

IMMA AND JERRY



#### Dear Birth Mother

We want you to know that we understand the difficult decision you are making. We respect and admire your decision to make an adoption plan. Even though we don't know each other, we have a lot in common the desire to give your child the best life possible. If you choose us as the adoptive parents for your soon to be born baby, you will be fulfilling our dreams of having a family. We will give your child all the love, respect, and well being that you dream of for him/her.

We have always dreamed of having a family. Even though all of the infertility pain we both believed that there was a reason that God brought us together to make an adoption plan. We believe that becoming parents by adopting a child is giving life through love.

The hand of the Lord has played a major role in bringing us all together. The Lord is continuing his circle of love by connecting us to you. We hope that you continue reading our story and review our pictures and feel that we would provide the best home possible for your baby.

Thank you,

Imma and Jerry



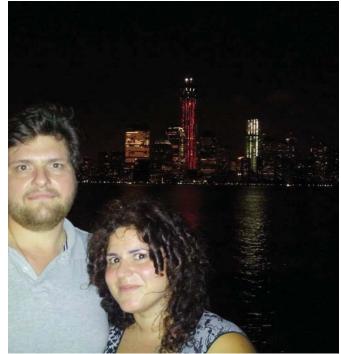
# A fairy tale in the making



Do you believe in love at first sight?
We never did until...

We fell in love at first sight





It Had to be destiny...

Imma was born and raised in Italy and traveled to New York for a cousin's wedding. One night, Imma was having dinner at her uncles house when Jerry came over to review work they were doing together. Imma's uncle invited Jerry for dinner. Jerry and Imma were introduced for the first time, and it was love at first sight!





"When I saw Jerry for the first time I could not stop staring at him. I felt embarrassed to stare, however, I couldn't look away, he looked so handsome! He was so intelligent; I wanted to talk to him all night. I couldn't stop smiling."

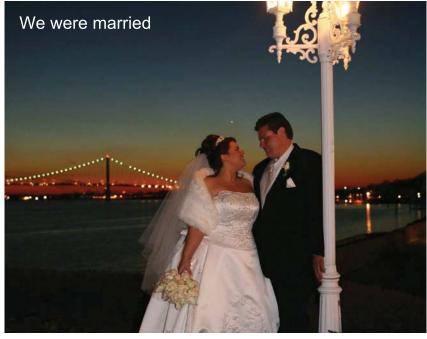
"When I saw Imma for the first time I found myself lost in her eyes; she was so beautiful. I could not stop talking to her; It felt like I knew her my whole life. Each time she smiled I felt my heart skip a beat... WOW."





## A glance, a smile and the rest...

Eight days after we met, I could not keep myself from asking Imma to spend the rest of eternity with me, she accepted and our love story continued. Imma returned to Italy and my princess was too far away from me. My family and I packed our bags and traveled to Italy to be with her and to meet her family. It was here in Italy that I asked Imma's father if I could take her hand in marriage. A few months later...



Some time after we added Coco to our family; She is a pure bred female boxer. She is fun to be around and is great with kids. When we watch TV she comes and sits with us. We love talking long walks or playing fetch in the yard. Coco loves to run around the backyard as well as calmly follow you wherever you may go. She is a joy to be with.



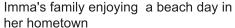
Starting from left - Imma's Matilde, Mama, my Brother Giuseppe

We moved in with Jerry's parents while we looked for a place of our own. Jerry fixed up the attic as an apartment. It was very helpful living with Jerry's parents, us this gave me the opportunity to settle in, go to school to learn the language, and establish myself. Soon after we began trying to have children, but sadly we were unsuccessful.



#### **IMMA**







My sister Matilde and Mama



Imma's Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Cousin, Uncle, Aunt

I was born and raised in a small town in southern Italy with my parents and grandparents. I have an older sister, Matilde who is my best friend, and younger brother Giuseppe. Both of my parents worked very hard to provide for us. My mother worked the farm and was also a seamstress and my father in the community center. Even though my grandparents are no longer alive, I believe they are always with me as my guardian angels. Growing up, I remember my mother singing even when she was cooking or cleaning; I always felt a feeling of happiness in the air; she always had a smile on her face. Even today when we speak on Skype the first words from her mouth are "How is my love" or "How is my riches". Her strong faith in God shines through her words of encouragement.

Even living across the ocean I can still see that I am Daddy's "little girl". I remember when my mother was not yet home from work, my father would take me in the back of his vespa (scooter) for a gelato (Ice Cream).







I love taking long walks with Coco



My Sister and Best Friend

Many times I think about my parents embracing me with love the same love I desire to share with your child. I dream of becoming a parent and sharing all the opportunities that I had as a child with my loving family. Family, love, honesty, and respect were top priorities for my family and are the same beliefs today that Jerry and I plan to share with your child.

After I graduated from high school I went to college where I majored in accounting. I moved in with my sister where she was attending law school. I continued a higher education in language and literature of foreign countries: I have always had a passion for Spanish and French literature. I also love art and classic music. While I attended school I worked in a day spa where I ended up finding my true passion; making people feel good and look beautiful.

I was performing skin treatments and make up, it was very rewarding to see them relaxed, happy and feeling good about themselves. I earned a degree in Esthetics (skin care) and massage therapy. When I came to the USA it was easy for me to adapt my passion. My clients love my italian accent and open personality as I greet them with words of encouragement and my mom has always done with me. When I see my parents on Skype I see that they have become older and their desire to be grandparents is strong. I wish to bring them a grand child.



Me and my brother on Metro North

#### **JERRY**

I was born and raised in New York, and I have an older brother Joseph and younger sister Nancy. Both my parents were born and raised in Italy and moved to America in the late 60's. After we were all born my parents became American citizens, making us Italian 1st generation American. My mother is a home maker and my father was the provider: he worked at General Motors during the day and a restaurant at night. On weekends, my brother and I would help him sell ice cream for Good Humor and performed odd jobs in what he called spare time. My brother and I enjoyed joking around with him. I remember when we were helping him paint an apartment, I noticed that I accidentally stepped in the paint pan after crossing two rooms. I thought that the footprints looked pretty cool until I had to spend my weekend cleaning the floors. I think my father spent more time chasing after us than actually working. Sundays we were all at church with suits. Oh boy when the three of us were together with my mom, God bless her, boys will be boys.



Upper Left: God Mother, Aunt Lucia, Imma, Uncle Carmine. Lower row: God Father, Me, Uncle Tom, Papa, and Mama



My family cat Tigger



Father, Brother, Brother in law



Sister-in-law, mother, sister, nieces

I want to be there for my children as they grow. No matter how much we struggled growing up financially my parents gave us what they could, and taught us to be honest, trustworthy, and hard working individuals. Growing up my fathers side doing his side jobs, I earned a Bachelors degree in Engineering Science and today work for one of the largest construction companies in the world. My brother and I still help my father with side jobs. I like carpentry, landscaping, and building anything; I even helped build my parents home and completely renovated ours. Now a days, when my father is doing something my nephews and nieces help out. I am happy watching them with my dad however wish to share similar experience's with our children, to raise them in a loving and nurturing home.



My older nephew Paolo, Pasquale is younger. Nina's 1st communion in Maria's arms. Brother with family. Sister with Family. Jerry's Parents







Sister Nancy, Brother Joe, and my Niece Maria in the background

#### **OUR HOME**



Front view Rear View



When we started looking for a house Imma and I wanted to stay in the same community as my parents. We walked through the neighborhood asking if anyone knew someone that was thinking of selling their home. My parents next door neighborhad a real old house that could not afford its upkeep and was looking to move.

We spent the next few years renovating our house to make it ready for children. We hope to have a large family one day so we built four bedrooms. Growing up both Imma and I experienced arguing with our brother and sister on who's turn it was in the bathroom so we built three full bathrooms.

We cannot wait to decorate the baby room. We are so excited to get started. Imma has not been able to keep herself from buying things. She purchased a really big teddy bear and always finding decorative items around the house. The sun fills each room with its light and when the windows are open there is a breeze that passes through the house makes literally makes you feel like you are sitting in the garden. We have started to work on the yard hoping to build a swing set with a sand box play area for when we are lucky enough to adopt a baby.

We live in the suburbs where we are close to the city, but far enough that it looks like we are in the country. Our community is full of parks and we enjoy our Sunday hiking together. We look forward to sharing our life with children.

# More pictures of our home

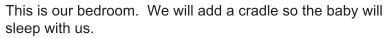




Baby room

Easter egg hunt







You gotta love snow

We have always enjoyed cooking. Imma has a Southern Italian cusine and Jerry has learned a Northern Italian cusine however combining the two make some mouth watering dishes. We make tomato sauce from our garden, preserve olives, cure sausage, and wine making. As our families have come together and get larger other traditional cooking is introduce to our family. When we renovated our home we built a grommet kitchen so our families could come together and enjoy cooking.









Harry married Jerry's cousin Maria. He cooked dough as he was taught by his grandparents in Peru. Harry showed Imma and Jerry how his grandmother prepared turkey dinners so together we cooked a thanksgiving turkey.

Below are friends that come from a French traditional background and shared their recipes.







We have lots and Nieces, Nephews, and cousins. We enjoy spending time with them.













In the Bible Jesus says its important to celebrate someone's birthday because you are celebrating one of the most important gifts he has given you...LIFE. In our family we celebrate everyone's birthday.

Jesus says the world will not be the same without you. We always need to make a big deal about everyone's birthday





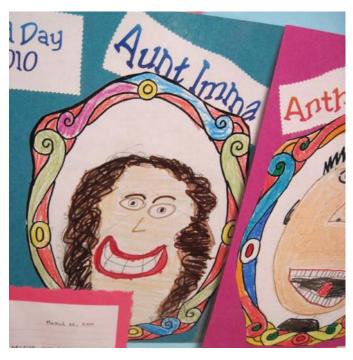








We take great joy in decorating our christmas tree. Celebrating Christmas and New Years with family and friends.



To the Left is Maria's picture of Imma at special friend day. To the right is Imma and niece Maria.

Lower left Jerry nieces Maria and Nina are playing with crafts.

Middle bottom picture is Imma's Nieces and Nephews at a Sunday dinner at Uncle Tony's house.

Bottom right is Imma's goddaughter Cecil.













### Traveling

Death Valley and Grand Canyon, Scatting in Boston, waling the beach at Atlantic City NJ, NY NY in Las Vegas.

The bottom two right side pictures are trails we walk in upstate New York in the winter time and spring.



















We spent a weekend at Niagara Falls Canada with Jerry's parents. Pictures below: Rome, Italy. Colosseum, Fountain of Trevi, Vatican City.















Sicily- Taormina, Florence, Amalfi Coast at dusk, Jesus in Southern Italy, Ruins of St Luke's Castle, Boat ride to Messina, and the large green door is the Dome of Messina













Top: Imma's local beach in Italy.

Right: St Francis Church.

Left: Touring Naples

Bottom: Left Massina Square

Bottom: right Empire State Building









We cannot thank you enough for giving us the opportunity to share with you who we are and our dreams of a family. We will raise your child with love, respect, honesty, trust, and help them along the way of becoming an independent and responsible person. They will know the special person who made the most loving sacrifice anyone could make. Throughout your child's life we will talk about your courageous decision and your love and concern for your child's well being. They will always know the never ending respect we have for you and the wonderful gift of parenthood that you have given us.

If you would like to know more about us or would like to talk anytime please contact us toll free at 1.866.310.4569. Or you may contact our adoption agency Forever Families Through Adoption toll free at 1.866.922.3678.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you make your decision. We hope you have an easy delivery.

