

Immaculate Conception Church - August 7 & 8, 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

Eucharistic Adoration immediately after Mass on
the first Monday of the month

**Bishop of Albany Diocese:
Edward B. Scharfenberger**

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, August 7

4:00 pm Mass
Rita Downey
(Requested by family)
Manuel Custodio
(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

Sunday, August 8

10:00 am Mass
Johanna Hyde
(Requested by Art Hyde & family)

Monday, August 9

9 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, August 10

9 am Mass
Holy Cross

Wednesday, August 11

9 am Mass
St. Patrick's

Saturday, 14

4:00 pm Mass
Doris Trimarchi
(Requested by Mike and
Mary Ellen Sanders)

Sunday, August 15

10:00 am Mass
Joseph Paterno & Parents
(Requested by Sierra Paterno)
Valerie Sutton
(Requested by 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,

Appetites are good things. Our appetite for food and drink is a good thing and must be satisfied or our bodies will collapse through malnutrition. Our appetite for affection and acceptance is a good thing and must be satisfied or we disintegrate socially. The universal appetite for knowing where we are in the Big Picture of the universe is a good thing. What sort of work of art am I? How do I deserve eternal life?

All these appetites, bodily, social, and spiritual, need to be satisfied if we are to be fully human. Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that he is the satisfaction of our deepest human appetites.

Jesus says: "I am not like the manna which ordinarily perishes overnight. I am not like the manna of the ancient Jewish people given to them alone. I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world."

"To the world," not to some tribe of human beings, but to the whole of creation, of course to every human being. And the life is nothing less than participation in Divine Life: eternal life.

There are hundreds upon hundreds of people and organizations claiming that they can satisfy our hungers and thirsts as human beings. You and I are challenged to take a stand (and a risk, because that is what faith is) and agree with the Gospel when it says that this itinerant Jewish preacher and healer is indeed "the Bread of God who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Jesus Christ is the One, the only One, who can satisfy the real deep-down hunger which each one of us has, the hunger for life beyond the seeming extinction of death.

We Catholic Christians make another profound act of faith at our Mass today. The bread which is brought up at the Offertory: "fruit of the earth and work of human hands", after invoking the Holy Spirit and speaking the words of consecration, is no longer short-term food like the manna in the desert. It becomes for us the bread of life.

But, more than that, St Paul says in Romans that the whole of creation is yearning to share in the resurrection life of Christ in a way beyond our imagining. This Heavenly Bread which we receive in holy communion with Jesus is the effective start of the process of transformation of the whole cosmos.

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

**Eucharistic Adoration
Immaculate Conception**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place immediately following the ICC 9 AM Mass on the first Monday of the Month

Thank you for your generous response. Through your generosity, the parish donated beautiful blankets, handmade hats, clothing, diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, etc...to **BirthRight**. Look for the return of the bassinet in the fall!

Catholic Fiction Writers

Last week's fiction suggestions generated a great deal of interest (two comments) so I am including two more in this week's bulletin. I am including books about Catholicism whose authors themselves are interesting.

Mark Salzman. *Lying Awake*. This novel tells the story of Carmelite sister, John of the Cross, who after years of spiritual dryness begins to have visions and experience bursts of creativity. She faces questions of grace, vocation, and faith. This short novel is a fascinating examination of the power of vocation. A Carmelite monastery of cloistered nuns gave Salzman extraordinary access to their way of life and his work is an accurate and respectful depiction of their life. Salzman is not a believer who studied martial arts in China. He has written about teaching writing to adolescent offenders in California and living in China shortly after the cultural revolution. He is a professional cellist who has played with YoYo Ma and is married to an Academy Award-winning documentary director.

Rumer Godden. *In This House of Brede*. This novel tells the story of Philippa Talbot, a successful career woman who leaves her life in the fast lane behind to enter a cloistered Benedictine monastery. The book is an excellent and unromantic description of cloistered life. Yet it is a description of a life of joy and peace, but not that of the outside world. Godden wrote over 60 books Her most well known include **The River** and **Black Narcissus**, which were both made into films. Brede was a popular TV series starring Diana Rigg. Godden was raised in India and spent most of her life there, moving back to England with her family after someone tried to poison them. She became a Catholic in 1968 at the age of 61. She won the Whitbread Prize for Children's Literature was knighted by Queen Elizabeth and died in 1998 at the age of 90.

Jeffrey C. Peck

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.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 cancelled. 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).

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

Bingo is Back! October 7 - ICC Church Hall



There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the church hall for those interested in making a basket. More details to follow...

For questions, please call Ellen McMartin at 518-686-5075 or Karen Kaufman at 518-686-4737.

Magnificat *A Ministry to Catholic Women*

Women's Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine

*National Shrine of the North American Martyrs and
Birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

Sponsored by Albany Chapter of Magnificat

Saturday, September 11, 11:00am - 2:00pm
(gather by the Coliseum at 10:30am)

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY 12072

Cost: Free-will donation

RSVP: due Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021

To Register: email your name, phone # & parish to: Albanymagnificat@gmail.com or call Diane Bigos at 518-810-1310

Please bring a bag lunch and beverages– Invite your family & friends

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.

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 August 8

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Readings for August 15

1st Reading: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following:

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Website: www.icchoosickfalls.com

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 & Eileen Bakaitis

Next Week: Linda Bennett & Bob Medvetz

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For July 31 & August 1

Regular Offertory.....	\$3,120.00
Faith Formation.....	\$66.00
Total.....	\$3,186.00

Saturday, July 24.....	65
Sunday, July 25.....	58
Total.....	123

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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