



# **Immaculate Conception Parish Hoosick Falls, NY**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:  
CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
CHURCH HALL  
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 10 AM  
MONDAY, 9 AM (MONDAY, STARTING 7/12/21)**

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**Liturgy Schedule:**

**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)

**Tuesday, July 6**

9 am Mass  
Holy Cross

**Wednesday, July 7**

9 am Mass  
St. Patrick's

**Saturday, July 10**

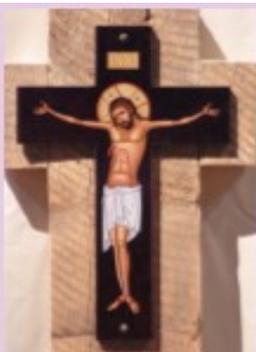
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, July 11**

10:00 am Mass  
Stephanie L'Heureux  
(Requested by Nancy & Mike Mahoney)  
Wyatt Wysocki  
(Requested by Arlene Wysocki)

**Monday, July 12**

9 am Mass  
Immaculate Conception



**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,

In today's wonderful reading from Mark's Gospel, we would expect to find Jesus' home town accepting and welcoming him with open arms. Jesus' ability to teach so well, his wisdom, and deeds of power, however, cause so much offense that the hometown crowd turn on him because he claims too much for himself. Jesus, literally, gets the hell out of there.

The Gospel of Mark, written at the beginning of the persecution of the Christians, finds great consolation in these stories of Jesus' suffering and rejection. And is it any wonder? The first generation of Christians were being expelled from the synagogue and, no doubt, many of them were experiencing similar rejection from their families and friends. Maybe some of them had to leave town as well. In this context their fate was an identification with that of Jesus. It gave meaning and direction to their plight. It gave them hope.

The experience of rejection, misunderstanding and frustration is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having Christian faith these days can see us derided as fools or pushed out of certain circles. In this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that has always sustained the Christian community.

On a more worrying level, however, as a community we can run the risk of acting like the residents of Nazareth. No matter how much wisdom, authority, or goodness some people demonstrate in our Christian community, it seems some people are told they are not acceptable, we take offense at them and drive them away. Some Catholics have simply walked away from us because our community disbelieves that Christ's gifts can be manifest through them as well. Nazareth did not value what was in its midst because it thought it knew better.

Today's Gospel also has a practical impact in our homes, where we don't get away with very much, and affirmation can be sparingly given. This can be taken to unhealthy extremes when parents and siblings speak highly of their spouse, children, brothers, or sisters to everyone except to the person being praised. We are often so worried about a family member "getting a big head" that they never hear from us the encouragement they deserve. As Christians we should look for opportunities to build up and praise those we know and love.

It was too late for Nazareth after it rejected Jesus. In Mark's Gospel he never returns there. But it is not too late for us. May it never be said that we despised wise people who have something to teach us, and that we dragged down those whose gifts and talents reflected the power of God.

This Sunday Jesus reminds us that it's never too late to stop our disbelieving.

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)

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.

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

### 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](http://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 July 4

1st Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Readings for Sunday July 11

1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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 Christians Shouldn't Cancel People**

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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: Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea & Andrea White

Next Week: Heather Hassett & Eileen Bakaitis

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**For June 26 & 27**

~ **Unavailable at time of publication** ~

**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](mailto:hacainc12090@gmail.com) or call 518-686-5163 and leave a message.

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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