

Immaculate Conception Church - July 24 & 25, 2021



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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)

Bishop of Albany Diocese:
Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Busch

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Billert**

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**Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini, Karen
Kaufman,
and the two Trustees**

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

**WORSHIP AND ENVIRONMENT: Lynne
Mango**

Liturgy Schedule:

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)
Ray Rogers
(Requested by family)

Monday, July 26

9 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, July 27

9 am Mass
Holy Cross

Wednesday, July 28

9 am Mass
St. Patrick's

Saturday, July 31

4:00 pm Mass
Jim Downey
(Requested by family)
Doris Trimarchi
(Requested by Mike and
Mary Ellen Sanders)
Joseph Ciuk
(Requested by family)

Sunday, August 1

10:00 am Mass

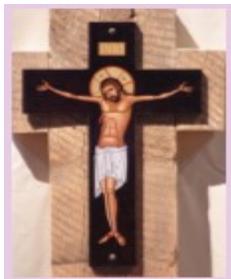
SANCTUARY LAMP

7/25/21 - 7/31/21

In honor of the Risen Christ

we remember:

Joseph Ciuk



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 Gospel, after the 5,000 have been fed, Jesus says, "Gather the pieces together that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." Some of us have never truly been hungry, so it can be hard to fully appreciate how wasteful our developed world must appear to those who watch their families die of starvation. People who lived through the Depression or have lived through wars often carry the scars of being hungry. To this day some of them are on guard against waste. Others try to numb the memory of want by overindulging. For most of us in the developed world, especially 13-year-old middle-class kids, hunger has only ever been fleeting, and we are presently eating ourselves into obesity.

Some people would prefer to think of the story of the feeding of the five thousand exclusively in spiritual terms. There is no question that today's Gospel refers to the Eucharist where all are spiritually nourished by Christ our host. It also refers to the eternal banquet where hunger will be no more. But this Gospel asks us to look at our world through the eyes of Christ's kingdom where the mighty will be cast down from their thrones, the poor will be raised up, and the rich who will not share will be sent away.

There is such a thing as healthy guilt. It is where we become aware of what we have done or failed to do to bring about Christ's Kingdom in our world. Given that it is entirely unnecessary for 29,000 people, on average, to die each day because of lack of food and water and the diseases this brings, guilt on our part seems a reasonable response. It becomes a healthy moment in our lives when we decide to change our priorities and call for similar changes in a nation's priorities which spends more on bombs than starving babies.

I often wonder what God thinks when he hears wealthy nations say that the reason they refuse to share more with the poor is that these poorer nations often have unelected despots who divert their country's wealth into Swiss bank accounts or nuclear and conventional weaponry programs. Even in the face of these complex issues we could find a way to feed the hungry who might, one day, be empowered to take charge of their nations.

May we do on earth what is done in heaven, where the hungry are welcomed and fed, the leftovers are gathered together and nothing is wasted.

In Christ,

Jeffrey C. 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

Read and Recommended:

I highly recommend the books below. The first by Fr. James Martin is a wonderful survey of a variety of prayer practices. Fr. Martin, a popular spiritual writer has described very clearly several prayer practices There is something for everyone who may be searching for a new way to pray, refresh your prayer life or just discover the prayer practices of the Jesuits, the Carmelites, and the Benedictines among many others. The book is supplemented by online materials and book groups. Fr. Martin’s first book, **My Life with the Saints**, was a best seller. He is the official chaplain of the Stephen Colbert Show.

The second book is one of a series of books by Gerhard Lohfink. Last year, we conducted a discussion group that examined his last book which was on the Lord’s Prayer. This book provides insights on many things those who pray and those who don’t pray but are considering whether or not they should ask. He asks such questions as whom we pray to, should we ask for things in prayer, and what happens in the Eucharistic Prayer. Lohfink also considers the place of the Psalms and laments in prayer as well meditation. This book truly invites us to prayer.

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone by James Martin

Prayer Takes Us Home: The Theology and Practice of Christian Prayer by Gerhard Lohfink and Linda M. Maloney

<p>Thank you for sharing your kind hospitality to last weekend’s visiting missionary, Sheila Matthews and your generous donations to the Maryknoll Lay Missioners. The basket will be left out in church this weekend if you would like to make a donation. Your generous support is most appreciated.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p align="center">Readers Needed!</p> <p>Parishioners interested in reading at Saturday Mass please call the Parish Office at 518-686-5064.</p>
<p align="center">“When I was in prison you visited me” Parish Prison Ministry</p> <p>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.</p>	<p align="center">Thank You!</p> <p>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,</p> <p>Fr. Tom Zelker</p>
<p align="center">Comfort & Hope Group</p> <p>The meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2 at 6:30 pm has been <u> canceled </u>. The Comfort & Hope bereavement group meetings will be suspended until further notice.</p>	<p align="center">Peace to All! “Peace...Shalom...Salaam”</p> <p>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.</p>
<p align="center">Immaculate Conception Church Garden</p>  <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p align="center">Help Wanted—Liturgical Coordinator Ministry</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Effective July 1, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has changed the suggested donation for Mass intentions to \$15.00.</p>

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 25

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Readings for August 1

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **How to See God in Everything, Every Day (and How to Respond)**

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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 & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Mike Shea, Andrea White & Anita Perry

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For July 17 & 18

Regular Offertory.....	\$2,293.00
Total.....	\$2,293.00

Saturday, July 17.....	73
Sunday, July 18	67
Total.....	140

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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