



Immaculate Conception Parish Hoosick Falls, NY

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:
CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH m HALL
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 10 AM**

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Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, June 26

4:00 pm Mass

Jack Deming

(Requested by Bob & Elise Melesky)

Dorothy & Tom Shea

(Requested by family)

Deborah Kennedy

(Requested by Helen Kennedy)

Patricia Leggiadro

(Requested by Bob and Mary Medvetz)

Nathaniel Miller

(Requested by Bob & Mary Medvetz)

Helen & William Benkoski

(Requested by Mike &

Mary Ellen Sanders and Bobby Benkoski)

Sunday, June 27

10:00 am Mass

For all people

Saturday, July 3

4:00 pm Mass

Joseph Kennedy

(Requested by Helen Kennedy)

Karen Thomas

(Requested by The Comfort & Hope Group)

Sunday, July 4

10:00 am Mass

Manuel Custodio

(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

John Hyde

(Requested by Art Hyde & 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.

Dear friends,

Our Gospel this weekend raised for me the connection of healing and faith healing. At the hospital, as a chaplain, I was often asked to pray that someone be cured of a disease or affliction. It is a difficult moment for me. I am confronted by the fear and despair of a patient and family. I am called to offer witness and comfort. I am not a faith healer and I do not believe such things. Faith healing suggests that it is faith that causes a cure. But, if we listen carefully to the Gospel passage, it is not faith but Jesus who effects the cure. The healing is seen as a reward for belief. The God I know and worship does not function like my parents who liked my sister more than me.

In my reflection today, I use the term faith healing to mean healing through spiritual means rather than medical means. It does not refer to such things as prayer used in conjunction with medical treatment. I refer to practices such as laying on of hands, anointing with special oils, the touching of the sick with sacred objects instead of medical treatment. The American addiction to individual autonomy has led to the rise of many faiths in which medical care is deliberately ruled out and, in many cases, early and unnecessary deaths.

Our faith, Catholicism rejects faith healing. There are a variety of reasons, I will briefly outline three. Please do not be confused, none of this reflection refers to end of life medical decisions.

First, faith healing relies on a literal understanding of the Bible. Though the Bible contains history, it is not a history textbook. The Bible mentions trees but it is not authoritative on trees. We are told to proclaim our faith from the rooftops, have you tried that? The Bible contains a message, the message of the love of our God and salvation. It is not an agriculture guide. Additionally, faith healing condemns the sick by saying, if you had faith you would be cured, since you are still sick, your faith must be insufficient. Death is the ultimate health condition, I wonder how much faith you need to be healed of that?

Second, we were reminded by the Second Vatican Council that we are to treasure science and its applications. It is a systematic method of uncovering God’s awesome creation. I would urge you to read the document “The Church in the Modern World” which says that science is led by the hand of God. The achievements of humankind are evidence of God’s greatness. Medicine is included.

Finally, we are called to pray as an addition to medical treatment. Almost everyone who is ill suffers in mind and spirit as well as body. Those who are ill grieve, experience despair, are angry, afraid, and have doubts about their beliefs. I always pray for healing of the mind, spirit, and body as an adjunct to medicine. When I pray with those for whom medical treatment has not worked, I pray for help with acceptance, grace, and serenity. I was once asked, how many Hail Marys will cure my cancer. My answer was none. But we can pray for courage, for those who will love us to the end, and in gratitude for what we have and what we had.

In Devanter, The Netherlands, is a drugstore built several hundred years ago which has engraved in stone above its main door the words, “Believe in God, but take your medicine.” Advice I would urge you to take.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

We will be celebrating Mass during the week starting July 6th.

The schedule is:

Monday, 9 AM Immaculate Conception (starting July 12th)

Tuesday, 9 AM Holy Cross (starting July 6th)

Wednesday, 9 AM St. Patrick’s (starting July 7th)

Effective July 1, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has changed the suggested donation for Mass intentions to \$15.00.

Masks are now optional at Mass, however, if you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear a mask.

Reservations are no longer required to attend Mass.

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 call 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 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, July 5 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.

Immaculate Conception Church 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.

Come To The Water

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

Wiawaka
Center for Women
on Lake George



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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 move 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 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 27

1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Readings for Sunday July 4

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Why Catholics Call Mary Their Mother**

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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

Counters:

This Week: Heather Hassett & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea & Andrea White

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For June 19 & 20

Regular Offertory..... \$1,985.00

Total.....\$1,985.00

Saturday, June 1963

Saturday, June 2049

Total.....112

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Art Hyde, Barbara Bouplon, Billy Benkoski, Carolyn C. Bachorz, Dave Hanselman, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Jeff Babson,, Jesse Stevens, Judy Brownell, Margaret O'Malley, Marie Slattery, Mary Brier, Mary Waytkus, Melissa Cleary, Neil Waytkus, Paulette Sukuskas, 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 is open regular hours, Mondays and Fridays 10 AM to noon, and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Families may select the items they need or they can take a prepackaged order. Frozen meat, dairy products, produce, and bread will be added at the time of pickup.



Anyone who is unable to get to the pantry or needs assistance can email at hacainc12090@gmail.com or call 518-686-5163.

Additional Items Needed: Ramen noodles, oatmeal, canned dinners (spaghetti, chili, stew), pancake mix, pancake syrup, bread, rice/pasta boxed mixes (Rice-A-Roni), shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, feminine hygiene items, and paper towels.

Food Pantry Volunteers... We are looking for volunteers to help. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 518-686-5310.

**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 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:

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