

Immaculate Conception Church - August 14 & 15, 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**

Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Busch

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**Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, & Linda
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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, 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)

Monday, August 16

9 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, August 17

9 am Mass
Holy Cross

Wednesday, August 18

9 am Mass
St. Patrick's

Saturday, August 21

4:00 pm Mass
Mary Downey
(Requested by family)
Helen Sweet
(Requested by Sheila Musco & Sharon Plaske)

Sunday, August 22

10:00 am Mass
Richard & Virginia Murphy
Anita & Sara Andrews
Gary Paige
(Requested by Cuddihy 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,

Daniel went to his mother demanding a new bicycle for Christmas. "Danny, we can't afford it," she said, "so write a letter to Jesus and pray for one instead." "Dear Jesus, I've been a good boy this year and would appreciate a new bicycle. Your friend, Daniel." Now Danny guessed that Jesus really knew he was a brat. So he gave the letter another try. "Dear Jesus, I've been an OK boy this year and I want a new bicycle. Yours truly, Daniel." Danny knew this wasn't true either, so he tore it up and tried again. "Dear Jesus, I've thought about being a good boy so may I have a new bicycle? Daniel." Finally, Danny thought better of making these false claims and so ran to the Church. He went inside and stole a small statue of Mary and ran out the door. He went home, hid it under his bed and wrote this letter. "Jesus, let's face it, I've broken most of the Commandments; tore up my sister's doll and lots more, I'm desperate. I've got your mother Mary, if you ever want to see her again, give me a bike for Christmas. You know who."

Throughout history, there are those who have ransomed the memory of Mary to fit in with how they understand women should behave in society. As a result, sometimes, Mary is presented as meek and mild, passive, and subservient. The problem with this view is that it is impossible to reconcile it with the ten stories we have of Mary in the New Testament: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, the flight into Egypt, losing Jesus in the Temple, going to bring Jesus home from his public ministry, the wedding feast at Cana, being at the foot of the Cross, and Pentecost.

The strength and power of Mary's witness is most especially captured in the Magnificat from which we just heard. Here Mary extols how God is saving us by turning the world on its head, doing the very opposite of what was expected.

The New Testament does not demonstrate a meek woman, devoid of creativity and initiative. It shows a strong, noblewoman who put her free will at the disposal of God's will. That is what the feast of the Assumption celebrates: that because God will never be outdone in fidelity and generosity, he remained utterly faithful to Mary through death, as she was utterly faithful to him in life.

The Catholic Tradition has always honored Mary as being obedient, the pre-eminent disciple of her Son, and the sign of what could await all Christians who are invited to share in the mission of Jesus on earth. Religious obedience is not passive. We listen to the voice of God and choose to say yes to Christ's love and liberation. Discipleship does not mean our personality counts for nothing. Rather, it's the valuing of every individual's ability to contribute to Christ's kingdom in a unique way. Prefiguring what can happen for all of us does not diminish the particular gifts God lavished on Mary but reassures us that God recognizes his own in this world and the next.

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, at 518-683-6461 or email, jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org. Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

- Masks -

Based on government and church regulations, mask wearing is now required during Mass. Masks are available.

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

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

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

The 49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to: Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

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.

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 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. 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/>.

"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.

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.

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, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
(gather by the Coliseum at 10:30 am)
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine,
136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY 2072

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

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.

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!



Comfort & Hope Group

The Comfort & Hope bereavement group meetings will be suspended until further notice.

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.

Readers Needed!

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

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 15

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

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Readings for August 22

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

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 Lesser-Known Last Judgment**

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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 & Bob Medvetz

Next Week: Bob Medvetz & Jerry McAuliffe

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For August 7 & 8

Regular Offertory..... \$1,534.00
Total.....\$1,534.00

Saturday, August 7..... 67
Sunday, August 8 56
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, 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 hacaine12090@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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