

Immaculate Conception Church - September 25 & 26, 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:
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**Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
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and the two Trustees**

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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.

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm Mass
John Guile
(Requested by Helen Kennedy)

Sunday, September 26

10:00 am Mass
Evelyn Errigo
(Requested by Linda & Doyle Talkington)
58th Wedding Anniversary of Judy and Nick Flynn
(Requested by The Choir)

**Monday, September 27
Immaculate Conception**

Due to work being done on the roof, Monday morning Mass is canceled for the next 2 Mondays - 9/27 & 10/4

Tuesday, September 28

9:00 am Mass
Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 am Mass
St. Patrick's

Saturday, October 2

4:00 pm Mass
Helen Cuddihy Benkoski
(Requested by Mike & Mary Ellen Sanders)

Sunday, October 3

10:00 am Mass
Manuel Custodio
(Requested by Isabel Custodio)
Jim & Mary Hoag
(Requested by Hoag 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,

You are probably familiar with the following story. I hope my take on it provides some opportunity for reflection.

A philosophy professor stood in front of his class with a large jar which he proceeded to fill with golf balls. When it would hold no more, he asked the class if the jar was full. They agreed it was. He then poured small pebbles into the jar and shook it until they filled the holes between the golf balls, he again asked if the jar was full, and the class warily agreed. He then poured a bag of sand into the jar and the sand filled what small gaps were left. The class now wouldn't commit to an answer. Finally, he took two cans of beer and poured them into the jar.

He explained to the class that the golf balls represented the very important things in life – family, faith, health, and passions. If everything else in life were lost and only the golf balls remained, life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things in life, job, car, house, and clothes. The sand represents everything else in life, the things that are not truly important. Filling the jar with sand first leaves no room for golf balls and pebbles. You must set priorities in life. Take care of your golf balls first.

Pay close attention to our second reading this weekend from James. It outlines several things we should keep in mind. First, the material world is fleeting. We can take nothing with us at the end so focus on our spiritual life. Self-indulgence will get us nothing. Second, we should act with honesty, especially those who depend on us. James focuses on the mistreatment of workers. Catholic social teaching states that workers should be treated fairly and with respect. Work in these conditions confers dignity. Third, we are called to be generous. We are called to share and share abundantly. As Americans, we hold a disproportionate share of the world's wealth and that fact should, as Christians, drive us to care for others.

Let's reflect this week on these questions:

How do we demonstrate our understanding of the fleeting nature of the material world?

How do we deal with the world of work and the treatment of workers?

How generous are we with our time, talent, and treasure?

Did you forget about the beer? No matter how full your life may seem, there is always room for a few beers with a friend.

In Christ,

Jeffrey C. Peck

- Masks -

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

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**

Please Note: The Monday morning 9:00 am Mass will be canceled if there is a funeral or other celebration that day.

Mass is canceled for the next 2 Mondays - 9/27 & 10/4 due to work being done on the roof.

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

SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviors and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions "for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity." When it comes to protecting our common home, "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

The Invitations of Autumn: Reflections and Spiritual Practices for the Season. Fall is a season for balancing light and dark, letting go, and accepting the impermanence of things. Find recommended resources for this time of year on the Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith website. ([https://](https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com)



Adult Scripture Study: *Angels in the Bible* will begin the first week of October with an Introductory Lesson. (Please note the change in schedule.) Books may be picked up in advance, or at the first meeting. Schedule and registration are available near the door and on the website: <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/biblestudy.html>. Contact maryrosmus@battenkilcatholic.org for more information.

Bingo is Back! October 7 - ICC Church Hall

Tickets for Basket Bingo are available for \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. You can purchase them at the Rectory, Thorpe's Pharmacy, and after mass on Sat. and Sun. There is a sign up sheet on the table for people to bring baked goods to sell at Bingo. All baskets are due by Sept. 26th. Please drop them off at the church hall or the rectory.



If we can not have Bingo due to Covid, we will have a Basket auction the same night. There will still be a 50/50, lottery Tree raffle, and food to purchase. Everything will be outside.

We have great baskets, such as Potter Hill Barn, Vera Bradley, and Ice cream lovers. These are just a few of the many we offer. For questions, please call Ellen McMartin at 518-686-5075 or Karen Kaufman at 518-686-4737.



Weekly Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
September 29 - December 29
Hoosick Falls Community Alliance Church
484 Hill Road, Hoosick Falls, NY

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Call Gail Smith at 518-686-9888 for more information or to register. You can also register at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/search>.

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. To register, email Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

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.

Going Off to College

Whether away, virtual, at home, or any other clever mode of education... we'd like to keep in touch... please send our office your Post Office address and e-mail address. Study well, be very safe, and have fun.

Public Rosary Rally

A public Rosary Rally will be held at ICC's Respect Life Park on Saturday, October 9 at 12:00 noon. Rain or shine.

Comfort & Hope Group

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

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 September 26
 1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
 2nd Reading: James 5:1-6
 Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Readings for October 3
 1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
 Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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 Lose Everything and Still Hope**

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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: Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea & Andrea White

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For September 18 & 19

Regular Offertory.....	\$1,782.00
The Evangelist	\$101.00
Total.....	\$1,883.00

Saturday, September 18.....	84
Sunday, September 19.....	51
Total.....	135

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Art Hyde, Barbara Bouplon, Beth Keegan, Billy Benkoski, Carolyn C. Bachorz, Dave Hanselman, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Edna & Frank Aulisio, 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 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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