



Immaculate Conception Parish Hoosick Falls, NY

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:
CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 10 AM
Reconciliation available 3:00-3:45 PM Saturdays
MONDAY, 9 AM (MONDAY, STARTING 7/12/21)**

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**Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
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MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

**WORSHIP AND ENVIRONMENT: Lynne
Mango**

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, July 17

4:00 pm Mass
Ruth Kelly Clarke
(Requested by Jane Clarke)
Doris Desmarais
(Requested by Mike and
Mary Ellen Sanders)
Sophie Berger
(Requested by Marilyn Douglas)

Sunday, July 18

10:00 am Mass
Charles Henry Corl, Jr.
(Requested by Trish & family)
Richard & Virginia Cuddihy
(Requested by family)

Monday, July 19

9 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, July 20

9 am Mass
Holy Cross

Wednesday, July 21

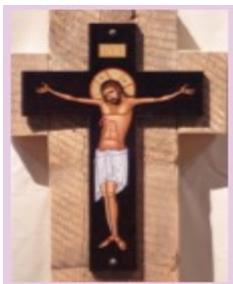
9 am Mass
St. Patrick's

Saturday, July 24

4:00 pm Mass
Kenneth Burns, Jr.
(Requested by family)

Sunday, July 25

10:00 am Mass
Doris Desmarais
(Requested by Mike and
Mary Ellen Sanders)
Wayne Yetto
(Requested by Gloria Shufon)



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,

I have been thinking a great deal about work. The news is full of reports about employers looking for workers, the need for low wage workers to work excessive hours and in many cases in conditions which are at best difficult. My father owned a pharmacy. He employed a man who served as a manager of sorts. He worked hourly and handled the non – pharmacy part of the business and in the distant past ran the soda fountain. He was part of our family, earned enough to own a home, and educate his two daughters. He never graduated high school but earned enough to support his family. Today he would be struggling with low wage work, most likely with multiple jobs and long hours. Our economy and work world has changed dramatically.

So many people today work long hours and multiple jobs to succeed. Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial rewards offered to employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate employees. Most people in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys "there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat."

Jesus' call to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" is not just about good work practices and ethical employment policy. It is about humanizing our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labor and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

—it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must **not** allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel.

—work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families.

—through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion works against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ which protect our human dignity. I hope today you have a well-earned break.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

Contacting Fr. Peter

Please call the office at Immaculate Conception. 518 686 5064. If it is outside of office hours, please leave a message including your name and telephone number. If the need is urgent, please call or text Jeff Peck, 518 683 6461 or email, jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org. Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

We will be celebrating Mass during the week.

The schedule is:

Monday, 9 AM - Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, 9 AM - Holy Cross
Wednesday, 9 AM - St. Patrick's

Mission Appeal Talk - MARYKNOLL LAY MISSIONERS

Sheila Matthews

Speaking July 17-18, 2021

From an early age, **Sheila Matthews** knew that she was called to a life of service, accompanying people at the margins of society. A trained hospital nurse, Sheila wanted to work with those who lack access to health care. She considered joining the Peace Corps but ultimately decided against it because “I wanted to be part of a faith-based mission community.” When Sheila joined Maryknoll Lay Missioners as part of the Class of 1980, it was a great fit. As a lay missionary in Guatemala, Sheila worked with an innovative health promoter training program started by Maryknollers for rural villages in the Petén jungle. After moving to El Salvador in 1993, Sheila worked in the soy nutrition program and parish health ministries. During her time in mission, both countries suffered through bloody civil wars. Despite the turmoil, Sheila learned a valuable lesson from the villagers with whom she worked. “They helped me to remember that you can celebrate God’s love in the midst of struggling,” she recalls. In 1996, Sheila was called to a new challenge when she was elected to a leadership position with the Maryknoll Mission Association of the Faithful. For the next seven years, she played a pivotal role in molding the association into the present-day Maryknoll Lay Missioners. After the passing of her mother, Sheila left Maryknoll Lay Missioners in 2007 in order to care for her dad when his health was declining. Today Sheila is a Chaplain and Faith Community Nurse at St. Anne’s Hospital, an acute care Catholic hospital in Fall River, Massachusetts.

Sheila will speak at all masses at Immaculate Conception Church this weekend, July 17-18, 2021 to share her mission experience as part of the Diocese of Albany’s Missionary Cooperation Plan 2021. The second collection will be taken to support Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Your kind welcome and generous support are most appreciated.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners is one of the largest U.S. Catholic organizations sending **laypeople** into global mission. Over the past four and a half decades, we have prepared and sent more than 700 missionaries who have accompanied people experiencing poverty and marginalization around the world.

Your donations will allow Maryknoll Lay Missioners to prepare and sustain laypeople in global mission and to help build a more just, compassionate and sustainable world. This once-a-year opportunity is a wonderful way for all of us to participate in the on-going global mission to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth! To learn more please visit www.mklm.org.

Readers Needed!

Parishioners interested in reading at Saturday Mass please call the Parish Office at 518-686-5064.

**“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

The meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2 at 6:30 pm has been canceled. The Comfort & Hope bereavement group meetings will be suspended until further notice.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you everybody for all your kind notes, cards, phone calls, and well wishes. Your prayerful sendoff has made this transition easier for me. Thank you notes were sent out; we tried to respond to everyone. We tried to get all correct addresses. I apologize if I made any mistakes or omissions; please know of my heartfelt gratitude and cherished memories. Keep the faith....respectfully,

Fr. Tom Zelker

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.

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.

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

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 18

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Readings for Sunday July 25

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **The Danger of Complaining**

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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: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry

Next Week: Bob Medvetz & Jerry McAuliffe

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For July 10 & 11

Regular Offertory.....	\$1,590.00
Monthly E-Collection.....	\$2,551.00
Total.....	\$4,141.00

Saturday, July 3.....	74
Sunday, July 4.....	55
Total.....	129

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, John McAuliffe, Judy Brownell, Margaret O’Malley, Marie Slattery, Mary Brier, Mary Waytkus, Megan Casey, 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 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!

- 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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