We gather around the Lord’s Table and are sent out as Christ’s beloved disciples.

**WE PRAY**

During the season of Autumn, we celebrate the profound mystery of Christ among us. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 91: “And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.” We are risen into a new day...becoming a new Creation. We are empowered in faith to fearlessly proclaim God’s Good News. Our Gospel acclamation is the joyful Celtic Alleluia. Coming to the Lord’s table we remember, “When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death until you come again.” God’s love for us is so deep that Jesus could give his life for all people. Our lives are transformed to be that same Christ for each other!
LITURGY SCHEDULE
Masses are celebrated at First United Church due to ceiling problems at ICC

Saturday, October 6
4:00 PM Mass
Don & Phyllis Dickinson
(Req. MaryBeth Dickinson)
Mary Rita Downey
(Req. Luane Fitzpatrick)

Sunday, October 7
9:00 AM Mass
Bill Flynn
(Req. Family)
Helen Cuddihy Benkoski
(Req. Mary Ellen)

Monday, October 8
No Mass
Office is CLOSED for Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 10
8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick’s
9:45 AM Prayer Service at the Danforth

Friday, October 12
12:00 PM Mass
For peace in our world

Saturday, October 13
4:00 PM Mass
Joyce Dudek
(Req. Joyce Lukas)
Andrew Bowes
(Req. Debbie Bowes)
Tom Yavaniski
(Req. Tom & Ellen Scott)

Sunday, October 14
9:00 AM Mass
David Cuddihy
(Req. Virginia Cuddihy)

SANCTUARY LAMP
10/7/18-10/13/18
In honor of the Risen Christ
We remember: Kay Lanoue
(Req. Jane Clark)

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR:

soap, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.

Please bring any type of the following items:
tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned goods, cookie/cake mixes or toiletry items
to our donation box in church. There is always a need for old bags to be reused.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS … We are looking for volunteers at the Food Pantry to help. If you are interested, please call Dianne Hosterman at 686-5310.

Flu Shots

It’s that time of year again... Walgreens will be administering flu shots Saturday, October 13 (5:00 PM-6:00 PM) and Sunday, October 14 (10:00 AM-11:30 AM) in the Good Shepard Room of the Immaculate Conception Rectory at 67 Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Flu shots are open to the public and are free with most insurances. Please remember to bring your insurance information.

You Count

Every October our Diocese conducts the “official count” of weekend Mass attendance. This happens in every parish and assists in planning for the future. Last October our average weekend attendance was 328 people; in 2016 it was 310 people. Each person is vitally important at every liturgy. You count; you make all the difference.

Triple “A” Service

There will be a Triple A prayer service of Anointing, Adoration, and Absolution, celebrated by Fr. Marty Fisher, on Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m., at St. Joseph’s Church in Greenwich. The evening includes songs of praise, proclamation of the Gospel, Anointing, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Absolution of sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This service is a wonderful opportunity to slow down for prayer, mediation, and reconciliation as we venture into fall leaving the busy schedules and chaos of summer behind. For more information or directions to St. Joseph’s, please call their Parish Office at 518-692-2159.

New Horizons of Faith: Beatitudes of Christian Living

For victims of sexual abuse, the act of coming forward takes great strength and courage knowing that 99% of sexual violence perpetrators will walk free. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently speaks out on behalf of protecting children, women, and the weak of society. We owe it to past and current victims and our children to believe, comfort and support them, and to fully investigate sexual abuse crimes. Begin by listening, avoiding judgement, and providing support by letting the victim know that, “I believe you; it’s not your fault; and you are not alone.” Know the resources that are available to provide experienced support:

- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-HOPE (4673) or online at hotline.rainn.org
- Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) has monthly support meetings in Albany – contact Nancy Fratianni at 518-407-7487
- New Yorkers Against Hidden Predators is a coalition of survivors & advocates seeking to pass the Child Victims Act in NY: https://stophiddenpredators.org
- For any assistance from our Diocese please call 518-453-6655.
Dear Friends of SMA,

Our growth mindset this week was *We are inspired by the success of others.* This month’s fruit of the spirit is **self-control.**

New this year is our Friday enrichment program. This program brings in community members for conversations with our students, finds our students helping others, and offers clubs that may not necessarily be found outside of school. Last week our students participated in sign language club, photography club, coding club, and sports club. Stay tuned as we share more of what our students are working on in these clubs over the next several months.

SMA will be closed Monday, October 8th in honor of Columbus Day.

As always, I encourage you to stop by and visit your parish school.

With many blessings,
- Mrs. Amanda Goyer-

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**SMA Candles**

SMA has Yankee Candles now on sale! All sales net SMA 40% profit! Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our group # 990006721. There are also packets in the back of the church that you can order from as well and return to school no later than October 19th. Our online store is open until December. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**Our Children Need You!**

Yes, we need your help in sharing our faith with our young people. Can you inspire our kids at Sunday School? Yes you can! Please call our Faith Formation leaders Deb Mahar and Deb Kapron, or see Fr. Tom Zelker. Our children are a blessing for today and a promise for our tomorrows. Faith Formation classes begin October 28, right after mass.

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**Prison Ministry**

Love takes many forms...and writing to a prisoner is an act of love. Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 AM we will gather briefly in the Good Shepard room at the ICC rectory at 67 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, to write short, uplifting letters to incarcerated Catholics. We will pray for them and their families and victims of crimes. "Whatever you do...when in a prison you visited me" - Gospel of Matthew. For more information contact Patty Austin at 518-428-8686.

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**Comfort & Hope Bereavement Group**

Have you recently lost a loved one? Find it lonely to get through the grief? Come talk about it with the Comfort & Hope Bereavement Group. First get-together Monday, October 8, 2018, 7:00 PM, Good Shepard Room, ICC Parish Rectory. Everyone welcome.

For more information, call Bea Peterson, 518-686-9382

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**HACA Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**

All HACA volunteers and their guests are invited to the Annual Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA) Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 AM-Noon, at the First United Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Hoosick Falls. The brunch is their way of expressing thanks to all of those who have been faithful supporters of the HACA Ministries. Please RSVP by 10/10/18.

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**HACA Thanksgiving Baskets**

The Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA) Thanksgiving Basket Registration/Referral Forms are available at the ICC Rectory and must be turned in by November 10th. Stock is being collected now for the baskets which will be packed on Thursday evening, November 15th at 7:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, 80 Main Street, Hoosick Falls. All interested persons, young and old, are welcome to come fill a box. For further information, please contact Dianne Hosterman at www.hoosickhaca.org or 518-686-5310.

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**St. Mary’s Academy**

**Annual Cow Plop & Car Show**

Sunday October 7, 2018
10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Town of Hoosick Athletic Fields (Rain or Shine)
Purchase a DEED for $20.00 and if the cow “plops” in your square you win $1,000 !!!

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**Rosary Rally**

Saturday, October 13th at 12:00 noon at the Right to Life Park next to Immaculate Conception Church. All are welcome.
On Saturday, October 27 at 5:15 at the Immaculate Conception rectory, we honor St. Arnulf of Oudenburg, patron of brewers. We will sample beers of the world and have an array of European sausages and delights. Please bring your favorite European flair food, salad, or dessert to share. Non-alcoholic beers will also be available.

### Autumn Morning Prayer

Once again the earth has completed its 24-hour turnaround and again has come to face the brilliance of our sun star. As its light floods the darkness of space, may the Spirit that sings its ageless song continuously in the cave of my heart now flood my heart with the rays of light eternal. Encircled in that light, I enter now into silence.

As the sounds of life begin on this day, may my voice be one with the chorus of all creation which rejoices in the ripeness of autumn. May this morning prayer echo through my every deed of this new day.

O Giver of all gifts, who has so enriched my life, I have many needs this day. Grant me the gift of patience so that I may live in harmony with all. Grant me the grace of compassion so that I may not bypass anyone in need. And give me enthusiasm for the tasks of this autumn day so that I may invest it with your love and life. I pray for the following intentions: ________.

Although alone at the moment, I embrace the mystery that I do not pray privately but am one with all the earth and all your children. I place within your heart these needs of the other members of the sacred family to which I belong: ________.

I ask you, my hidden God, who has filled heaven and earth with your glory, to help me to make my hands into your hands, so that your will may be done by me this day. Form my words into your words to affirm the faint-hearted, to support the faltering and to encourage the poor of spirit. Fill up all that is lacking in me, so that I may be your humble servant, a co-creator in your endless song of creation.

I begin this day as I bow before you.

Blessed are you, O Harvest of my heart, Sacred Source of all life, Delight of my days.

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| **Fill the Bus** | **Healing Prayer for the Sick** |
| Hoosick Falls Central School and HACA join to “Tackle Hunger” | We invite any in need of the Sacrament of the Sick and experiencing the compassionate touch of Christ to share in our prayer: Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7 immediately after our 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM Masses and immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick’s. |

The 8th annual Fill the Bus Food Drive benefiting the Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA) Food Pantry will take place in Hoosick Falls from October 9-16. Hoosick Falls Central School (HFCS) students are encouraged to bring food throughout the week. On Friday, October 12th at the HFCS Homecoming football game the bus will be open for the public to fill up. The HACA Food Pantry serves the greater Hoosick Falls community by supplying food and toiletries to over 1,700 households per year. This year the Food Pantry has served over 26,000 meals thus far and the holidays are quickly approaching.

Please come celebrate Homecoming and support those in need at the same time by helping FILL THE BUS AND TACKLE HUNGER!

| **World Mission Sunday** | **Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,** |
| October 21, 2018 | Nothing is more important than the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every year the Church observes World Mission Sunday where we offer prayers and special offerings for the missionary mission “ad gentes,” that is, to the nations. |

This year Pope Francis emphasizes the role of youth in the missionary outreach of the Church. He does this in conjunction with the special Synod on youth to be held during October. In his words to the world’s youth, the Pope emphasizes their enthusiasm and their role not only in the future but also in the present. That enthusiasm, Pope Francis says, is an inspiration to all of us who have labored in the vineyard for many years. It is baptism, the Pope tells us, that commissions us to be proclaimers of the Gospel. Such proclamation is not only for priests and religious, but for all who have been immersed into the life of Jesus and who point to the Gospel as the primary reference for their lives.

The special collection that is taken up on World Mission Sunday is crucial to addressing the needs of the missionary outreach of the Church; an outreach the Holy Father calls, “ad gentes.” Your generous hearts will help to place at the disposal of the Holy Father the resources he needs to train indigenous priests and religious for ministry in their local Churches, open schools and health clinics which express the Lord’s care and concern for all people, and provide for the needs of local catechists and mission animators as they provide the day to day ministry that keeps the Church alive in their villages. I thank you for whatever you are able to do to assist in the missionary outreach of our Church.

I pray that the Lord of the harvest bless you for your prayers and generosity as you live out your baptismal call to be coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Edward B. Scharfenberger
Bishop of Albany

| **Rosary at Mary’s Garden** | |
| A Rosary and Marian Prayer and Song service will take place on Sunday, October 7th at 1:00 PM in Mary’s Garden at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, Vermont. |
Immaculate Conception Parish
October 6 & October 7

This Week: October 6 & October 7, 2018
Lay Ministers: Team 1
Counters: Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea & Andrea White
Next Week: Mike Bailey & Heather Hassett
(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

YOUR SACRIFICAL OFFERINGS

September 29 & September 30:
Offertory.................................................................$3,654.50
Vietnamese Mission....................................................$89.00
Weekly E-Collection .................................................$60.00
Total..............................................................................$3,803.50

ATTENDANCE September 29, September 30:
4 PM.......120  9 AM...........116  Total: 236

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
Ann Borndt, Anezia Said Clemens, Joe Spiak, Joseph Morrissey, Peter Kane, Bill McAuliffe, Mary McCaffrey, Chick Thurber, Mary Carter, David Martin, Rosemary O’Malley, Judy Quackenbush, Frank Marmillo, Kay Monroe, Ken Button, Anne Eberle, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Jesse Stevens, Deanna Aldrich, Noreen Stevens, Mary Wrubleski and all those who are ill or hurting. Those who have been on the prayer list for quite some time will still be prayed for, but will not appear in the bulletin. If you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone else, please call Margaret O’Malley at 686-7835.

Holy Communion… Please be sure to let one of the greeters know if you are unable to approach the altar. The usher will then make arrangements for Communion to be brought to your pew.

ELECTRONIC GIVING
Our automatic withdrawal system is working well. This may be an easy way for you to support our parish. Please contact our office for more information.

Volunteer!

- Wednesday mornings at 10 AM: Bulletin proofreaders. Call the office.
- Sunday morning: Collection Counters. Call the office.
- Lectors (readers) at Mass: See Mary Merriam, Gloria Shufon, or call the office, 686-5064

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