

# Immaculate Conception Church - October 2 & 3, 2021



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\*Beginning October 11, Office Hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## 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

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

## Contacting Fr. Peter

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**Liturgy Schedule:**

**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)

**6:00 PM - Meeting of the Finance Committee, Pastoral Council & Trustees**

**Monday, October 4  
Immaculate Conception**

**Due to work being done on the roof, Monday morning Mass is canceled on 10/4**

**Tuesday, October 5**

9:00 am Mass  
Holy Cross

**Wednesday, October 6**

9:00 am Mass  
St. Patrick's

**Saturday, October 9**

4:00 pm Mass  
Christopher Callahan  
(Requested by Mike & Mary Ellen Sanders)  
**Public Rosary 12:00 noon  
Respect Life Park**

**Sunday, October 10**

10:00 am Mass  
Rena Orchard  
(Requested by Mike & Mary Ellen Sanders)



**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.**

**- Masks -**

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

Dear Friends,

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews is shrouded in ageless mystery. Some Bibles ascribe this letter to Paul, but the language and cadence in the book read nothing like anything in the Pauline letters. Some have suggested Paul's colleague Apollos and others Priscilla. The third-century Church father Origen is probably right: "God only knows" who wrote the letter.

One thing, however, is clear. The author of Hebrews was in love with Jesus Christ. Throughout the work, Jesus is exalted as faith's example, as the One whom God chose to reveal the fullness of God's love, as the suffering and risen Lord and the head of the Church. In today's brief lesson from Hebrews, we hear four words that say everything that needs to be said about the faith we believe and in which we live. "But we see Jesus."

Why do we lose sight of Jesus? What is it about common humanity that takes its eyes off the One who gave his life for us? There would be no Christian faith, no salvation, no experience of generous grace and forgiving love without our Savior and Lord. And yet when we take our eyes off of Jesus, without exception, we lose our way and hurt our witness in this world for which he died and rose again.

Today, we must see Jesus again. The writer of Hebrews gives us all the reasons we need, not as an exhaustive list, but mile markers that if followed, will keep our hearts, our very lives bonded to this One who gave his life for us. Where do we start?

**We see Jesus as fully human, the Son of God.** The writer, quoting the Psalms, says of our Lord, he "was made a little lower than the angels." Meaning he was a human being. We struggle with this bedrock of the faith more than we may admit. Often, I hear thoughtful Christians suggest our Lord was a two-dimensional being as if he had "a God side" and "a human side." In the first centuries of the Christian story, well-meaning believers did the same thing. A sect we call "the Gnostics" believed that our Lord's "God side" did not experience death on the cross. Put another way, they could not accept that Jesus of Nazareth was completely human so much so that his "God side" did not suffer and die on Good Friday. Others believed the opposite: that Jesus only "seemed" to be human because being of the flesh was sinful.

The important truth to remember is that our Lord was as human as any of us. He knew pain and disappointment, hunger and thirst, loneliness and temptation. In fact, the writer of Hebrews later in this letter tells us "he was tempted in all points such as we, yet without sin."

And because we see Jesus fully human, we know he understands who we are and the challenges we face in this human adventure. When we pray, we know he listens because, in his life, he prayed. When we suffer loss, we know he suffered loss, wept at Lazarus' tomb, and knew the heartbreak of abandonment. We see Jesus, God with us, Son of God, Son of Man.

The writer of Hebrews goes on to tell us that **we see Jesus who is "the author of our salvation."** Of all the Gospel truths we can declare, the fact that God sent His Son to be our Savior towers above all others. God did not send a heavenly delegation nor did God write the Gospel in the sky or etch it in stone. God loved us so much God came among us—fully human, fully divine—to show us the way of suffering love is the way of life and mercy, grace, and freedom.

Jesus gave his life to show us that nothing can keep love from doing what only love can do. Only love can descend into the hellish silence and stillness of death believing God is resurrection and life. Only love can speak to hatred and never blink, call out demons and never cower, stand before tombs and never stutter, and hang on a cross and never curse.

The author of Hebrews makes one last claim that touches a tender place in all our lives. He states that **we see Jesus who "is not ashamed" to call us brother and sister.** The Son of God, Son of Man who lived a very human life, died a painful and lonely death and rose into the eternal being of God as risen Lord reaches out to claim us as family. We see Jesus – our brother in faith who tells us we are family with him now and forever.

This changes how we see not only him but each other. If he is our brother if he loves us so much that he calls you and me his brother, his sister, who are we if we fail to acknowledge each other in the same way? To miss this, to look beyond or around or through each other and not see that I am part of you and you are part of me and we together are God's family is to miss everything, failing to see Jesus.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

## SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie

Jesus repeatedly called out the Pharisees' inflexible attitudes and hypocritical behaviors. They were seemingly fixated on the letter of the law at the expense of its spirit. Given that, Jesus' reply to the Pharisees' loaded question about divorce is fascinating. Jesus answers a deliberately provocative legal question by referring to two data points: law and creation. When the two appear at odds in this instance Jesus prioritizes creation.

With this in mind, we would do well to remember this episode's wider import as this Season of Creation draws to a close. The weight which Jesus gave to creation's divine purpose is surely significant. In that light, we should perhaps revisit the spirit of Moses' law, especially that section in chapter 23 of Exodus which commands the people to let the land lie fallow every seventh year. This was for the benefit of the poor and the wild animals. Even the idea of everyone resting on the sabbath every week was partly and explicitly so that the community's oxen and donkeys could have a rest. In the long view, therefore, protecting creation is an ancient part of our faith's tradition. The question is: do we still live up to its spirit?

**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://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 is available near the door and on the website: <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/biblestudy.html>. Contact [maryrosmus@battenkilcatholic.org](mailto:maryrosmus@battenkilcatholic.org) for more information.

Celebration of Mary, Queen of the Rosary  
October 7 at 7:00 PM - St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge  
Fr. Peter Tkocz will be the speaker  
- Pizza and dessert to follow -

### 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.

In celebration of Respect Life Month, Birthright of the Capital District, located in Ballston Spa, will conduct its annual Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser after all masses on October 2 & 3. Birthright offers hope, encouragement, and compassion to pregnant women in difficult situations, as well as formula, diapers, clothes, and layettes with newborn necessities. Baby bottles will be distributed for you to take home and fill with coins, cash, or a check. Bottles should be brought back to church the following weekend and placed in the designated Birthright box. Your gift can be made in honor of a special person, whose name and address you list on the insert in the bottle. Birthright will then mail a card to the person being honored. Thank you for your continued support.

### 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.

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

## Meeting Reminder

**A reminder for members of the Finance Committee, Pastoral Council, trustees, and those overseeing the church restoration.**

**We will meet this evening Sunday, October 3, at 6PM to review and discuss the restoration project. It is important that you attend.**

### Watch for it!

Beginning next week, a weekly status of the parish update will be printed in the bulletin.

### 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](mailto: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 no 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. **There will be a brief meeting immediately following Mass on Sunday, October 24.**

### Bingo is Back!

#### October 7 - ICC Church Hall

We have so many wonderful baskets for Bingo! Make sure you get your tickets as we are selling only 200. Tickets are still on sale at Thorpe's Pharmacy and the rectory. Masks are required at the event. Doors and windows will be open for fresh air. If any questions you can call Karen at 686-4737 or Ellen at 686-5075.



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

### 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.

Please note the change in Rectory office hours,  
effective October 11

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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 October 3

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Readings for October 10

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

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 Price of Forgiveness

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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:

Table with 3 columns: Collection, Amount, Month. Lists various church collections like Faith Formation, Evangelist, Fuel, etc., with corresponding months.

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, Mike Shea & Andrea White

Next Week: Carol Ryan & Eileen Bakaitis

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**For September 25 & 26**

Regular Offertory.....	\$2,491.00
Catholic University.....	\$46.00
Total.....	\$2,537.00

Saturday, September 25.....	56
Sunday, September 26.....	56
Total.....	112

**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](mailto: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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