

Immaculate Conception Church - October 9 & 10, 2021



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*New OFFICE Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday -
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* Effective October 11, 2021

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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Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, & Linda Billert

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

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, 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)

**Monday, October 11
Immaculate Conception**

**Columbus Day
9:00 am Mass Canceled
Office Closed**

Tuesday, October 12

9:00 am Mass
Holy Cross

Wednesday, October 13

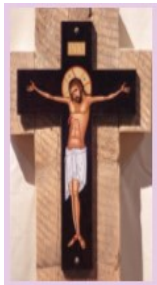
9:00 am Mass
St. Patrick's

Saturday, October 16

4:00 pm Mass
John Hyde
(Requested by Art & family)
Valerie Sutton
(Requested by family)
Joseph Kennedy
(Requested by Helen Kennedy)

Sunday, October 17

10:00 am Mass
David Cuddihy
(Requested by Cuddihy family)
Antonio & Rosa Duarte
& family
(Requested by Isabel Custodio)



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,

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a way to salvation. "If you keep the law, the law will keep you." He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who.

Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behavior was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing, or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the signs of the elect.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfillment of any law, civil or moral, is wrong.

We believe, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle. He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community, today's Gospel highlights serious issues: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have tamed this radical edge of the Gospel.

Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the way, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated, and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. "There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me." It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst, the law and money seduce us into pride, greed, and power. At their best, they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice, and equality Jesus taught and lived.

In Christ,

Jeffrey C. Peck

- Masks -

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

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

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

Parish Update

Total Attendance for September: 493

Average for the per week: 123

Total Monthly Offertory Donations: \$11,612.00

Estimated Operating Deficit for the Year: \$9,608.00

Renovation / Restoration: Roof work is expected to resume on removing existing shingles, repairing decking, replacing shingles, and finally replacing the flat roofs. Completion is estimated to be the end of the month (weather, materials, and labor supply dependent). The next phase would most likely be the replacement of the large stained-glass windows on the north and south side of the Church. There is no estimate when that work might begin.

Completion date of the entire restoration is unknown. After the roof has been repaired, the continuation of work is dependent on fundraising and payments of Reigniting the Faith pledges.

Saint Mary's Academy: ISA has signed a three year lease – purchase agreement. The agreement provides a monthly payment to the parish and the continued assumption of the payment of all bills associated with the use of the buildings and grounds by ISA. The lease payments are used to pay down the parish debts associated with the school.

Leadership Meeting: On Sunday evening members of the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the trustees, and those overseeing the restoration met. The meeting included a report by the Parish Life Director, a review of the parish financial condition, the ISA – St. Mary's lease, the Church restoration, and the future efforts to raise funds for the balance of the Church restoration. A parish finance report will be given in October to the entire parish by the finance committee.

Covid Precautions: State guidelines currently require masking indoors for large gatherings and maximizing ventilation. Although we will be heating the spaces we meet in, windows and doors will most likely be open to facilitate ventilation. Please dress warmly and if you are cold sensitive consider sitting further from the doors than you might normally. Please stay safe and stay home if you are feeling the slightest bit unwell. A reminder that flu vaccines are also readily available. Thank you for your understanding in this difficult time.

In celebration of Respect Life Month, Birthright of the Capital District, located in Ballston Spa, will conduct its annual Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser during October. 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 as soon as possible 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.

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/>)



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.

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.

“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. **There will be a brief meeting immediately following Mass on Sunday, October 24.**

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.

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.

Immaculate Conception Mass - December 8

9 AM - St. Patrick's, Cambridge

12 PM - Holy Cross, Salem

6 PM - Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls

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

Due to expected demands, it is likely that reservations will be required for Christmas Eve Mass. The complete Christmas Mass schedule is forthcoming.

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 10

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Readings for October 17

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **What's the Point of Religion?**

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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: Carol Ryan & Eileen Bakaitis

Next Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For October 2 & 3

Regular Offertory.....	\$2,786.00
Faith Formation.....	\$120.00
Total.....	\$2,906.00

Saturday, October 2	56
Sunday, October 3	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 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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