiving

10% or more of all donations we receive go to the poor and needy.

Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Mass in Spanish: normally 4th Sunday of the month, 5:30 p.m.

Tompkins County Jail: Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m.

Bridges Cornell Heights: normally 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

Kendal at Ithaca: normally 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.

Brookdale Senior Living: normally 4th Tuesday, 10:15 a.m.

Please check with the Parish Office for Mass schedule changes.

Accommodations: Gluten-reduced hosts are available.

Personal listening receivers are available from the Sacristy.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment

Infant Baptisms:

We're so happy about the new addition to your family.

Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism.

Please contact the office **three months** prior to the baptism.

Marriage:

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office **at least six months** before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation:

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies after hours, please call Fr. Joe at 585-747-3649. Families should alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to have someone prayed for at Mass and/or added to the Prayer Corner in the bulletin, we invite you to call the Parish Office at 257-2493.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Ann Marie Eckert.

Holy Orders:

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. & Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church

Rosary

Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Church

Prayer Groups

Centering Prayer and Ignatian Prayer Groups meet throughout the month. Small Christian Communities also meet weekly. For more information, call Ann Marie Eckert.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income—September 22, 2019

Regular Mass Collections:	\$6,434
EFT/SecureGive/We Share Collections ¹ :	\$2,808
Mail-In/Drop-Off Collections ¹ :	\$620
End-of-Year/Annual Giving:	\$0

Total Regular Weekly Collections:	\$9,862
Average Weekly Budget²:	\$12,350

Weekly Operating Surplus (Shortfall)³:	(\$2,488)
Gifts and Donations Received⁴:	\$0

<i>Dominican Republic Bowls:</i>	\$210
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- 1 Variability in these values due to inclusion of collections that are biweekly, monthly
- 2 83% of Planned Operational Expenses are funded by Regular Weekly Collections
- 3 Weekly surplus (shortfall) in funds for average weekly budgeted expenses
- 4 Excluded from this number are capital contributions, extraordinary gifts, bequests

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 17	Red Cross Blood Drive
Oct. 19	Square Dance
Oct. 27	Immigration Letter Writing

SCRIPTURE READINGS*Today*

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 1:6-8; 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Ps 95)

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Herb Thomas, Bob Shady, Alex Cacciotti, Cully Fox, Bishop Matthew Clark, Rosemarie Anzalone, Owen Pierce, Chuck Benson, Britta Lunstrum, Paul Davis, Lenore Orrange, Theresa Hewson, Dageiry Custodio, and David Hyatt.

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ:

Nan Bylebyl (wife of Joe)

WHAT'S HAPPENING—OCTOBER 7–13**Monday, October 7**

5:30 p.m. MASS: *Marcia C. Kirsch by Fran & Heidi Kallfelz*

Tuesday, October 8

9:30 a.m. Pietra Fitness
 10:30 a.m. MASS AT KENDAL
 11:00 a.m. Daughters of the American Revolution Military Chaplaincy Presentation
 7:00 p.m. Cayuga Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, October 9

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Helen Hartnett by Al & Barbara Cappucci*
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:15 p.m. Ithaca Garden Club
 7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, October 10

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer
 9:30 a.m. Pietra Fitness
 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, October 11

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Ed Moy by Jan Topoleski & Family*
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30 a.m. Strength Training
 10:30 a.m. Benediction
 5:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary
 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Retreat

Saturday, October 12

9:00 a.m. AA
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. MASS: *Gordon Myer by Laurie Myer & Rhonda Salay*

Sunday, October 13

9:00 a.m. MASS: *Marie Delvy by the Twomey Family*
 9:15 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 10:15 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
 11:30 a.m. MASS: *Toni Salamida Murphy and Anita Malone by Jeannie Barnaba and Our Parishioners*
 1:30 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE AT TOMPKINS COUNTY JAIL

A vibrant Catholic Community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported in their life's journey.

Parish-Wide Opportunities

SQUARE DANCING IS FUN!

St. Catherine's is hosting our third annual square dancing night on **Saturday, October 19, from 7-9:30 p.m.** This is a community-building, fun-filled event for the whole parish. We have a wonderful band and square dance caller. We will provide some snacks and water and lemonade; you are welcome to bring other beverages if you like or food to share. We are asking \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, or \$25 for the whole family. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/SquareDance1019>, or you can email the Parish Office at istcath@dor.org. See you at the square dance!

TEACHING MASS

This Sunday from 5-7 p.m. we will be holding our annual Teaching Mass in the church. This Mass will be a regular Sunday liturgy, but it will include time for questions, insights into the different parts of the Mass and the prayers, and a lot more. This is a great opportunity to learn something new. Your experience of Mass will be different because of it.

SHARE THE WARMTH

We are collecting new and gently used hats, scarves, boots, mittens/gloves, and coats for the Samaritan Center of Catholic Charities. All sizes/ages are needed, especially men's clothing. We will also be collecting sweatshirts (adult sizes M and L only) for the migrant workers in our area. Donations should be left in the area of the baptismal font in the church, near the walkway entrance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MOBILEPACK THANK YOU

A huge *thank you* to all who helped with the tenth Ithaca MobilePack for Feed My Starving Children hosted by St. Catherine's last week! The event was a great success, with 349,920 meals packed by roughly 1,500 volunteers of all ages from many parts of the Ithaca community. These meals will feed 958 children a meal a day for one year – *wow!* Through fundraising over the course of the year and donations coming in during the event, the MobilePack Steering Committee raised the necessary \$84,000 to cover the cost of the pack. Many of our parishioners contributed in important ways by helping with setup, cleanup, checking in volunteers, packing food, working on logistics behind the scenes, donating money, and general enthusiasm and support. Thank you, St. Catherine's!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

We are excited to announce that we will be taking a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, **January 4-17, 2021**. The trip will include three days in Galilee, three days in Bethlehem and the West Bank area, three days in Jerusalem, and two days in Jordan visiting Petra and the Dead Sea. The total cost of the trip will be about \$4,500 per person, based on double occupancy. If you would like more information about the trip when it becomes available, please contact Ann Marie at ann.marie.eckert@dor.org.

CLOTHING FOR THE PORTAL DE BELEN

If you have children (ages 1-14), you are invited to set aside any quality summer clothing that your children have outgrown to send to the Dominican Republic in January. We only like to bring gently worn clothing, so please do not include clothing that is stained or torn. We will be collecting the clothing in December to pack and bring with us in January.

ADULT TRIP TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A group of adults will be traveling to the Dominican Republic from January 10-18. The cost will be around \$750 per person. The deadline for applying for the trip is fast approaching on **October 11**. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Marie at ann.marie.eckert@dor.org.

D.R. CLUB UPDATE

Our parish visits to the D.R. show us that we can have a big impact with our financial and other efforts. This has inspired many local donors beyond our parish fundraising drives. One family sent a portable generator that helps cover power losses in Don Juan. Some have chosen to send support directly to former host families in Monte Plata. Privately, families have cumulatively given tens of thousands of dollars to the Sisters over the years to support their ministry. Even the Cornell hockey team has been mobilized in recent years to take athletic equipment and to build chapels. Congratulations to this week's D.R. Club winners:

Sept. 30: Portal de Belén
 Oct. 1: Judy Shippy
 Oct. 2: Alan Maxwell
 Oct. 3: Mary Baker
 Oct. 4: Carolyn Laforge
 Oct. 5: Chris Kimball
 Oct. 6: Tammy Johnson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BLOOD DRIVE

We will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, October 17, from 1-6 p.m.** We need volunteers to cover one-hour shifts at the canteen table and registration table. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/blooddrive-oct17-2019> or email Jen Schmidt at jas684@cornell.edu. To donate blood, please contact 800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins are also welcome.

JOHNSON ART MUSEUM IMMIGRATION EXHIBIT

The Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell has an ongoing exhibit called "How the Light Gets In" on the topic of immigration. On **Sunday, October 27, at 2 p.m.**, the Peace and Justice Committee has arranged for a guided tour for St. Catherine's parishioners. All are welcome. Since there are numerous exhibits and space concerns, we need to know the number of those attending. Please email Mary Crosley by **October 20** at crosley22@gmail.com if you are planning on attending.

FR. JOE NATIONAL GUARD CHAPLAINCY

As you might have heard, Fr. Joe has been accepted in the National Guard as the Reserve Chaplain serving the 204th Engineering Battalion in Binghamton. This is in addition to his duties here—he will still serve as our pastor. He will need to be away for one weekend a month and for most of every January. He will not be able to be deployed overseas. Please keep him and the men and women he serves in your prayers.

ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

Attention business owners and generous parishioners! David Savich will be working on updating the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin during the **week of October 21**. Please consider advertising in our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased for thanking parishioner patronage, supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. We need and appreciate your help. If you are interested or would like more information, please call David Savich directly at 607-624-9580. Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!

Adult Faith Opportunities

THE ISLAMIC FAITH

Join us for a six-part series beginning this weekend to learn about the Islamic faith and its intersection with our culture and faith. Each session will include a 30-minute video followed by a discussion. Each session stands alone, so you are encouraged to come to all sessions, but you are welcome to come to any. We will be joined by a member of the local Islamic community. The topics are:

- *Islam: An American Faith* (Sunday, October 6, 1-2:30 p.m.)
- *Christians and Islam* (Sunday, October 20, 1-2:30 p.m.)
- *Islam: Faith and History* (Sunday, November 3, 1-2:30 p.m.)
- *Women in Islam* (Sunday, November 10, 1-2:30 p.m.)
- *Islam: A Faith Hijacked* (Sunday, November 17, 1-2:30 p.m.)
- *African Americans and Islam* (Sunday, November 24, 1-2:30 p.m.)

Young Adult Opportunities

YOUNG ADULT MASS

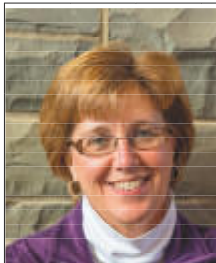
Inviting all young adults (ages 17-45) in collaboration with Immaculate Conception Church, N.E.T. Catholic parishes, Cornell Catholic, Ithaca College Catholic Community, and St. Catherine of Siena Parish, to a Young Adult Mass on **Friday, October 25**, at Immaculate Conception Church. Rosary will begin at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a social. Bring along a friend and make new friends! For further information, contact Jacob George at 607-379-7864.

Volunteer and Advocacy Opportunities

IMMIGRATION LETTER WRITING

Are you concerned regarding the current immigration situation? Here is an opportunity to send your concerns to elected officials. On **Sunday, October 27, from 10:15-11:15 a.m.**, the Peace and Justice Committee will have a letter writing campaign here regarding immigration. It is our duty as citizens to inform Congress of our thoughts.





FROM THE BOOK OF ANN MARIE

Dear Parish Family,

Three random stories with a common theme:

Last week we hosted the Ithaca MobilePack, which is an amazing effort of our parish community and of our partners and friends throughout Ithaca. I hope that you had a chance to participate. It is a very tangible way that we come in contact with those who have so little in our world. At the pack on Sunday morning, which is set aside for our faith formation families, Cam, the staff person for Feed My Starving Children, told the group that during their two-hour shift they had fed 37 children one meal a day for a year. Then he counted out 37 children in the room so that everyone could see how many children that was. It was really powerful. Here were our kids, with their hands held high in the "Pick me! Pick me!" way of children, representing 37 other children who would never choose the life they were dealt, a life that requires the help of food packed here in Ithaca and shipped to their village or town.

My interest was piqued by last week's gospel about Lazarus. When Fr. Joe proclaimed it, I heard it with different ears for some reason. Fr. Joe told us (and I already knew) that in Jesus' time, rich people were thought to be blessed by God and poor people were cursed by God. The story of the rich man who gets all the good stuff here on Earth but ends up in "torture" after death must have been quite a shocking story to Jesus' disciples – really upsetting their whole way of understanding the world. Some people's response to that story is "it's only fair" – Lazarus who got nothing good in his life gets eternity with God as his reward, but the rich man who seemed like a winner in life is a loser in death. But that can't really be the way life works, right? Rich = blessed; poor = cursed isn't right, but neither is the idea that the conclusion of this story is fair. So how do we acknowledge God's role in our success or failure, poverty or richness, health or illness?

I am reading a book called *Eyes to the Wind: A Memoir of Love and Death, Hope and Resistance*. It was written by Ady Barkan, a social justice activist who was diagnosed with ALS a few years ago in his early thirties. This diagnosis at an early age is unusual and often means, as is true in his case, that the disease progresses quickly. The book begins with his diagnosis and then tells the story of how he came to be an advocate for low-wage earners, to raise concerns about the leadership of the Federal Reserve, to put his body, literally, on the line to protect the Affordable Care Act, and other things. The part of the book that really caught my attention recently is when he is trying to answer the "Why me?" question that comes with such a devastating diagnosis. A friend of his with terminal brain cancer answered it for himself with "Why *not* me?" This didn't quite speak to Ady, though. He bravely shared that his answer to "Why not me?" was that he really felt like he was making a difference in the world – advocating for those who are less fortunate, not taking a high-powered, high-salary job like many he went to law school with but using his gifts for the good of others. Why shouldn't he get to do more good in the world when someone else might be using their gifts and education for more selfish goals, or even to do damage to the planet or groups of people? The answer that ends up bringing him a little peace is, "Because life isn't fair."

"Life isn't fair" is what ties these three stories together for me. I struggle with this reality all the time. Why do I have food to eat? Why do I have money? Why do I have good health? I have no idea – really. I feel blessed by it all, but it seems like if it is true that God has blessed me, then God's blessing is missing for those who have no money, food, or health, and I know that isn't right. I am not sure how you answer these questions about fairness and God's blessing. I would love to know.

Peace,

BIRTHRIGHT FUNDRAISER

Birthright of Ithaca is celebrating 38 years of compassionate care for women and families! Celebrate with them at a fundraiser luncheon on **Saturday, November 16, from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** at the Hotel Ithaca. Advance tickets are \$19.95, available through Birthright, 605 W. State St. #1, Ithaca, NY 14850. Please RSVP by November 1. Birthright is also seeking items for a silent auction at the fundraiser. Do you have a family-friendly service, skill, or craft item that you would be willing donate? Are you willing to create a themed gift basket? Please contact Carolann at 607-351-6668 or Beth at 607-272-9070.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Campaign is happening now—7 a.m. to 7 p.m., every day through November 3 across from Planned Parenthood on W. Seneca St. Visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/Ithaca> to sign up for your weekly prayer time. For more information, contact campaign leader MaryAnne Tissot at 315-246-7479. The October “Stand Out for Life” will take place on **Saturday, October 26, from 9–10:30 a.m.** at the vigil site. This is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness for life.

Life Chain Sunday will take place **this Sunday, October 6**. This annual national event takes place in Cortland at the intersection of Main St. and Groton Ave. from 2–3 p.m. Families are welcome. Lawn chairs and strollers, too! Life Chain is an hour of peaceful, prayerful witness to choose life. Hosted by Cortland County Citizens For Life: <http://www.lifechain.net>.

Faith Formation News

5TH GRADE YOUTH ASSISTANT NEEDED

We are looking for a youth assistant in grades 7–12 to help out the co-catechists with our 5th grade children. If any of our youth are interested, please have them reach out to Ashley Blank at ashley.blank@dor.org or 257-2493.

WEDDING BANNERS



Michael James Roddy
and Elissa Marie Goud

May God bless your marriage!

YOUTH MINISTRY—EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE

This Sunday, October 6, we will have a combined middle and high school session starting at 4 p.m. to introduce the youth to the goals of empowering our parish. This presentation will allow the youth to learn more about possible outcomes for the parish over the next three years and give them the opportunity to identify ways they can become empowered to take a leadership role in the parish. This is a required session for our middle school youth. The following Sunday, October 13, we will *not* have sessions for MSYM and HSYM since it is Indigenous Peoples' Day. Sessions will resume the following Sunday, October 20.

No CFF, MSYM, HSYM OCTOBER 13

Children's Faith Formation (CFF), Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM), and High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) will *not* gather next Sunday, October 13, due to Indigenous Peoples' Day. All programs will resume on Sunday, October 20.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS REMINDER

The first preparation class for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday, October 16, from 6–7 p.m.** in the Parish Center. We ask that the children and parents arrive in time for the session to start promptly at 6 p.m. If we are unable to start on time, we will be unable to end on time. For those parents who attended the Parent Meeting on October 2, you are welcome to turn in the candidate application form at this first class, if you have not yet done so. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ashley Blank at 257-2493 or ashley.blank@dor.org.

Local Opportunities

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING

The Rotary Club of Ithaca is accepting applications to be a host family for our current 2019–20 Rotary exchange students. Each exchange student will live with each host family for 12–14 weeks; this provides an opportunity to expand world peace and understanding and to form a lifelong relationship between the student and host family with support from the Rotary Club of Ithaca. If you would like more information, contact the Rotary Exchange chair at lbrisson5@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2019–2020 FAQ RELATED TO BANKRUPTCY/REORGANIZATION



Q: Are funds raised through the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal used to pay for legal settlements associated with abuse?

A: No. All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy legal fees or settlement costs associated with abuse. A listing of CMA allocations may be found at www.dor.org/cma.

Q: If Catholic Ministries Appeal funds are not used, how will the diocese pay for legal settlements associated with abuse?

A: As part of the diocesan reorganization plan, the diocese intends to create a fund with a pool of money from both diocesan assets and funds from insurance carriers.

Q: How will funds raised in the Catholic Ministries Appeal be affected by reorganization?

A: Funds raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they are designated. A listing of CMA allocations may be found at www.dor.org/cma.

Q: I am hesitant to give to a “bankrupt” organization. Why should I?

A: Your contributions provide funding to operate crucial ministries for people of all walks of life. While the diocese reorganizes, these needs continue and can only be met with the financial support of the faithful. From the very beginnings of the faith and the early ministry of our Lord, our Church has depended on the faithful to provide their time and energy, skills and gifts in building the Kingdom of God. Without financial support, we could not continue the mission of the Church. The Body of Christ’s only real means of support is through the generosity of its members.

Q: I don’t want to give to the diocese or the CMA. I only want to give to my parish.

A: By giving to the CMA, you are supporting your parish. The CMA provides funding for services and programs provided to your parish that would be difficult to fund on its own. Examples of these services include:

- Tools and resources for Creating a Safe Environment
- Human Resource Services: Recruiting, hiring, and providing orientation to parish staff; pension and retirement services; healthcare benefits, medical and other insurance processing
- Technology Support: The diocesan Information Technology Services (ITS) Helpdesk supports all parishes in their technology needs
- The diocesan website includes online tools and resources, including the Learning Management System, to support parish ministries, programs and training of staff and volunteers
- Support to Finance Councils and Pastoral Councils with educational materials, policy and procedures, and other online resources that assist in planning and execution of parish management
- Support to parishes for religious education, faith formation, and sacramental preparation for children, youth, and young adults
- Tribunal/archives
- Communications and news media relations
- Stewardship resources through programs that promote stewardship efforts in the parishes, printing of brochures to assist with stewardship, increased offertory and planned giving; “Planning for Your Legacy” workshops; clearinghouse for securities/stock transfers to help parishioners make stock gifts to their parishes.
- Additionally, the diocese is able to obtain lower rates on insurance, benefits, utilities, and other services based on economies of scale for all parishes, which standalone congregations would not be able to negotiate.

Q: If the CMA falls short, will parishes have to make up the difference?

A: For many years, the CMA has operated under a system in which goals are set for individual parishes using a formula based on parish demographics (number of households, Mass attendance, parish collections, and median income of parishioners) developed by the Center for Governmental Research. This system has proved to be a fair, equitable, and objective way of engaging parishes to contribute to the operation of the diocesan church and to collectively share the cost of services provided by the diocese to the parishes. Under this system, parishes are required to pay the difference between the

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amount contributed to the CMA or raised through fundraising efforts and the parish goal. That system will remain in place. The Diocese of Rochester is among a handful of dioceses in the United States that do not have a formal cathedraticum, an annual diocesan tax on all parishes; many dioceses have both an annual appeal and a cathedraticum. Like many other of our sister dioceses that conduct annual appeals, goals are established to endure that we can adequately and accurately plan for and fund the many charitable ministries and vital services to parishes throughout our 12-county diocese.

Q: How is my contribution to the CMA used?

A: The CMA funds seven specific categories of allocation. The bullets under each category provide examples of specific ministries, services, and programs funded through each allocation.

1. Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes and institutions
 - Welcoming new Catholics through special education programs (R.C.I.A.)
 - Giving support to families, the elderly and the sick through chaplains to nursing homes, hospitals, jails, and prisons
 - Tools and resources for Creating a Safe Environment in the parishes and through the Diocese
 - Honoring marriage and preparing engaged couples
 - Multicultural/urban/rural ministries
 - Support for Respect Life and life issues and programs to honor life from conception to natural death
 - Spreading the Gospel through communications media
 - Providing parishes with needed services and support such as human resources and pension services, Information Technology services and support, support of Finance Directors and Finance Councils
 - Building and property management, tribunal services, diocesan archives, pastoral planning, and stewardship resources
2. Educating our young in the Catholic faith
 - Providing support and resources for parish faith formation programs for youth
 - Assistance and resources for sacramental preparation
 - Assisting Catholic schools and CYO
 - Recognition of youth leaders and ministers through the Hands of Christ award
 - Young adult ministries such as "Theology on Tap"
 - Support of campus ministry programs at colleges and universities across the 12 counties of the diocese
 - Organization for attendance at the National Catholic Youth Conference
3. Serving people in need through Catholic Charities
 - Reaching out to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the most vulnerable in our communities
4. Supporting seminarians, deacons, pastoral leaders, and vocations
 - Seminarian education
 - Education of the diaconate through St. Bernard's School of Ministry and Theology
 - Education and professional development of pastoral leaders
 - Encouraging and promoting religious vocations
5. Funding the ministries of our pope and bishops
 - Supporting Vatican ministries
 - Teaming with other dioceses in New York State and the USA
 - The Office of the Bishop
 - Support of advisory and lay councils to the bishop
6. Funding operations and Support Services
 - Operation of diocesan offices/ministries in the Pastoral Center, including maintenance and capital improvements
7. Supporting the CMA campaign
 - Funding to develop and execute fundraising efforts and campaign materials, staff, and gift and data processing

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS: OCTOBER 12/13	
5:00 P.M.	
Music	Janet Strebel
Lectors	William Asklar, Nickie Carrier-Titti
Ministers of Communion	Host: Bob Gravani, Eileen Gravani, Deb Roe Cup: Gail Carruth, Susan Hyatt, Mary Kay LaLonde, Steve Moolin, Robin Tobin
Altar Servers	Cross: Jason Baze Book: Justin Baze
Ministers of Hospitality	Main: ***, ***, East: John Sipple West: Bob Pochily
9:00 A.M.	
Music	Tammy Johnson
Brookdale	Susan Piliero
Lectors	Paul Reyes, Stephen Jesch
Ministers of Communion	Host: Teresa Garcia, Bill Perkins, Colleen Perkins Cup: John Bradac, Carla Marceau, Nancy Pringle, Margaret Steinacher, Tori Wishart
Altar Servers	Cross: Jillian Miller Book: Tomas Vence
Ministers of Hospitality	Main: Bernice Magee, Preheim Gorman East: ***, ***, West: Gigi & Ted Galanthay, John Wishart
11:30 A.M.	
Music	Jeannie Barnaba
Lectors	Bob Talda, Jennifer Karius
Ministers of Communion	Host: Robert Brown, Robert Chapman, Kathleen Kelley Mackenzie Cup: Dan Briotta, Mary Ellen Cummings, Khandikile Sokoni, Joyce White, Pat Wynn
Altar Servers	Cross: Jack Bonassar Book: Claire Tully
Ministers of Hospitality	Main: Ellen Walsh, Jane, Maggie & Lizzie Bonassar East: Kevin Walsh, ***, West: ***, Colleen Barnes

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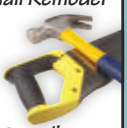
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