

The Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 15 & 16, 2021



Easter - Our Resurrection in Christ

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

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A Message from Fr. Peter...

So many of us were unable to gather this weekend so Fr. Peter kindly wrote this short introduction for us.

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, May 15

4:00 pm Mass

Peg Rice

(Requested by

Comfort & Hope Group)

Sunday, May 16

9:00 am Mass

Adam Sargood

(Requested by Florence Belnap)

Henry & James Marcoux

(Requested by Nick & Judy Flynn)

Kelly Shea

(Requested by Pat & Tony Hayes)

Saturday, May 22

4:00 pm Mass

Johanna Hyde

(Requested by Art Hyde & family)

Funeral Mass for Henry Marchand

at 12:00 noon

Sunday, May 23

9:00 am Mass

Rev. Jake Campbell

(Requested by Gloria Shufon)

Nathan Hayes

(Requested by Rick & Peggy Taber)

John Burdick

(Requested by Terri Burdick

& family)



Crafted from the foundation beams of our Church, we continue to build up the reign of God with living stones. Jesus Christ is our true cornerstone.

Hi,

My name is Peter Tkocz. I was born on September 20, 1967 in Krapkowice, Poland. After finishing an elementary school, high school, and college degree in philosophy, I came to the United States in August 28, 1994.

First, I studied for 2 years ESL (English as a Second Language) and Enculturation and Acculturation Programs. Then, I continued my education in theology towards preparation for the ordination to the priesthood. All that took place at Saint Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Meanwhile, after finishing my second year of theology, I came to Albany, NY for a Pastoral Year experience, living in the Blessed Sacrament Parish. In 1999 I went to Sacred Heart Priests Seminary in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. There I completed my last two years of theology. On June 9, 2001 I was ordained a priest for the diocese of Albany, in the cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Albany.

My first priestly assignment was St. Gabriel's Parish in Rotterdam. Then, I went to St. Ambrose in Latham, following St. Michael's in Cohoes, Our Lady of Annunciation in Queensbury and Sacred Heart in Lake George.

Presently, I am assigned to St. Patrick's in Cambridge, Immaculate Conception in Hoosick Falls, and Holy Cross in Salem.

In cooperation with Jeff Peck – Parish Life Director of the 3 parishes mentioned above, I'm looking forward to continuing my priestly ministry with excitement and openness to the new possibilities.

- Fr. Peter Tkocz



We welcome 10 young parishioners to the Lord's Table. May their young ideal faith inspire us.

We welcome:

Elijah Abbott

Micah Brennstuhl

Maddex Case

Isabelle Lewis

Berkley Miller

Kate Sparks

Ryan Sparks

Myla Steller

Bella Wysocki

Madelyn Zwinge

Drink from the Well, A Virtual Retreat Series.

On **May 25, 7-8:30 pm**, we will gather on Zoom for the last session in the series, **Trust All Shall be Well with Julian of Norwich**, to be inspired by Julian's life and writings and to pray that "All Shall be Well." Julian of Norwich witnessed three rounds of the bubonic plague, lost almost everyone she loved, and nearly died herself. She lived in a time of peasant revolts and the Great Schism. She experienced scandal and crisis in the Church, with three claimants to the papacy each excommunicating the other. With injustice all around, Julian was given a glimpse of divine love assuring that "all manner of things shall be well." The fee for the evening retreat is \$12.

See www.battenkillcatholic.org/news-events for more information. To register,

Contact: maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org



Virtual Baby Shower

Immaculate Conception Parish will hold a virtual baby shower during the month of June to support Birthright. Birthright is a non-profit organization in Ballston Spa that offers free support, referrals, and essential baby items to pregnant women in need. Please bring your unwrapped gift to the Parish Hall before Mass and place it in the bassinet. If you prefer, gifts may be dropped at the rectory Monday-Friday, 9 am to 3 pm.

Birthright is in need of diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream or ointment, new infant clothing, onesies, sleepers, knit sweaters and hats; anything you would need for a newborn.

Thank you for your generosity and support of Birthright. If there are any questions, please feel free to call Mary Ellen Kinney at 518-686-4262.



Peace to All! “Peace...Shalom...Salaam”

Our Peace Pole was placed next to our Easter Fire Pit during the Triduum. May the holy love of Christ ignite our hearts on fire to seek justice and peace among all nations. Benches are placed there for your rest.

“When I was in prison you visited me” Parish Prison Ministry

Simply write a general letter of encouragement and compassion to a person incarcerated on plain loose leaf or typing paper and drop it off at church or our office. Do not include specific family information but a letter of wisdom and hope. Use regular pens; no crayons. Letters will be mailed in official Church envelopes. Thank you for remembering.

Readers Needed!

Parishioners interested in reading at Saturday Mass please contact the Parish office at 518-686-5064.

Immaculate Conception Earth Garden



Plowed plots are available for your own personal vegetable garden. The western acreage is our parish garden to grow fruits and vegetables for our Food Pantry. To help or reserve a plot, please call our office.

If you reserve a plot for your own use, please remember you are responsible for maintaining (weeding and harvesting) your own area on a regular basis.

Unity House

In collaboration with the
Hoosick Falls Police Department
2nd Floor - Armory, 80 Church Street,
Hoosick Falls
(518) 272-5917

Services offered (all services are voluntary, free and confidential):

- ◆ Case management
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Advocacy with DSS,CPS, Police, Court, Housing & more
- ◆ Legal Representation & Consultation
- ◆ Education & Employment Assistance
- ◆ Sexual Assault Services
- ◆ Youth Services
- ◆ Referrals and Connections to other Programs/Services
- ◆ Emergency Shelter

Hotlines: Call: (518) 272-2370 or Text: (518) 720-6161
Web chat: rc.chat/uhdvs

Comfort & Hope Group

Monday, June 7 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 week’s and next week’s readings so you and your family can think about those lessons.

Readings for Sunday May 16

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
2nd Reading: 1 John 4:11-16
Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Readings for Sunday May 23

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Here is this week’s YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family.

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Tips for Praying**

EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter, the Church remembers the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. But although these liturgies are full of drama and a powerful sense of history, liturgical remembering is not about the past; it is about the present. When the Church remembers, something happens in the here and now. **“Recalling thus the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of the Lord’s powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age in order that the faithful may lay hold on them and be filled with saving grace.”** The Triduum is, in a word, *sacramental*; for the Resurrection is not just remembered, as great events in history are remembered; the Resurrection *happens*. We celebrate Easter for 50 days this year until May 23...Pentecost...be caught up in the Spirit!

God’s Dream ... Our Work

Each person makes a difference!

Our Eucharist sends us forth to embody Christ’s love, Christ’s Justice, Christ’s Healing, and Christ’s Reign in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say “you don’t matter” because you do! You make all the difference in the world.

Here are some activities that may interest you in order to help another person, stand up for what is right, or care for our Earth. Remember, our Catholic faith is not self-centered, but selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to God’s sacred presence every day, everywhere.

May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly beautiful, the most unsettling, the deepest life giving love for all people!

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

RESPECT LIFE

- ⇒ Stand up for anyone who is being abused by domestic violence. Call Catholic Charities (free and confidential) at 518-453-6650. Get help for yourself or someone else who is abused by hitting, humiliation, guilt, bullying, or forced sex.
- ⇒ Contribute to the National Adoption Foundation, 100 Mill Plain Road, Danbury, CT 06811 (National Adoption Foundation.org) helping families adopt children.
- ⇒ Speak out against racism, prejudice, sexual harassment.
- ⇒ Invite a troubled drinker to AA - local meetings are Monday evenings at 8 pm at the Hoosick Baptist Church.
- ⇒ Help Amnesty International USA, 322 8th Ave., New York, NY 10001; www.amnestyusa.org - in demanding that all forms of torture cease, political prisoners receive fair trials, and death squads be eliminated.
- ⇒ The Roarke Center, Troy (518-273-8351) helps women with legal issues and when leaving incarceration.
- ⇒ Learn and do something about the worldwide crime of human trafficking (modern slavery). More than 29 million people are held in bondage for forced labor or sexual exploitation. Contact the “Project to End Human Trafficking.”
- ⇒ Come to our parish Comfort & Hope support group.

RESPECT THE EARTH

- ⇒ Support “Trees for Life,” 3006 West St. Louis, Wichita, KS 67203. This group supplies native fruit and shade trees to devastated areas throughout the world. Help reforest Mount Kilimanjaro with 3 million trees with Interfaith Power & Light on the net (or 415-561-4891).
- ⇒ Buy produce at local farm stands; at the store, make sure produce is grown in America. Support local farmers.
- ⇒ Hike the Taconic Crest Trail.
- ⇒ Contribute to the Nature Conservancy, P. O. Box 65, Keene Valley, NY 12943 in preserving rare mountain habitats.
- ⇒ Recycle everything that you can.
- ⇒ Pick up litter on the Hoosic River Trail.
- ⇒ Plant an extra row of vegetables to share at our Food Pantry.
- ⇒ Use less fertilizer on your lawn and garden. Runoff pollutes our waters.
- ⇒ Learn about Global Warming and what you can do to help future generations.
- ⇒ Plant a tree, feed the birds, put up a bat house.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

- ⇒ Be enthusiastic at Mass.
- ⇒ Volunteer to read at Mass, help sanitize after Mass.
- ⇒ Assist with our Food Pantry Garden.
- ⇒ Think about becoming a priest.
- ⇒ Laugh and enjoy life ... smile ... celebrate friendship.
- ⇒ Change a negative in your life and do something positive. Exercise!
- ⇒ Help a neighbor, ride a bike, share some flowers, kayak down a river.

POLITICAL ARENA

- ⇒ Check out “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility”
- ⇒ See www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship or call 1-800-235-8722 at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- ⇒ Vote in all elections.

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Counters:

This Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry

Next Week: Bob Medvetz & Jerry McAuliffe

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE For May 8 & 9

Regular Offertory.....\$1,745.00
Total\$1,745.00

Attendance:

Saturday, May 8 67
Sunday, May 964
Total.....131

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Barbara Bouplon, Billy Benkoski, Cheryl McLaughlin, Dave Hanselman, Dawn Myers, Donny Hayden, Dorothy Roy, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Felicia Martelle, Fr. Joe Manerowski, Gary Grogan, Harley Conte, Jeff Babson, Jesse Stevens, Judy Brownell, Judy Quackenbush, Karen Thomas, Linda Kane, Marie Slattery, Matt Waytkus, Melissa Cleary, Mike Stone, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Neil Waytkus, Paulette Sukuskas, Peter Kane, 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 518-686-7835.



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 518-686-5310.

VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! 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 at 518-686-5064.**

“Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness”

Three day votive candles are in our lower church. The donation is 25cents. Please be considerate of others when lighting a candle.

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

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