

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - June 5 & 6, 2021



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
HALL

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 10 AM

TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & Ellen Scott

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Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
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Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, June 5

4:00 pm Mass

The Ambrosino & Bagnoli families

(Requested by family)

Herb Loretan

(Requested by Saile White)

Sunday, June 6

10:00 am Mass

Manuel Custodio

(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

Peggy Rice

(Requested by Bobby &

Mary Ellen Benkoski)

Saturday, June 12

4:00 pm Mass

Ciuk & Levandowski Families

(Requested by family)

Sunday, June 13

10:00 am Mass

Stephanie L'Heureux

(Requested by

Nancy & Mike Mahoney)



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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective June 6, 2021

Sunday Mass time

will change to

10:00 am

Dear Friends,

The appointed time has come. Following a ritual as old as the exodus from Egypt 1,200 years earlier, Jesus and those present remember God's deliverance of a slave people from bondage to freedom. They eat lamb, bitter herbs, sweet honey and unleavened bread. They share a cup of wine not once but several times as voices at the table read ancient texts and prayers.

And then, in Mark's words, "while they were eating, [Jesus] took bread and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'This is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many.'" This lesson, so familiar to us, was shocking to those men who reclined at that rough-hewn table. In less than a handful of words, their world tilted on its axis as Passover became something else. There, in that furnished upper room, a head-on collision took place between an old story of freeing slaves from bondage to a new story of broken body and shed blood.

Leonardo da Vinci and scores of artists before and after him have attempted to capture this moment on canvas and fresco, marble and wood. What if God would quicken our imaginations to grasp the wonder set loose in that room and the world when Jesus said "This is my body; this is my blood"? What if, in these next few moments and then as we share this meal, that wonder in an upper room long ago broke loose among us? With you, I confess there are times we come to church, sit, kneel, and stand during a service, hear the lessons, witness the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup and leave grateful another service is over. Could these moments at table be more?

Times are we associate wonder with spontaneity and surprise. Driving cross country after a rainstorm, we round a curve in the road and a rainbow breaks across the horizon in resplendent color. The phone rings and a friend from years back has found us and called to say "I've missed you and the wonderful times we shared." A child runs across the room when you open the door and jumps into your arms for no reason other than you happen to be her grandmother. Yes, there are times when wonder explodes into our lives from nowhere.

But wonder also knows how to work a plan. Visitors who have been able to visit St. Peter's Basilica in Rome never forget the symmetry of the structure, the colonnade fronting that building that welcomes visitors, opening the church's arms, and the iconography that adorns the walls, ceilings, and even the floor! Many people, including Michelangelo, had a lot to do with all that. St. Peter's was imagined, drawn, planned, carefully constructed and thoughtfully appointed.

Here, closer to home, loving hands prepare this space each time we gather for worship. All the details associated with preparation collude to assist us in meeting the living God. Devoted men and women prepare this place with the same love and care those two men made ready that upper room long ago. When we thoughtfully prepare, wonder often shows up.

The story also tells us that wonder can break in to something already going on. The disciples gathered with Jesus that evening to celebrate the time-honored tradition of Passover with their teacher. They expected roasted lamb and bitter herbs. From childhood, they knew the ritual. Every aspect of that Passover meal stepped out of a tradition with little change from ages past.

And then it happened. "While Jesus was eating" he led his followers to a new place. Mind you, that turn was not a detour away from the Passover, but another road that would bring out of an old story the new covenant God was making with the human family. That new story took bread and broke it and a cup and shared it. That new story would be as transforming as God's deliverance of a slave people from Egypt. That new story would be infused with sacrifice and seasoned with love. Times are, wonder breaks into an evening meal, a commute to work, a coffee break with a friend, even a visit to one's physician. Such was the wonder in that upper room.

Finally, this upper room story tells us that wonder, when it is wonder, will always have God as its center. Leonardo captured eternal truth when he positioned our Lord at the center of "The Last Supper." All the light and every face, even the folds in the clothing worn by the disciples focus the eye on Jesus Christ who sits as host at the table. Such is our personal experience when something wonderful happens and we blurt out, "My God!" confessing God as the source of all lasting wonder. Such can be our experience when Jesus Christ is the focus of our lives.

Long ago, as oil lamps cast ominous shadows on old stone walls, Jesus took bread and broke it. He took a cup and blessed it. He said, "This is my body, broken for you. This is the blood of the new covenant poured out for many." In those moments now known only to God, wonder broke out in an upper room. In those moments, our Lord Jesus Christ showed us that he would give his very life for us. His death, his shed blood, his resurrection is now our hope and confidence. Why not let wonder break into your life today? Open your heart of hearts to this One whose body was broken, whose blood was shed for you and all the world? He sits at table with us with open hands, inviting us to follow him as Savior and Lord.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

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 bassinette. 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.



Readers Needed!

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

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.

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.

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.

During the past year, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation was temporarily dispensed by Bishop Scharfenberger. The Bishop has decided to re-instate the general Sunday Obligation for all Catholics within the Diocese of Albany, beginning on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sunday, June 6th, 2021. There will still be particular exemptions from this obligation for those in certain circumstances such as: frailty, sickness, or injury, those who must care for the infirmed, or those who experience truly high levels of fear from being in public places at this time, they are not obligated to worship in person at Holy Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation.

Sunday, June 20th marks the 20th Anniversary of the Ordination of Fr. Peter Tkocz. Please feel free to leave him a card or note in the basket provided in the church hall.

Come To The Water

Catholic Womens' Weekend Retreat
September 25 & 26, 2021
at beautiful

Wiawaka
Center for Women
on Lake George



CREATE CONNECT REFRESH

Space is limited. Register early!

Saturday check-in 8:30-9:30 AM. Closing prayer 11:30 AM Sunday.

\$140 includes room, 3 meals, & event programming.

Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening.

Register online @
<https://olaqby.wixsite.com/retreat>

Help Wanted—Liturgical Coordinator Ministry

Assistance is needed in coordinating our liturgies. 4 volunteers who are available to set up for each Mass, ensure ministers are present, etc...on a rotating basis. Must be willing to arrive 30 minutes prior to Mass. Additional availability to assist in setting up for funerals is also helpful but not required. Please see Jeff Peck as soon as possible. Thanks for considering this opportunity to serve our community..

Secure Our Destiny

You may recall that the Diocesan Appeal, formerly called The Bishop's Appeal, had a late kickoff last year in July 2020 due to the pandemic. The Appeal has also moved permanently to a full 12-month funding cycle of July to June which means the 2020-21 Appeal will be closing on June 30, 2021! God calls us ALL to philanthropy to the Church through weekly support of our parish offertory & annual support of the Diocesan Appeal – you may not be aware of all the ways a strong Diocese impacts us at the parish level, but it does! We all benefit. Be part of it and please don't just leave it for your neighbor to do. If you were a recent donor between 2017 and 2019, you should have received multiple mailings asking for support – if you have not already responded with a gift made between July 1, 2020 through today, please make your gift using your mailed materials to expedite processing. If you have not received a mailing and want to join in support, make a gift online at donate.thediocesanappeal.org.

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 June 6

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8
2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Readings for Sunday June 13

1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **What Should We Talk to God About? Everything.**

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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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Counters:

This Week: Bob Medvetz & Mike Shea & Andrea White

Next Week: Bob Medvetz & Eileen Bakaitis

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS
& ATTENDANCE
For May 29 & 30**

**Regular Offertory.....\$2,059.00
Total\$2,059.00**

Attendance:

**Saturday, May 29 70
Sunday, May 30.....52
Total.....122**

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Art Hyde, Barbara Bouplon, Billy Benkoski, Carolyn C. Bachorz, 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, Mary Brier, Mary Waytkus, Matt Waytkus, Melissa Cleary, Mike Stone, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Neil Waytkus, Paulette Sukuskas, Peter Kane, Sally Williams, Stacy Rogers, William J. Ellis, 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.



- ◆ 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 25 cents. 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:

Immconcept@roadrunner.com