

Immaculate Conception Church - April 6 & 7, 2019



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

TRUSTEES: Ed Gorman & Ellen Scott

FINANCE COUNCIL:

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, Mike Sanders & Linda Billert

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini
Karen Kaufman, and the two Trustees

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

WORSHIP AND ENVIRONMENT: Lynne Mango

We Pray Lent

We follow the Cross of Jesus, built from the very foundation beams of our Church, as we begin our Lenten liturgies of conversion. Purples signify our yearnings for a change of heart, becoming Christ's People of reconciling love. Pussy willows remind us of a new spring-time of faith. In the name of God, we are assured of boundless mercy as we sing the ancient Greek of our early Church: "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison." We listen intently to the living Word of God. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 103: "Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you." As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for all. Our Gospel Alleluia is silenced until its joyful strains return at Easter. We gather around the Lord's Table as our lives are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We sing this mystery: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." Our Communion unites us as a sacred people of mission. We remember that God's covenant with us beckons us to put our faith into action. We sing, "We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God." We are sent out in reflective silence, filled with faith, awe, and love as People of the Cross, Disciples of Christ.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 7, 2019

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at
First United Church

Saturday, April 6

4:00 PM Mass
Edward Sukuskas
(Req. Michael & Mary Ellen
Sanders)

Sunday, April 7

9:00 AM Mass
John Burdick
(Req. Lori & Family)
Stephen Noble
(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)
Matt Philpott
(Req. Jones Family)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's

Monday, April 8

12:00 PM Mass
For Gospel Conversion

Tuesday, April 9

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 St. Patrick's - Cambridge

Friday, April 12

12:00 PM Mass
Howard Rist
(Req. Louise Rist)

Saturday, April 13

4:00 PM Mass
Sean Casey
(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

Sunday, April 14

9:00 AM Mass
John Burdick
(Req. Lori & Family)
The victims of Sandy Hook,
Parkland, and
Columbine shootings

11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's

St. Mary's Academy Annual Spring Auction

Saturday, April 13, 2019

6:00 p.m. Preview

Silent Auction Bidding

7:00 p.m. Live Auction

Ron Seifert ♦ Auctioneer

At St. Mary's Academy

4 Parsons Avenue

Hoosick Falls, NY

Admission Free

Lite Fare Buffet

Cash Bar

Dessert & Coffee



PRINCIPAL *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Friends of SMA,

This week's mindset was: *A journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step.* With the new month, comes a new fruit of the spirit. This month's fruit is *Joy.* As we continue our Lenten journey, we await the joy that Easter will bring each of us.

This Friday, April 12th, is our last fish fry of the Lenten season. Please note that this week is take out only. Orders will be taken outside at the trailer. Thank you to the Hoosick Falls Youth Football and Cheerleading for the use of their trailer.

Be sure to reserve your table for our auction next Saturday, April 13th! Call Mrs. Smith at 518-686-4314. We look forward to seeing you there!

SMA will be closed from **April 18th-April 27th in observance of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter break.**

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

With many blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR: soap, tooth-paste 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 to help. (Dianne Hosterman, 686-5310).

Catholic Relief Services Speaker

This Sunday, April 7 we welcome Thomas Awiapo to our 9 am Mass. Thomas is from Ghana and will share his life story of faith with us.

"a minister, a rabbi, and a priest....."



Rev. Donna Elia, Rabbi Debora Gordon, and Fr. Tom Zelker at our interfaith gathering and sharing. As God's sacred people (all people are!), because of our faith we seek understanding, human decency and respect, and reconciliation with forgiveness for sin against each other.

Faith Formation



We gather at Eucharist today, April 7, for a family mass grades 8 & 9 and continue with class at SMA. We will be making "Sharing our Cross Together" cards for our homebound parishioners. Our next class is Sunday, April 14.

Yes, I Want to Contribute!

To sign up for church offering envelopes, call our office at 686-5064. Our church donations may also be given online; offerings are automatically shared each week or monthly. For more information and to sign up for either envelopes or E-giving, call our parish office .

Change our World



Our change collecting box is back in church. Any loose change may be put in the box. We, with our sisters and brothers of First United Church who do "Pocket Change Sunday" will use these donations for local and worldwide charities.

We're part of each other

...and we miss you when you're not praying with us, so we're beginning a group to reach out and contact parishioners whom we miss at Mass...just to say hello and we care. So if you notice someone - neighbor, friend, classmate, or fellow parishioner - not present in our assembly, please let one of our ushers/greeters and Fr. Tom Zelker know. The love of Christ compels us to embrace each other with joy.



New Horizons of Faith - Beatitudes of Christian Living "We Remember"

During Spring, our Easter Season, we join with people of good will throughout our world to "remember humanity at its worst as we are inspired to remember humanity at its best." Our remembrances of past atrocities transform us into people of active remembrance today. We will call to mind the victims of genocide, atrocities, bigotry, and hate as well as those who had the courage to save lives despite the risk to themselves or families. Do you know of anyone you wish to honor? A victim of the Nazis, Communists, American lynchings? Or someone who sought justice and helped?

Actions Plus Thoughts and Prayers

Somehow we have become tolerant of violent, gun-related deaths across our nation. Three survivors of horrible gun violence, two students and the parent of a victim, committed suicide just this week.

The U.S. is among the top 10 countries in the world for firearm deaths, along with Columbia, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, and Venezuela. The gun death rate here is six-times higher than Canada or Israel, 12-times higher than Germany or Australia, and almost 50-times higher than in Poland or the United Kingdom.

Keeping victims in our thoughts and prayers is not enough. More than 75% of gun owners agree with these actions:

- Universal Background Checks – 22% of guns are obtained without one
- Prevent the mentally ill and people on the no-fly list from buying guns
- National ban on sales of guns to people convicted of violent crimes

Call or write to your state and federal representatives to demand action on gun safety.

Lent



◆ Divine Mercy Devotions ◆

Fridays at 3:00 pm

~ Stations of the Cross ~

Tuesdays of Lent at Noon in the Good Shepherd Room of the Rectory

Rice Bowls

We support the ministry of our Church through Catholic Relief Services in helping the poor of our area and throughout the world. Donations are due May 5. Rice Bowls are available at Church or our office.

Fish Fry Fridays

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays at SMA from 5-7 pm or until we are sold out. Fish fry dinners are \$10.00 and the macaroni and cheese option is \$5.00.

~ Scripture Insights ~

Today's readings invite us to reflect on our need for redemption and to open our eyes to the new things that God wants to do in us.

The First Reading is addressed to the exiles in Babylon. They are told that God is about to destroy the Babylonian empire. What a marvelous thing! God will buy back the exiles in the same way that he destroyed the pharaoh's army at the Red Sea. Moreover, this new Exodus will be so great that they will forget the first one. God makes all things new.

In the Second Reading, Paul tells the community at Philippi about his former life as a persecutor of the followers of Jesus and about how everything he once had is now considered rubbish in light of knowing Christ and his Resurrection. Here, "knowing" means experiencing Christ in faith.

In the Gospel's powerful story about Jesus and a woman charged with adultery, the scribes and Pharisees force Jesus to be a judge so that they might entrap him. But what about the woman? She is shamed at least twice. The men who brought charges against her would have witnessed the act, and now she is made to stand before these men while she awaits judgment. It is likely that she had been raped because most women in the ancient world were not given enough freedom to voluntarily engage in sexual relations. Jesus saves her by saying that the one who has no sin can cast the first stone.

◆ What would you have wanted to say to the woman accused of adultery?

Wednesday Ecumenical Prayer and Lunch 12 Noon at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church

We gather at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church for our faith-filled prayer "Conversion in Christ." Our local churches lead us in prayer and serve a delicious soup lunch.

April 10 - First Baptist Hoosick Falls

Holy Week...

Please think about your ministry at our Holy Week Masses and prayer. Sign up at our office...

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, April 13th, 4PM

Sunday, April 14th, 9AM

Sunday, April 14th, 11AM - St. Patrick's

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

Thursday, April 18th, 5 PM

Followed by a soup dinner with

the people of First United Church

(Soups and rolls will be provided; come and enjoy)

Thursday, April 18th, 7 PM - St. Patrick's

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th

Ecumenical Walk, 12 Noon

The Lord's Passion & Communion, 5 PM

This day we have the Collection for the Holy Land - the work of our Church in Palestine, Israel, and Jordan

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

(No 4 PM Mass this day)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 9 AM MASS

11 AM - ST. PATRICK'S

*Easter Flower donations
are due by April 14*

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

APRIL 6 & APRIL 7

This Week: April 6 & April 7, 2019

Lay Ministers: Team 1

Counters: Mike Shea, Bob Medvetz & Andrea White

Next Week: Heather Hassett & Eileen Bakaitis

(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 30 & March 31

Offertory..... \$ 3,384.00

Catholic Relief Services.....\$156.00

Weekly E-Collection..... \$ 60.00

Total..... \$ 3,600.00

ATTENDANCE :

Saturday - March 30, 4:00PM..... 128

Sunday - March 31, 9:00AM..... 127

Total..... 255

*In order for your contribution to be counted, please be sure to include your full name and/or envelope # if using a plain envelope.

This week's second collections are for Easter Flowers and St. Mary's Academy (April 6 & 7). The next second collection is for Parish Faith Formation (April 14).



- ◆ 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**

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.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Patricia Culver, Hope Kjelgaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Mike Painter, Rich Turi, Sally Blinstrub, Sandy Harrington, Mary Dailey, Andy Beaty, Bud Barber, Kathy Shender, Nick Waytkus, Anezia Said Clemons, Joe Spiak, Joseph Morrissey, Peter Kane, Mary McCaffrey, Mary Carter, David Martin, Rosemary O'Malley, Judy Quackenbush, Ken Button, 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.

Our Sponsor of the Week is...

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all types of excavation

~ Residential & Commercial ~

Patrick Bakaitis

518-686-5147 (yard) or 518-686-5796 (office)