

## Christ the Good Shepherd



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#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & Ellen Scott

#### FINANCE COUNCIL:

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#### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster

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# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## ACH Payments Updates

During this time of cancelled services (Mass is on our Facebook Page), the church is impacted financially. The automatic contribution system is working well, if you are able to continue your contributions and are interested in doing so. This may be an easy way for you to support our parish during these difficult economic times. The form is attached. If you have any questions please call the rectory at 518-686-5064 or send an email to [immconcept@roadrunner.com](mailto:immconcept@roadrunner.com).

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### Electronic Withdrawal Form

I would like to enroll in the Immaculate Conception Church Withdrawal Program. I understand that my total contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking or savings account as stated below. A record of my gifts will appear on my bank statement and my transfers will begin on the date stated below. I understand that I can increase, decrease or suspend my giving by written authorization given to Immaculate Conception Church. Any questions regarding the Electronic Withdrawal should be directed to the Office Manager at (518) 686-5064.

I would like my offertory contributions deducted monthly in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Please begin my withdrawal(s) on: \_\_\_\_\_

on the 1st Monday of each month.

Monthly contribution amounts will be debited

I would also like to give to the following special collections during the year:

Collection	Amount	Month
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation	_____	Second Monday of Every Month
<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist	_____	Third Monday of April and September
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel	_____	Third Monday of March and November
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	_____	January
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday	_____	March or April
<input type="checkbox"/> Ascension Thursday	_____	May or June
<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption of Mary	_____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	_____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	_____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Gift	_____	December

Note: The special collection amount indicated above will be debited the Monday following the Holy Day.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your completed form with a copy of your voided check to:  
Immaculate Conception Church, 67 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090



### The Lost Sheep

A sheep found a hole in the fence and climbed through it. He was so glad to get away. He wandered far and then got lost. Then he realized he was being followed by a wolf. He ran and ran but still he was chased. ...Until the shepherd came and rescued him and carried him lovingly back to the fold. And in spite of everyone's urgings to the contrary, the shepherd refused to nail up the hole in the fence.

Who is Christ for you? To whom are you the love of Christ? The Resurrection of Life explodes from the tomb...Christ cannot be narrowed down, pigeon holed, limited, figured out, deadened. The story of God continues on in each one of us...in all people..let your story reveal the freeing love of the Good Shepherd!



Ring the bells in honor of nurses, doctors, grocery workers, police, and firefighters...thank you!

**FOOD DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE RECTORY OR FOOD PANTRY ANYTIME. YOUR HELP IS CRUCIAL!**

#### St. Mary's Rooms are Available

Need a room? St. Mary's Academy has dorm rooms available (while the students are out of school). If some one needs a place to stay, check with the people at old SMA.

#### Faith Formation News

As part of our Family based focus these are **This weeks and Next weeks** readings so you and your family can think about those lessons.

#### Readings for Sunday May 3

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41  
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10

#### Readings for Sunday May 10

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7  
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9  
Gospel: John: 14: 1-12

Here is this weeks YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family. Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

How the Virus Stole Easter  
By: Kristi Bothur  
With a nod to Dr. Seuss

'Twas late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.

People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.

As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.

People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.

April approached and churches were closed.  
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.

"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."

Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.

"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.  
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.

The world woke Sunday and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.

"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.  
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming."

"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.

"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.

And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.

But the sound wasn't depressed.  
Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn't be so!  
But it grew with abundance!

The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!

Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,  
Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!

It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!

And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling.  
"Just how can it be?"

"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."

Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.  
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."

And what happened then?  
Well...the story's not done.  
What will YOU do?  
Will you share with that one  
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?

The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.

So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.

May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.  
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.  
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that -  
Let it start a revival.

## Easter: 50 Days that make a Difference

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place..that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted..but as an ongoing story that gives life..The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us..we are bold witnesses to the New Creation for all people.

God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self-centered....we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life.

May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue..but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people.

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

### RESPECT LIFE

Stand up for anyone who is bullied, abused, or the victim of prejudice. Learn about foster families and adoption. Support Alcoholics Anonymous and drug rehabilitation. Help Amnesty International; end human trafficking and forced labor.

### RESPECT THE EARTH

Plant a tree, flowers, or a garden. Help with our Food Pantry garden. Use less fertilizer, pesticides, or chemicals. Pick up litter. Support local farmers. Learn about Climate Change and our future.

### FAMILY, COMMUNITY, CHURCH

Be kind; write a note; volunteer; vote; call someone's who is ill; change a negative in your life; do something positive; cry with someone; laugh and enjoy life; smile!



We are all empowered to be Christ's love for someone today.

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### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Fr. Joe Manerowski, Karen Thomas, Lenny Austin, Beverly James, Gloria Parker, Ronda Sharpe, Matt Waytkus, Veronica Hoag, Keith Buck, Bill Ellis, Dave Hanselman, Felicia Martelle, Pat Carknard, Cheryl McLaughlin, Hanna Stevens, Jean Shaw, Lenny Darosa, Neil Watykus, Corrine Philpott, Jeff Babson, Shirley Bissonette, Cassandra Percy, Janet Smith, Sandy McCart, Dawn Myers, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Judy Quackenbush, Sally Williams, Annette Nealon, 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.



HACA Food Pantry will be open normal hours, however, they will give out pre-packaged bags at the door to one family at a time. All normal items will be included. **Additional Items Needed: Ramen noodles, oatmeal, canned dinners (spaghetti, chili, stew), pancake mix, rice/pasta boxed mixes (Rice a Roni), shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.**

**Food Pantry Volunteers...**We are looking for volunteers to help. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 686-5310.



**VOLUNTEER!  
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WE NEED YOUR HELP**

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

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

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