

Epiphany - January 2 & 3, 2021



**We celebrate Christ of all Creation - Born among us in Jesus
Leading us to our fulfillment in Christ's Love**

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

HALL

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & Ellen Scott

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Liturgy Schedule:

Friday, January 1, 10AM
For Peace in our world
For healing in our lives

Saturday, January 2, 4PM Mass
For the elderly

Sunday, January 3, 9AM Mass
For a good new year

Saturday, January 9, 4PM Mass
Sandy McCart
(Requested by
Mike & Mary Ellen Sanders)
Michael Rodak
(Requested by Linda Hutchins)
Mary C. Buckley
(Requested by Buckley Estate)

Sunday, January 10, 9AM Mass
For all our parishioners



A Christmas Card Psalm

O you who showered sacred stars
on the tiny town of Bethlehem,
I thank you for guiding artists' brushes
to create cards of beauty,
bursting with blessings
and filled with love and greetings from friends.

I lift up my heart in gratitude
for these beautiful yearly bridges
that bind us together in love,
we who are often too busy
for keeping up with friendship's needs.

My cards of Christmas past are now previous relics,
and like the bones of saints
they hold great power,
and so I hate to bury them
or see them burn.

Opened Christmas cards
hum to me the hymn of love
and teach me the sacrament of correspondence.
Tie about the finger of my mind, Beloved One,
a reminder that without reminders
friendship fades from the failure
to express words of love and appreciation
to one another.

May these wondrous days of Christmas
inspire me to celebrate
the un-holidays of the year,
the feasts of no-occasions,
with love notes to friends who are far away.

Sacred season of the days of Christmas,
gift me with the power to stop the clock,
and live in the moment,
so as to keep God alive within the world.
For if God is love, then God may be found
in the mystery of love exchanged.
May I be a holy messenger of that mystery.

Scripture Insights

On this Feast of the Epiphany, on which we celebrate the manifestation of God among all peoples, we hear once again rousing words from the Book of Isaiah. Note that in our reading the text is addressed to Jerusalem, the holy city, not to either a prophet or the people. While the word *Jerusalem* does not appear in the Hebrew text, it would seem that the editors of the lectionary wanted to make clear to the listeners of this proclamation that the words are, indeed, addressed to the holy city. Commentators agree that this portion of Isaiah focuses on the role of Jerusalem, the soon-to-be-restored city, where God's glory will be made manifest.

The first two chapters of Matthew's Gospel account are commonly referred to as the infancy narrative, and this material is often divided into several sections. Today's verses are frequently identified as "the adoration of the Magi." Another element may be important to note. The word *Bethlehem*, the place of Jesus' birth, appears four times in these twelve verses. Might we consider this town, this earthly place, a specific location at a given time in human history, where Jesus, son of David and Son of God, is made manifest in human flesh? It is because of this mystery of the Incarnation that the author of the Letter to the Ephesians could write of the Spirit "that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel.

- ◆ Reflect on the ways that God has been revealed to you.
- ◆ Today's Responsorial Psalm presents us with the depiction of an ideal king, a king who "rescues the poor when they cry out." What is your responsibility in helping to bring about such a world where justice and compassion reign?
- ◆ How has your image of Jesus coming into the world changed since your childhood? What does Christmas mean to you today?

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My dear friends:

I have a conviction that my Season's Greetings this year differs greatly from all former ones. Death and War have brought deep sorrow into to many of our homes and general sadness has prevailed at times. I have often been grieved that I could not be of more comfort to you. But I trust that as we come to the Christmas-tide, that the Star of Bethlehem, with its blessed hope, may shine brighter than ever. And while we would not minimize the "Golden Star" and it's significance, our consolation is in placing it by the side of the Star of Bethlehem.

My sincere and best wish for you all, regardless of what may have come to you of happiness or sorrow, is that the joy of our Divine Lord may be yours now and ever.

North Hoosick, N.Y.

E.G. Visher

- From a Christmas card during World War I; from the North Hoosick Methodist Church. This sentiment has so much meaning today.

Comfort & Hope Group

Monday, January 4 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall kitchen area. A faith-filled support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. We are not alone in our grief, our shared stories bless us with Christ among us. Masks are required.

• Catholic Charities Food Outreach •

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Hoosick Falls Central School

Free food for any and all in need. Volunteers needed to help at 8:15am. If you can help pack and deliver food, please contact our parish office or Catholic Charities at 518-728-1054.

Sign me up!

If you are interested in electronic giving, please call the parish office to request a form or fill out the form on page 4 of this bulletin and mail in or drop off at 67 Main Street.

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 January 3

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Readings for Sunday January 10

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

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

Christmas: A Time for Hope

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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 weekly in the amount of \$ _____.

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

Please begin my withdrawal(s) on: _____

(Date, No Earlier Than September 26)

Note: Weekly contribution amounts will be debited every Monday. Monthly contribution amounts will be debited on the 1st Monday of each month.

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

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**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS &
ATTENDANCE**

▪ **Unavailable at time of publication** ▪

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Allen A. Lyle Sr., Cheryl McLaughlin, Dave Hanselman, Dawn Myers, Dorothy Roy, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Felicia Martelle, Fr. Joe Manerowski, Gary Grogan, Jeff Babson, Jesse Stevens, Judy Brownell, Judy Quackenbush, Keith Buck, Marie Slattery, Matt Waytkus, Melissa Cleary, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Neil Waytkus, Paulette Sukuskas, Ronda Sharpe, Stacy Rogers, 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.