

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 23 & 24, 2021



**“for the beauty of the Earth ..  
Lord of all to you we raise our song of grateful praise”**

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:**

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
HALL

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

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## Liturgy Schedule:

**Saturday, January 23, 4PM Mass**

**Sandy McCart**

(Requested by Linda Hutchins)

**Anthony Mango**

(Requested by

Brian & Mariea Rousseau)

**Mary Downey**

(Requested by family)

**Sunday, January 24, 9AM Mass**

**Ann & Elmer Jandrow**

(Requested by family)

**Pat Herrington**

(Requested by family)

**Michael Foster & Daniel Taber**

(Requested by Janice Yurewitch)

**Saturday, January 30, 4PM Mass**

**John Guile**

(Requested by

Comfort & Hope Group)

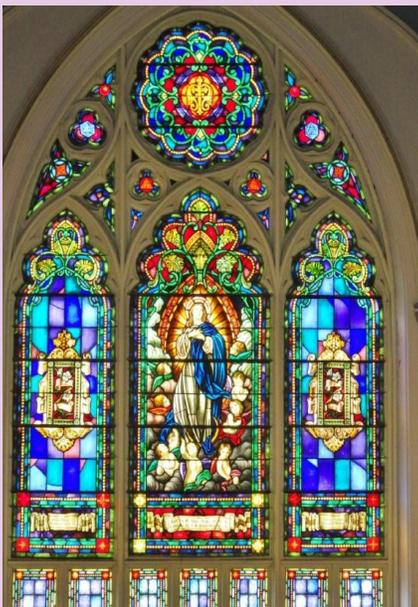
**Fr. Pat Leonard, OSA**

(Requested by Patricia Bass)

**Sunday, January 31, 9AM Mass**

**Sandy McCart**

(Requested by Mary Negvesky)



## January Thaw (Meltdown)

Thank you to all the firefighters, police, and EMTs who bravely assisted in last Tuesday's meltdown of the rectory boiler. They knew their jobs and performed them with bravery and selfless service. This boiler was about 7 years old when it failed; an explosion would have been catastrophic for our village. Our first responders saved the day. A new furnace is expected soon. Thanks to all who helped. In the meantime, buckle up your overcoat.

## Scripture Insights

Written in the period after the exile to Babylon, the Book of Jonah is a prophecy to the Jews returning home. Ancient prophecies were intended to call God's people back to faithfulness. They often contained indictments of neighboring powers that defied God by conquering God's people. So it is not unusual that Jonah would be directed to pronounce doom on Nineveh, capital of Assyria. That nation had conquered the northern kingdom of Israel in an earlier period of Israel's history— 722 years before the birth of Christ.

The Book of Jonah is unusual, however, because the Ninevites believe Jonah immediately and repent. No prophet to the Jews had such instantaneous success. Isaiah was warned that the people wouldn't believe; Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern; Ezekiel found the Israelites rebellious. But the Ninevites changed their ways. More astounding - God repents of the punishment that was intended.

This had happened before, but rarely (Exodus 32:18 is a notable example). It had never happened with non-Jews and sworn enemies of Israel. If we read further, we find that Jonah becomes very angry with God for this.

How does this story prophesy to Jews after the exile and bring them back to faithfulness? How does it prophesy to us? The story of Jonah speaks eloquently to the constancy of God as one who is "slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. It also draws on a theology of creation that understands God as Lord of all. Whoever turns to God is gathered in love. Finally, the story cautions against putting boundaries on God's care and concern. Israel cannot claim God exclusively for itself. No nation can. Jonah's story suggests that if God cares for the enemies of Israel so much, then God will care for Israel that much more.

The prophesy of Jonah teaches that God is not bound by human notions of judgement and justice and that we do not have exclusive rights to God's mercy and love.

How do we counteract the idea that we are more favored by God than others?

## The Snows of Kilimanjaro

Garrett Wright, an old Hoosick farm boy, climbs Mt. Wilson in California in preparation for an expedition up Africa's Mt Kilimanjaro this summer. Garrett is seeking to raise money and awareness for our local food pantry. Donations supporting this effort can be made to the Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA) Pantry.



▪ Render Unto Caesar ▪

If you need tax contribution information please call our office.

If you would like to receive ICC emails, please call the parish office at 518-686-5064



## Practice of Charity

When we make the decision to become a disciple of Christ, we not only decide to take on an utterly changed way of being but also agree to leave behind anything that might present an obstacle to our new mission. Indifference (to injustice, to suffering), selfishness, a stubborn pursuit of unworthy aims - none of these can be part of our new path. The Christian life is a continual process of discernment and formation.

- ♦ Today discern the path you are traveling. What must you leave behind to continue on your baptismal journey?
- ♦ What concrete things can you do to show that you love God above all?
- ♦ At the "Issues and Actions" page on the US bishops' website (<http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/index.cfm>), find practical ways to become involved in charitable actions in the world, your country or your region.

## Comfort & Hope Group

Monday, February 1 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.

## 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 24

1st Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Readings for Sunday January 31

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

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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**

**For January 16 & 17**

Regular Offertory.....\$1,994.21  
Total .....\$1,994.21

**Attendance**

Saturday, January 16.....57  
Sunday, January 17 .....35  
  
Total .....92

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

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, Sally Williams, 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.



- ♦ 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.