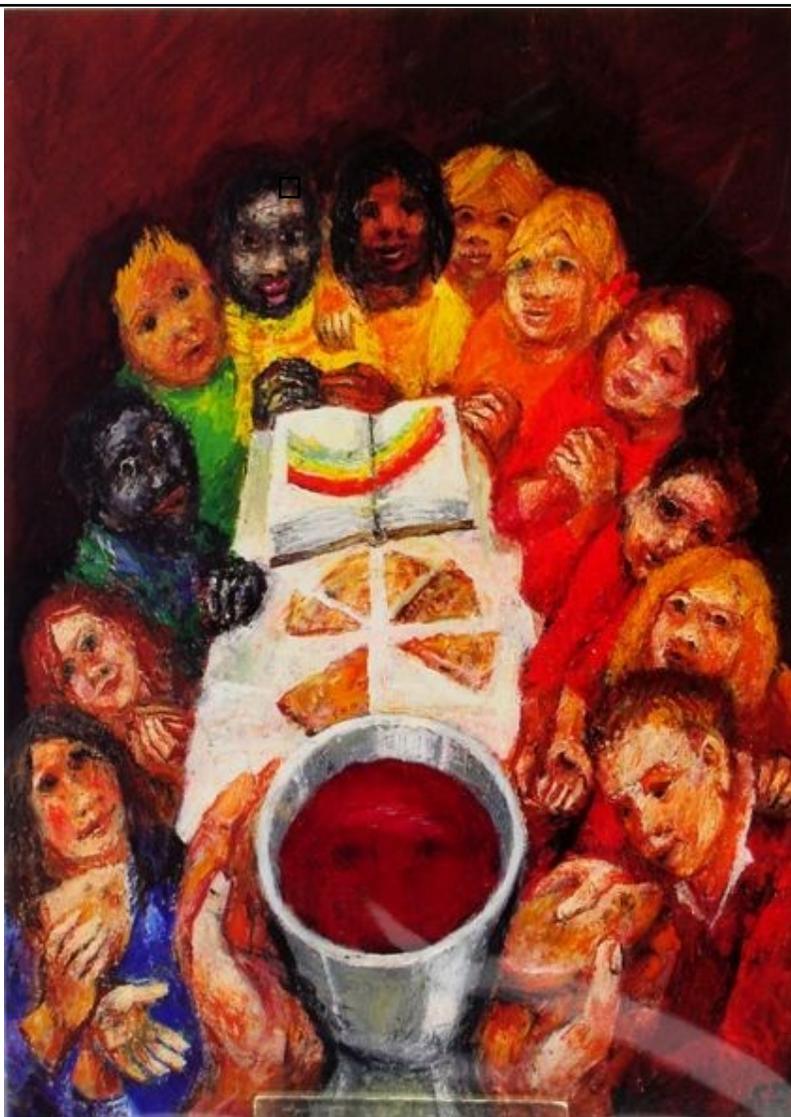


Immaculate Conception Church - April 27 & 28, 2019



~ We all have a place at the Table where the Risen Christ gathers us together ~

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

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

TRUSTEES: Ed Gorman & Ellen Scott

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WE PRAY EASTER

These 50 Days are the heart of our Catholic faith. The stone is rolled away from all tombs: we remember our lives have meaning and purpose and we are alive forever! And so we are overcome with joy. Waters flow; bells ring; aromas, flowers, and banners brighten our senses. Our Easter liturgies are energetic and effervescent. We sing the ancient Gloria with new voices. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first Scripture during the season) is Psalm 66: "Make a joyful sound to God, all the earth, sing to the glory of God's name." Our Gospel Acclamation in contrast to Lent's quiet, is the enthusiastic Caribbean "Alle, Alle, Alleluia." We renew our baptismal promises in our Creedal questions. When we come to the Lord's Table and break bread and drink wine Christ is really present among us...changing and transforming our lives into what our community needs. We sing of our mystery: "Savior of the world, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." God's Spirit frees us from anything or anyone that deadens us. We are sent forth, renewed and energized in God's love to live fully every day!

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at
First United Church

Saturday, April 27

4:00 PM Mass

Jim & Rita Downey
(Req. Family)
Delora Marmillo
(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM Mass

Sharon Howard
(Req. Michael & Mary Ellen Sanders)
John Burdick
(Req. Lori & Family)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Monday, April 29

12:00 PM Mass

St. Catherine of Siena Feast Day
Celebrating the gifts of women in our church

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

St. Joseph the Worker Feast Day
For those who work hard

Friday, May 3

12:00 PM Mass

Manuel Custodio
(Req. Isabel Custodio)
Sts. Philip and James Feast Day
For enthusiasm in faith

Saturday, May 4

4: PM Mass

Edward Sukuskas
(Req. Michael & Mary Ellen Sanders)
John & Eleanor Jenuskevica
(Req. Daughters)
Nolan Senecal
(Req. Linda Hutchins)
Theresa Guile Bugbee
(Req. Nina & Ed Leffler)
John & Stasia Keegan
(Req. Gary & Beth Keegan)

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM Mass

John Burdick
(Req. Lori & Family)
Theresa Guile Bugbee
(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)
For all of our children

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

SANCTUARY LAMP

5/5/19-5/12/19

In Honor of the Risen Christ
We remember: Nolan Senecal
(Req. Linda Hutchins)

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2019

2019 Bishop's Appeal

At this time of year, having just celebrated the joyous feast of Easter, as it has been the tradition in the Diocese of Albany for 65 years, all of our parishes unite as one family to make our annual contribution to the Bishop's Appeal.

The very purpose of the Bishop's Appeal is to provide the resources, "the financial fuel" necessary to keep the sacred mission of our Church going forward, the mission entrusted to us by Jesus to teach, to heal and to sanctify God's people.

Thanks to you and the gifts you give to the Bishop's Appeal, hundreds of dedicated people...religious education teachers, Catholic school teachers, Catholic Charities care providers, hospital chaplains, campus ministers, parish volunteers, all bring the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to life extending His healing presence and love to all with whom they interact.

Likewise, the **diocesan Prayer and Worship Office, the Formation for Ministry Office, the Vocations and Diaconate Offices, and the Ongoing Formation and Continuing Education for Clergy Offices, labor diligently to provide those who are called to lead and to serve with the requisite skills and training essential for effective parish leadership.**

When our parish requests essential administrative support from the diocese, help comes from the dedicated people of the **Human Resources Office, the Information Technology Office, the Pastoral Planning Office, the Stewardship and Development Office, Chancery Accounting Office, Office of Real Property and the Architecture and Building Commission, among other departments that provide these necessary services as partners in faith.**

Thanks to you, the faithful and generous people of this parish, all this and much more is made possible. Your gifts go a long way in helping to spread the good news that Jesus is alive in the world today.

Let each of us give thanks to Almighty God, and also give thanks to the hundreds of people who live their lives every day in service to others. As we prepare to make our pledge of support, please pray and think about the many people you will be helping.

Thank you for your generosity and may our Lord continue to shower His abundant blessing upon our parish family and upon each of you.

The Bishop's Appeal will be held on the weekend of May 4/5. This is our opportunity to unite together as one Catholic family, to answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, and to promote justice for every person. In these next two weeks, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to the Bishop's Appeal as generously as you possibly can.

Your participation is essential to the success of the Bishop's Appeal. Please join other Catholics from throughout the fourteen counties of the diocese in supporting this very important collection.



Next weekend (May 4/5) is the 2019 Bishop's Appeal Commitment Sunday. This Appeal supports all of the vital ministries and programs throughout the Diocese of Albany. It is our one opportunity during the year to reach out in support of all the people of God beyond the boundary of our own parish (ICC). Please respond to the Bishop's Appeal by making a pledge that you can pay throughout the year. Your gift directly helps our parish to pay its share of the important work of the diocese. Let us strive for 100% participation: not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice!

PRINCIPAL *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Friends of SMA,

After our 3rd marking period closed, our students earned the following honors:

Merit List:

Audra Barton
Kaylin Foster
Aiden Sawyer
Elijah Torres

Honor Roll:

Clara Adrion
David Allen
Joshua Allen
Orion Breese
Michael Cruickshank
Norman White

High Honor Roll:

Andrew Cowder
Anthony deLaurentis
Arianna Keyes
Amelia Pello
Jacob Sawyer
Margie White

As always, I encourage you to stop by and visit your parish school.
With many blessings,
-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-

~ May Rosary ~

During the month of May, beginning May 1, let us pray the Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother every Wednesday at 12 noon in Respect Life Park. Rainy days will be in the Good Shepherd Room at the Rectory.

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR: shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.



Please bring any type of the following items: jello, 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).

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. Our offerings go to project Heifer to buy animals for farmers throughout the world.

Scripture Insights

Today's readings call us to open our eyes and experience the many ways that God's mercy touches us.

The First Reading notes the growing Christian community that assembles under Solomon's Portico, on the eastern side of the outer court of the Jerusalem Temple. People come from the nearby villages to receive God's mercy in the form of healing. They even resort to putting their sick into the streets in the hope that Peter's shadow might pass over them when he walks by.

The Second Reading recounts a vision of "one like a son of man" dressed as priest and king. We soon learn that he is the Risen Christ. The seer is afraid, because he thinks (correctly) that he is encountering a divine being, but the Risen Christ offers him consolation, saying, "Do not be afraid." We should be consoled, as well, since seven is a symbol of fullness. The seven lampstands that stand in the presence of the divine symbolize all of us. We are not alone.

In today's Gospel, ten of Jesus' disciples are hiding behind locked doors on the night of the Resurrection, because they are afraid. Jesus appears in their midst with a greeting of peace, giving them evidence that he was, in fact, alive. Thomas, who was not with them that evening, provides a powerful profession of faith when he exclaims, "My Lord and my God."



Faith Formation

We gather at Eucharist and continue with class at SMA. Our next class is Sunday, May 5 - Family Mass grades 2, & 10-12.

Come to the Feast

On Sunday May 5, at our 9am Mass, we welcome 8 young parishioners to the Lord's Table. May their young ideal faith inspire us.

We welcome:

Natalie Pello
Faydra Nuccio
Ana O'Malley
(Roddy) Gerard Gardell
Reese Richard
Kael Waytkus
Grant Glover
Chase Glover



The Bunny hopped out after Mass...continuing our joy!

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Spring Raffle - May 5

The St. Patrick's Knight's are holding a Spring Raffle, May 5th, to raise funds to help charities and charitable causes within our local community. The Knights will sell tickets at 4 area churches. Please direct questions to Larry Mango at 518-677-7071.

Our Easter Season

Our first readings are taken from Acts of the Apostles, the second volume by the evangelist tradition names as Luke. The twenty-eight chapters narrate the experiences of the early apostles after the resurrection of Jesus and his ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus, the apostles, led by Peter, are able to heal and cast out demons. The actions and preaching of the apostles anger the religious authorities, who stone Stephen. Another theme found in the first readings for Easter is the question of whether to evangelize the Gentiles. Peter baptizes the Roman centurion Cornelius and Paul preaches to the God-fearers on his first missionary journey, which leads to the Jerusalem Council and its approbation of the Gentile mission.

Most of the texts for the second readings are taken from the book of Revelation. Written by John (not the evangelist) on the island of Patmos, Revelation is a series of visions described in symbolic language and images. Jesus is envisioned as the victorious Lamb and faithful believers stand before the throne of God, having been washed in the blood of the Lamb. The visions culminate with the images of a new heaven and a new earth and a new Jerusalem. Revelation closes with the warning and the hope: Jesus will return!

During the Easter season, we hear from the Gospel according to John, likely the last canonical Gospel to be written. The evangelist shares with the synoptic authors that Mary discovered the empty tomb, but he includes other unique post-Resurrection appearances. On the Second Sunday of Easter, we hear of the encounter between Jesus and Thomas. Peter is reconciled with Jesus and told to "feed my sheep". The Johannine Jesus uses the imagery of sheep and shepherd to describe his own care of the disciples. In John's Gospel, Jesus gives one commandment: love one another. Those who heed this command will dwell in God and receive the Advocate. On the final Sunday before Pentecost, Jesus prays for those who will come to belief through the preaching of his disciples.

EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter, the Church remembers the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. But although these liturgies are full of drama and a powerful sense of history, liturgical remembering is not about the past; it is about the present. When the Church remembers, something happens in the here and now. **“Recalling thus the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of the Lord’s powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age in order that the faithful may lay hold on them and be filled with saving grace.”** The Triduum is, in a word, *sacramental*; for the Resurrection is not just remembered, as great events in history are remembered; the Resurrection *happens*.

God’s Dream ... Our Work

Each person makes a difference!

Our Eucharist sends us forth to embody Christ’s love, Christ’s Justice, Christ’s Healing, and Christ’s Reign in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say “you don’t matter” because you do! You make all the difference in the world.

Here are some activities that may interest you in order to help another person, stand up for what is right, or care for our Earth. Remember, our Catholic faith is not self-centered, but selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to God’s sacred presence every day, everywhere.

May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly beautiful, the most unsettling, the deepest life giving love for all people!

The stone has been rolled away ... Let us journey forth ... together!

RESPECT LIFE

- ⇒ Stand up for anyone who is being abused by domestic violence. Call Catholic Charities (free and confidential) at 453-6650. Get help for yourself or someone else who is abused by hitting, humiliation, guilt, bullying, or forced sex.
- ⇒ Contribute to the National Adoption Foundation, 100 Mill Plain Road, Danbury, CT 06811 (NationalAdoptionFoundation.org) helping families adopt children.
- ⇒ Visit someone who is homebound or resides at a nursing home.
- ⇒ Invite a troubled drinker to AA - local meeting are Monday evenings at 8pm at the Hoosick Baptist Church.
- ⇒ Help Amnesty International USA, 322 8th Ave., New York, NY 10001; www.amnestyusa.org - in demanding that all forms of torture cease, political prisoners receive fair trials, and death squads be eliminated.
- ⇒ The Roarke Center, Troy (273-8351) helps women with legal issues and when leaving incarceration.
- ⇒ Learn and do something about the worldwide crime of human trafficking (modern slavery). More than 29 million people are held in bondage for forced labor or sexual exploitation. Contact the “Project to End Human Trafficking.”

RESPECT THE EARTH

- ⇒ Support “Trees for Life” 3006 West St. Louis, Wichita, KS 67203. This group supplies native, fruit and shade trees to devastated areas throughout the world. Help reforest Mount Kilimanjaro with 3 million trees with Interfaith Power & Light on the net (or 415-561-4891).
- ⇒ Buy produce at local farm stands; at the store, make sure produce is grown in America. Support local farmers.
- ⇒ Use a cloth shopping bag instead of plastic.
- ⇒ Contribute to the Nature Conservancy, P. O. Box 65, Keene Valley, NY 12943 in preserving rare mountain habitats.
- ⇒ Recycle everything that you can.
- ⇒ Pick up litter on the Hoosic River Trail.
- ⇒ Plant an extra row of vegetables to share at our Food Pantry.
- ⇒ Use less fertilizer on your lawn and garden. Runoff pollutes our waters.
- ⇒ Learn about Global Warming and what you can do to help future generations.
- ⇒ Plant a tree, feed the birds, put up a bat house.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

- ⇒ Bring a can of soup to our Food Pantry.
- ⇒ Volunteer as an altar server, join the choir, read at Mass.
- ⇒ Help with Faith Formation classes.
- ⇒ Volunteer at Bennington Veteran’s Home.
- ⇒ Assist with our Food Pantry Garden.
- ⇒ Think about becoming a priest.
- ⇒ Support our school sports teams, musicians, and singers.
- ⇒ Laugh and enjoy life ... smile at Mass ... celebrate friendship.
- ⇒ Change a negative in your life and do something positive. Exercise!
- ⇒ Help a neighbor, ride a bike, share some flowers, kayak down a river.

POLITICAL ARENA

- ⇒ Check out “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility”
- ⇒ See www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship or call 1-800-235-8722 at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Battenkill Chorale Saturday, April 27 at 7pm and Sunday, April 28th at 4pm at Cambridge United Presbyterian Church - “American Songs of Nature and Praise”
- ⇒ Hoosick Falls High School Cabaret - Friday, May 3 at 6:30 pm in the gym - music and lots of talent.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

APRIL 27 & APRIL 28

This Week: April 27 & April 28, 2019

Lectors: Team 4

Counters: Judy Flynn & Peg Bakaitis

Next Week: Mike Shea, Bob Medvetz & Andrea White.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

April 20 & April 21

Easter Offertory..... \$ 7,515.00

Easter Flowers..... \$ 1,591.00

Holy Land..... \$ 273.00

Total..... \$ 9,379.00

- ◆ The weekly E-Collection has been discontinued, however, if you would like to contribute electronically, you may do so on a monthly basis.

ATTENDANCE :

Holy Thursday April 18, 4:00PM..... 78

Good Friday April 19, 9:00AM..... 72

Saturday April 20, 4:00PM..... 146

Sunday April 21, 9:00AM..... 226

Total..... 522

This weeks' second collection is for The Evangelist (April 28) . The next second collection is for St. Mary's Academy (May 5).



- ◆ 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:

Margaret Eddy, Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, 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, 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.

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