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!
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.

White Mass for Healthcare Providers

This Mass is for all healthcare providers: Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, Therapists, Pharmacists, Healthcare Students - All Healthcare workers are WELCOME!

*Wear Your White Lab Coat and Bring the Family!*

Sacred Heart St. Francis
238 Main Street, Bennington, VT
Saturday, October 27 - 4:00 PM

Mass will be followed by a reception (food provided) with a talk by Rev. J. Daniel Mindling, speaking on Catholic teaching in healthcare at the end of life.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION!
Please RSVP for reception by calling 802-442-3141 or email: bennchat@comcast.net.

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.

All Saints’ Day
Thursday, November 1, 2018
A Holy Day of Opportunity

**Masses:**
12:00 noon - Immaculate Conception (First United Church)
6:00 PM - St. Patrick’s, Cambridge

All Souls’ Day - Friday November 2, 2018

**Mass:** 12:00 noon  Immaculate Conception (First United Church)
We remember all who have died in their Holy Passover to Heaven.

**Solemn Evening Prayer:** 6:00 PM  Immaculate Conception (First United Church)
We remember our family, neighbors, and parishioners who have died this past year. If you wish to remember someone, please call our parish office.

**All Souls’ Offerings**
We honor all who have gone before us by living more fully every day. Offerings will be used to support the Nature Conservancy, The Bennington Homeless Shelter, our HACA Food Pantry, and Catholic Charities Immigration Services. The names of our deceased will remain at the Lord’s Table for the month of November.
Lots of fun, food, and high anticipation!...
Betty Graney was one of the big winners...


Thank You!
We would like to thank everyone who made Basket Bingo such a success this year.

The baskets were BEAUTIFUL. A special thanks to Ben, our bingo caller who worked with our ancient bingo machine, and to Bob and his great crew that worked in the kitchen. A HUGE thank you to everyone who made a basket, gave up their time to work at the event, donated money, businesses donating for door prizes and money for our supplies, and of course a HUGE thank you for everyone that came out for a fun evening. This event could not happened without the support and dedication of everyone who participated! Also, thank you Father Tom for helping on the floor and supporting this fun event.

Karen and Ellen

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.

Congratulations!
An anxious group of kids await the outcome from one of the cow contestants...the grand prize winner of $1,000 was Margaret LeStage...it took a while so we all just chewed the cud.

The Grand Prize Car Show Winner, Best in Show went to Michael Cram of Clifton Park for his 1968 Pontiac Firebird

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!

Halloween Parade
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 6:00 PM beginning at Wood Park. Come and join us at the Rectory Porch Reviewing Stand. Cider and donuts, too!
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.

**Today’s Saints - October 19**

On this day the Church honors the saints who gave their lives to spread the Catholic faith in North America: two Jesuit priests, St. Isaac Jogues (1607-1646) and St. Jean de Brebeuf (1593-1649), and their companions. St. Isaac was captured and tortured for his preaching of the Gospel. He escaped, with the help of the Dutch Reformed Protestant Pastor in Albany and returned to Europe, but only to seek permission to offer Mass with his scarred and mutilated hands. The pope granted his wish, and St. Isaac returned to the Mohawk Valley where he was put to death in 1646. Jean de Brebeuf dedicated himself to preaching the Gospel among the Huron peoples in what is now upstate New York and Canada. He translated the Catechism into the Huron language and wrote a series of “Instructions for Missionaries” that mingled divine and practical counsels: “Love the Hurons as brothers,” he urged, “and bear with their shortcomings. Never keep them waiting, and learn to get into a canoe without carrying sand or water with you. Eat first thing in the morning, because that’s what the Indians do. Work as they do, and serve them in whatever way you can.” Jean de Brebeuf knew that only by understanding the Indians could missionaries hope to help them understand the Gospel. American martyrs, pray for us.

**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. “Whatsoever you do...when in a prison you visited me” - Gospel of Matthew. For more information contact Patty Austin at 518-428-8686.

**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.

**World Mission Sunday**

October 21, 2018

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers, and be generous in the next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

**The Courage to Protect Our Children and Their Children**

A decade, maybe a little more, is all the time we have left to keep global temperature rise to no more than 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Special Report on Global Warming, citing more than 6,000 scientific references and thousands of expert reviewers worldwide, concluded that limiting global warming to “only” 1.5º Celsius would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in energy, agriculture, and transportation.

The consequences of not acting soon are grim. Among the differences between 1.5 and 2 degrees Celsius: hundreds of millions more people would experience food and water scarcity, poverty would be exacerbated, more extreme weather would occur and cause more heat-related deaths and more wildfires, and the insect population would be much more reduced through loss of habitat, a problem for pollinating crops. For example, coral reefs would decline by 70-90% with global warming of 1.5°C, and be completely wiped out with an increase of 2°C.

When it comes to climate change, science deniers and fossil-fuel proponents have lied for decades, convincing many Americans that climate change isn’t happening, that it is a hoax. Containing global warming to only 2.7 degrees is technically possible; the question is whether we have the political will to make it happen to protect future generations.

The science is clear. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th.
Immaculate Conception Parish
October 13 & October 14

This Week: October 13 & October 14, 2018
Lay Ministers: Team 2
Counters: Mike Bailey & Heather Hassett
Next Week: Linda Bennett & Bob Medvetz
(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

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October 6 & October 7:
Offertory ................................................................. $2,834.00
St Mary's Academy .................................................... $176.00
Monthly E-Collection ............................................ $1035.00
Total ........................................................................ $4,045.00

ATTENDANCE October 6, October 7:
4 PM ......... 90  9 AM ........ 118  Total: 208

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ann Bornt, Anizia Said Clemons, 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.

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