

Immaculate Conception Church
67 Main Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Dear Brother and Sisters,

Immaculate Conception Church has been the worship space where we have nurtured our Catholic faith for generations. Our beautiful church building was passed down by our family, friends and those Catholics that came before us. It has been a true blessing to our parish and larger Hoosick Falls community but, with time and use, comes wear and tear that must be addressed.

Today, our church building is in great need of repair and we, together as the current generation of parishioners, are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring our worship space is treasured and cared for, so it remains as a home of worship for generations to come. Christ empowers us to be a sacrament of hope, a place and a people who witness the love of God for all. With this in mind, we are embarking on a historic campaign to:

- RESTORE our current church,
- REIGNITE the faith of our parish community; and,
- REMAIN a cornerstone of Hoosick Falls.

Our *RESTORE...REIGNITE...REMAIN Campaign* is part of the *Re-Igniting Our Faith* diocesan-wide campaign effort, and is an opportunity for our parish to prepare to meet our current and future needs. Our *RESTORE...REIGNITE...REMAIN* parish campaign goal is to raise more than \$657,000, to restore our church. Like our sister parishes, as part of our contribution to Re-Igniting Our Faith, \$80,050 will be allocated to the Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation in support of the pastoral needs of our larger diocesan community. All campaign needs are outlined in greater detail in the enclosed case statement.

Immaculate Conception has been blessed with many wonderful parishioners, like you, who can help us realize our vision and reach our financial campaign goals. It is my hope that every parishioner will join us in this historic effort by making a sacrificial gift. This is our time to rise up and work for something bigger than ourselves. Today, I ask that you consider making a sacrificial campaign pledge that can be paid over a period of three to five years. Please find the gift chart in our parish campaign case. There is no correct answer or amount and only you know what is right for you, but I do hope you will consider joining us in this effort. This request is above and beyond your annual support to our parish and would allow Immaculate Conception to address our most critical needs, build our community of faith, and inspire others to join us in this blessed undertaking.

I thank you for your continued support of our parish, your consideration of this request, and your prayers for the success of our campaign. Please know of my gratitude and continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Zelker

Father Tom Zelker
Immaculate Conception Parish



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Campaign Commitment Form

In support of Re-Igniting Our Faith and _____
(Parish Name, Parish Address)

Parishioner Contact Information:

Addressee _____
Address Line 1 _____
Address Line 2 _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

I/We pledge the following commitment:

Pledge Amount: \$ _____
Initial Payment: \$ _____
Balance: \$ _____
Payable Over: 3 Years 5 Years

Payment Type:

- Cash/Check *(Please make checks payable to your parish's Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign E.g., St. Mary's Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign.)*
- Bill Me *(Payment options will be mailed to you.)*
- Credit/Debit/Automatic Recurring Payments *(Payment details will be mailed to you.)*

Please contact me/us, I/we wish to make a:

- Gift of Stock/Securities
I/We intend to transfer stock from my/our account at _____ by _____
(Financial Institution) (Date)
- Planned Gift *(Bequest, Gift of Life Insurance, Retirement Plan Assets, Charitable Remainder Trust)*
- Matching Gift

Payment Schedule:

I/We would like to be billed (please choose one):
 Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually
(March, June, September, December) (June, December) (December)
On the (please choose one):
 1st of the month 15th of the month

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

67 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090



RESTORE...REIGNITE...REMAIN

A campaign to benefit our parish and wider Hoosick Falls community



CHURCH OF THE "IMMACULATE CONCEPTION," HOOSICK FALLS, N. Y.

OUR HISTORY

Here at Immaculate Conception Parish, we have a special mission to grow and celebrate our Catholic Faith, to be a vibrant welcoming community.

Our community is a strong one that has been rooted in faith since inception. Over the past 150 years, countless baptisms, weddings, birthday parties and funerals have taken place in our beloved worship space. The church was originally built between 1870-1871 as a replacement to a smaller Catholic Church.

Following completion of the church, a bell was added in 1872. After decades of being rung by hand, the bell was transitioned to electric in 1953. Another addition to the worship space was the organ in 1881. As our congregation continued to grow, more worship space was needed and an addition was constructed in 1884.

OUR PARISH TODAY

Immaculate Conception Parish is the very heart of our local Church and village of Hoosick Falls, a living, breathing community of faith comprised of our families, our neighbors and our friends. We are the current generation of parishioners. Like so many who went before us, we are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that our parish community is treasured and cared for, in order to nurture the faith of generations to come.

With these things in mind, we embark on a campaign to:

- **RESTORE** our current church,
- **REIGNITE** the faith of our parish community,
- **REMAIN** a cornerstone of Hoosick Falls.

OUR PLAN TO RESTORE...REIGNITE...REMAIN

Over the past two years, it was unclear where our current and future Catholic generations would worship in Hoosick Falls. **We now know it will continue to be in Immaculate Conception Church!** This is a true blessing to our parish and community at large, but there is much work to be done.

**THE GOAL IS TO BE BACK IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH,
WORSHIPPING REGULARLY, BY CHRISTMAS 2020.**

In order to achieve this, we must collect over \$657,000 to address our parish's critical needs and we need your fervent hope, prayers and support to do so!

Being back in our home by Christmas 2020 is contingent on collecting the funds needed to address our church's most critical needs, which are outlined in more detail on the subsequent pages. Below is a **projected timeline** on how Immaculate Conception plans to move forward with repair and renovation efforts pending the funds necessary have been collected and are available for use:

→ July 2019

Decision made to move forward with fixing the church.

→ August/September 2019

Campaign planning efforts underway.

→ October 2019

Launch of the financial campaign.
(The campaign will be implemented through Spring 2020.)

→ November/December 2019

Secure services of architecture firm and engineer support.

→ Winter 2019/2020

Design committee to conduct research on plans for repair and realignment of interior worship space to include wall to reduce the size of the worship space at a minimal cost.

→ Spring 2020

Commence work on the roof, chimney, and steeple, per available funding and advice of architect. At or near the completion of the exterior roof work, begin sub-basement and basement remediation as financed by the Diocese's insurance.

→ Summer 2020

The design committee, in conjunction with the architect and engineers, present plans for the internal repair and alignment of the worship space.

→ Fall 2020

Work will commence on the internal space to include ceiling and plaster work, painting, flooring and realignment.



Father Tom Zelker
Pastor

OUR NEEDS... RESTORING OUR CHURCH

\$657,000

As you know, our church is in great need of repair. Outlined below are the capital projects we seek to address, broken down by the phase in which we are looking to complete them. The pricing estimates included are subject to change.



PHASE/PROJECTS	PRICING ESTIMATE
PHASE I (\$295,000)	
Roof Replacement	\$110,000
Steeple Painting and Repair	\$10,000
Eavestroughs/Down Spouts	\$10,000
Chimney Repair	\$15,000
Repair/Replace North, South and Mary Windows	\$150,000
PHASE II (\$172,000)	
Ceiling Plaster Repairs	\$60,000
Basement/Sub-Basement/Floor Repairs	<i>Funded</i>
Repointing of Exterior Masonry	\$72,000
Rough Carpentry/Floor, Framing, Stabilization	\$40,000
PHASE III (\$190,000)	
New Interior Dividing Wall	\$90,000
<i>Drywall/Flooring</i>	\$54,000
<i>Doors and Framing</i>	\$6,000
<i>Electrical</i>	\$12,000
<i>Plumbing and HVAC</i>	\$18,000
Reconfiguration of Worship Space (pews, lighting, sound)	\$50,000
Window Repair (organ loft windows)	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$657,000

Immaculate Conception, along with all the parishes in the Diocese, will contribute a portion of campaign funds to the Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation's Campaign effort to grow ministries and programs that support us all. Specifically these funds will be applied as follows:

ASSIST OUR RETIRED PRIESTS

Priests continue to serve our parishes well beyond retirement. Those who are retired require adequate income and housing. The current funds available do not meet the needs of the increasing number of retired clergy. Our own Fr. Tom will be retiring one day and this funding will support priests like him! We need to be sure Fr. Tom and all religious who have faithfully led us, are taken care of when they reach retirement.

ENHANCE SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONS

Priestly vocations have increased dramatically; and as the numbers of aspirants and seminarians rise, more funds are required for their formation and education. (Did you know the average cost for one year of seminary training is \$50,000 and the average length of time for seminary training is six years?) Funding from the Bishop's Appeal no longer meets growing needs for preparing our future priests. Through our support to vocations, more parish communities throughout our Diocese will be able to have dedicated pastors assigned to them. Right now, not every parish is as lucky as ours to have a full-time pastor like Fr. Tom!

DEVELOP CATHOLIC SCHOOLING RESOURCES

Our schools are where students are taught to deepen compassion and express their spirituality. They are where we engage the next generations of Catholics. We must ensure access to innovative, flexible and traditional models of Catholic education and provide scholarship support to help make a Catholic education more affordable to families of poor or modest means.

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE

We need to keep our Church fresh, vibrant and welcoming rather than sit idly by keeping the faith to ourselves and only for ourselves, watching the numbers of us grow fewer with each passing year. Now is the time for us to seize the opportunity to pass the light of Christ from one to another, a time to light a flame, to reignite our faith. To re-invigorate our faith, funds will be dedicated to updating resources to include video, web and distance learning; providing access to dynamic retreats, pilgrimages and renowned speakers; supporting youth and young adult ministries by providing greater access to programs and events; providing innovative evangelization support for our faith formation leaders via universal access to video and communications resources.

YOU are key to reigniting the faith here at Immaculate Conception Church!

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED AND HELP REIGNITE THE FAITH HERE AT ICC?

- Pray for our parish and the success of our campaign.
- Register as a parishioner at ICC.
- Celebrate Mass regularly as an active member of our parish community – and bring your kids!
- Contribute to the weekly offertory that supports ongoing parish operations.
- Invite your neighbors, friends and family to come to Mass with you.
- Join a parish committee.
- Serve as a campaign volunteer and help recruit others.
- Be a vocal advocate of our parish and our campaign.

OUR NEEDS... REMAINING A CORNERSTONE OF HOOSICK FALLS

In order to remain a cornerstone here in Hoosick Falls, we are going to need everyone's help. With that in mind, please review the chart below to better understand how a pledge could be made over a period of three to five years.

TOTAL PLEDGE	INITIAL PAYMENT (10% DOWN)	BALANCE	PLEGGED OVER 3 YEARS			PLEGGED OVER 5 YEARS		
			Annual Payment	Monthly Payment	Daily Sacrifice	Annual Payment	Monthly Payment	Daily Sacrifice
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$7,500	\$625.00	\$20.55	\$4,500	\$375.00	\$12.33
\$22,500	\$2,250	\$20,250	\$6,750	\$562.50	\$18.49	\$4,050	\$337.50	\$11.10
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$500.00	\$16.44	\$3,600	\$300.00	\$9.86
\$17,500	\$1,750	\$15,750	\$5,250	\$437.50	\$14.38	\$3,150	\$262.50	\$8.63
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$4,500	\$375.00	\$12.33	\$2,700	\$225.00	\$7.40
\$12,500	\$1,250	\$11,250	\$3,750	\$312.50	\$10.27	\$2,250	\$187.50	\$6.16
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$250.00	\$8.22	\$1,800	\$150.00	\$4.93
\$7,500	\$750	\$6,750	\$2,250	\$187.50	\$6.16	\$1,350	\$112.50	\$3.70
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$125.00	\$4.11	\$900	\$75.00	\$2.47
\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$900	\$75.00	\$2.47	\$540	\$45.00	\$1.48
\$1,500	\$150	\$1,350	\$450	\$37.50	\$1.23	\$270	\$22.50	\$0.74
\$1,000	\$100	\$900	\$300	\$25.00	\$0.82	\$180	\$15.00	\$0.49

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **When will the campaign start?**

It already has! The October 5th Block Party was our official kick-off of the campaign. However, the first step in campaign implementation is planning, and that has been underway for some time. Parish leadership has been working hard on the preliminary plan outlined on the previous pages of this document.

- **Are there funds from insurance that can be used to help pay for the renovations to the Church?**

Yes, the basement repairs will be paid for by the insurance payout from the flood.

- **What happened to St. Mary's Academy?**

St. Mary's has been sold to International Sports Academy (ISA). The funds from the sale will offset previous ICC/SMA debt.

- **What will happen to the endowed funds that were previously benefitting St. Mary's School?**

The annual interest that is yielded from the endowed Joseph Buckley Funds will be used for the parish's operating expenses. Any of the annual interest from the Joseph Buckley Funds that is used to fund ICC's restoration and repair efforts will be replaced by the campaign funds raised.

- **Will the parish receive any additional funding from the Diocese to help fix the church?**

We should not need any funds from the Diocese. *(Did you know that over the past few years the Diocese has forgiven ICC of a substantial amount of debt (more than \$500,000) that our parish owed to them?)* Our goal is to raise the monies needed to support our capital projects through the campaign.

- **I currently give to the parish offertory and/or current parish fundraisers; does that count toward the campaign?**

The parish is grateful for your generosity. The proceeds from the offertory and annual parish fundraisers are used for ongoing operating costs. Because the needs that will be addressed by our campaign are above and beyond our annual operating expenses, we are asking every individual/family to consider making a gift in support of our parish's renovation efforts via this campaign.

- **What does the future of Immaculate Conception look like?**

As we move forward with our campaign, we must consider not only our ability to raise funds for our church today but also the projected fiscal dollars and estimated attendance numbers for the next five to ten years.

This campaign is an opportunity for us to invigorate and bolster our parish and ensure a vibrant parish community for generations to come.

- **Who are the lay parish leaders?**

Trustees: Christina Angell, Ellen Scott

Finance Council: Linda Billert, Krissy Fauler, Mike Sanders, Dave Stagnitti

Pastoral Council: Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster, Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini, Karen Kaufman (and the two Trustees)

Campaign Leadership Committee: Eileen Bakaitis, Mike Brewster, Terri Burdick, Marilyn Douglas, Kathy Hunt, Linda Hutchins, Margaret Merwin, Laura Morley, Nick Pello, Patrice Pello, Ellen Scott, Jim Shaw, Bonnie St. Onge, Eileen Wood

- **How can you **LEARN MORE** about the parish and/or the campaign?**

- ✓ Speak with Father Tom Zelker or another parish leader
- ✓ Stop by the parish office Monday-Friday between 9am-3pm
- ✓ Call the parish office: (518) 686-5064
- ✓ Visit our website: icchoosickfalls.com
- ✓ Like ICC on Facebook: [@immaculateconceptionhoosickfalls](https://www.facebook.com/@immaculateconceptionhoosickfalls)
- ✓ Send an email: immconcept@roadrunner.com

THANK YOU
for prayerfully considering supporting

RESTORE...REIGNITE...REMAIN

This campaign is not just about raising money to fix our church,
it is about participation and involvement.

We are looking to grow our community of parishioners – more folks
coming to Mass and more people involved in our parish ministries!

TOGETHER, WE WILL

Strengthen our current parish community

**Build the next generations of
Catholics here in Hoosick Falls**

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