

July 4 & 5, 2020 ~ Immaculate Conception Church



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

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Mass is Back

Due to the Governor's announcement this weekend and with the Bishop's permission, we can celebrate a public Mass with a congregation of 25% of the seating capacity of the church, contingent on the completion of the steps required by the state and the diocese. This equals 55 people for Immaculate Conception Church Hall. We reopened on Saturday, June 20 for our 4pm Mass and Sunday, June 21 for our 9am Mass.

Prior to celebrating public Mass again, we are required to submit a compliance and safety plan to the diocese. We are working on these plans and are starting to ensure everyone's safety during this epidemic. Here is what you need to do if you wish to participate at Mass:

Saturday Mass will be at 4pm; Sunday Mass will be 9am. We also celebrate Mass Sundays at 11am at St. Patrick's, Cambridge. Similar rules are in place there. Masses in Hoosick Falls will be held in our Immaculate Conception Church Hall. This hall is easier to clean and remain socially distant. Please be patient.

Those who wish to attend will be required to:

1. Make reservations (name, number of people, phone number) with your parish for what Mass you plan to attend. Either call **(518) 686-5064** or email **immconcept@roadrunner.com** or stop in our office. Please contact us Wednesday to Friday noon, prior to the weekend mass. Your reservation will be confirmed. Once capacity is met, no one else may enter.
2. Enter only by the blue door, on the north side of the church hall.
3. Remain socially distant - 6 feet apart - when entering, when in the hall, and when leaving. Please leave chairs in place.
4. Masks must be worn for the entire Mass.
5. Bring hand sanitizer and use it when entering and before receiving Communion.
6. Fill in the seats as instructed. Please remain seated for the entire Mass. Collection baskets are at the doors.
7. There is no congregational singing. Instrumental music will accompany the liturgy.
8. Communion will be brought to you. We are not sharing the Cup at this time.
9. Exit safely and respectfully from the doors of the hall.
10. Leave church property immediately.
11. Uplift each other in sacred prayer.
12. Restrooms are closed.

Once we reach our allowed capacity, we will not be able to let anyone else in. We are investigating ways for those who might not be able to enter the church to remain outside and receive communion. Those who are older, have medical conditions, or are frail are strongly urged to stay home. Bishop Scharfenberger has continued the dispensation of the Sunday obligation. There are ample opportunities online and on television to view Mass.

Confirmation

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 10th, 11th, and 12th grade parishioners on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at our Cathedral in Albany.

We Pray

As of right now, we are not taking Mass Intentions for our Saturday/Sunday Masses. All are prayed for at all of our liturgies. As things “settle down”, we’ll go back to that ancient practice.

Butterfly Garden

A milkweed garden has sprung up in the front of our Mary Shrine on the rectory front lawn. Milkweed is the sole food of monarch butterfly caterpillars. Let’s enjoy their presence in their journey from Mexico to Hoosick Falls and back again.



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



Grace and Anna Wysocki help deliver food from Hoosick Falls Central School to the residents of Wood Bridge and Wood Park. Families throughout our school district have been served twice weekly this past semester.

- 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 July 5:

Readings for Sunday July 12:

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
2nd Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Here is this weeks YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family. Go to YouTube and search for the following:
Finding Balance in Your Walk with Jesus



Beatitudes of Christian Living Realizing the impact we have in our everyday living



Hoosick Falls Candle Light Vigil: We Stand Together in Solidarity that All People be Treated Justly, Equally, and Rightly

The Church’s Life

God of surprises,
when I think you are not present in my life,
you reveal yourself in the love of friends and family
and nurture me in your never-ending affection.

God of surprises,
when we think you are not present in our community,
you labor to make us of one heart
and cause us to share gladly and generously.

God of surprises,
when people think you are not present in our world,
you bring hope out of despair
and create growth out of difficulty.

God of surprises,
you are ever with us.

When the days go by and our vision fades,
keep surprising us.
When our hope dims and our patience wears thin,
keep coming to us.
Teach us how to keep our lamps lit
and to be prepared,
that we may see your loving presence among us.

Amen.

Happy Fourth of July

Let Freedom Ring!



The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep ancient birds, your storied pomp!
cries she
with silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Emma Lazarus

Emma Lazarus’s poem “The New Colossus” is at the base of the Statue dedicated in 1886. The tablet in her hand says “July 4, 1776”... the date of the Declaration of Independence.

We appreciate the many people who serve our Nation: garbage collectors; nursing home workers; grocery store clerks, stockers, and bakers; cleaning people; medical researchers; teachers; farmers; fire fighters; police; nurses and doctors; members of the armed services; government workers, including road crews; civil servants; mayors; clerks; foresters; factory workers; postal employees; hospital staff; architects; poets and musicians; news reporters; scientists and inventors; caregivers; maintenance workers; pilots; lifeguards; plumbers and electricians; store owners; baby sitters; religious sisters; professors; comedians; construction workers; and all the diverse people who make the United States of America a beacon of hope for the world.

Scripture Insights

Paul continues to develop his thoughts about the contrast between an Adamic humanity and a messianic humanity in Romans 8. Here, Paul expresses the contrast in terms of flesh and spirit. While flesh has incapacitated us with violence and death, spirit empowers us for life and justice.

Interestingly, Paul begins this chapter referring to a law of spirit of life in Christ and a law of sin and of death (Romans 8:1-8). He connects the law of sin and death and the flesh. Going back to Adam and the first death in the Bible, the law of flesh may be one of measure and competition. It is seen in Cain’s jealousy of Abel that leads to the first murder. That same law brings about condemnations and more deaths through punishment or revenge.

The law of the spirit gives up this jealous competition and hostile calculation. It enables a ruler to arrive unassumingly on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9-10) instead of showing up haughtily with a mighty military. With this law of the spirit, God not only is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, holding up the falling, and raising those who are bowed down (Psalm 145:8-9, 14) but also takes on vulnerable and sinful flesh (Romans 8:3). The law of the spirit leads us to divine revelations to dependent infants instead of to self-assured elites, and to Jesus offering peace and rest to the weary and the humble (Matthew 11:25-30). The law of the spirit is a different value system and way of life.

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YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

Prior Week's Offerings: June 27 & 28

*Information for June 27 and June 28
not available at time of publication*

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Fr. Joe Manerowski, Karen Thomas, Caroline Bachorz, 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

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.