Immaculate Conception Parish

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

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BISHOP OF ALBANY DIOCESE:

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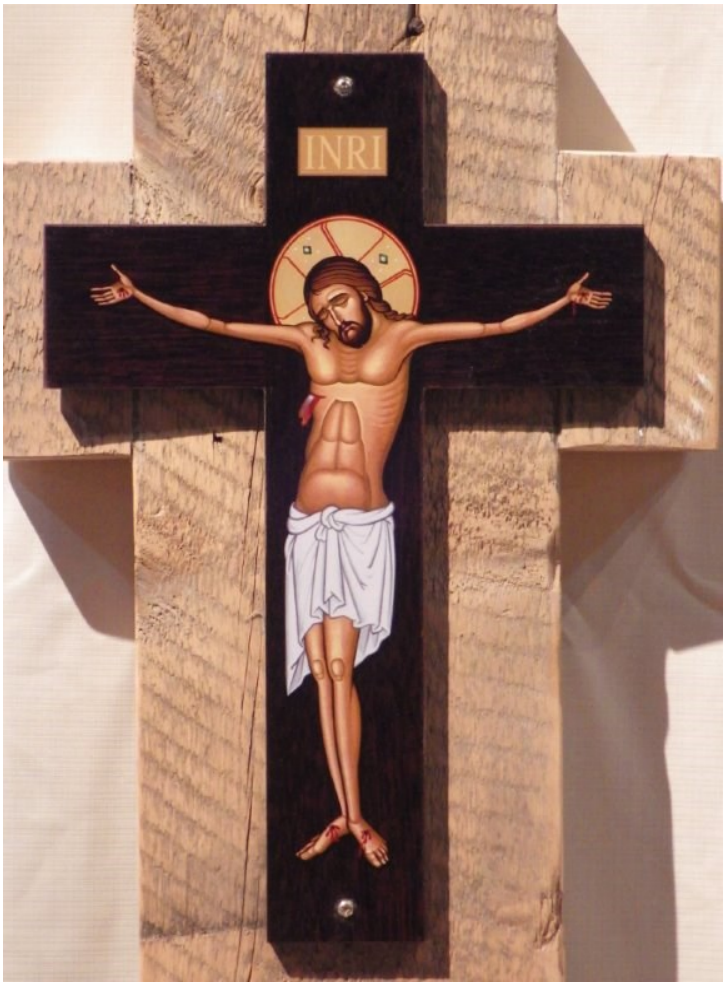
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM
RECONCILIATION, SATURDAY AT 3 PM

TRUSTEES: Elizabeth Ferrannini & Ed Gorman
FINANCE COUNCIL: Krissy Fauler
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
Virginia Cuddihy,
Linda Bennett, Mike Brewster,
Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini,
Karen Kaufman, JoAnn Shea and the two Trustees
MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry
WORSHIP & ENVIRONMENT: Marie Slattery

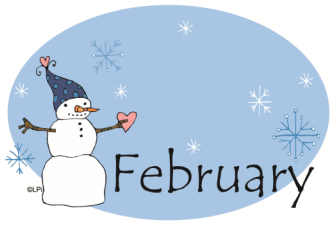


The Cross of Mercy
The Cross of Conversion
The Very Foundation of our Lives
God's Conversation with us

WE PRAY

Our Church enters into this time of reflection, renewal, and conversion. Our Holy waters are still; bells are silenced; pussy willow branches grace our gathering space as a sign of a new Spring for all. Violets and purples reflect our yearning for conversion. We follow the Cross into worship, trusting in the transformative power of the Cross, the Word of God, and the Table of the Lord. We sing in ancient Greek, "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison." We become more confident in the mercy of God. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 139: "O Lord, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting." The Gospel is proclaimed without any Alleluias (what a contrast to Easter's exuberance!)

As we gather around the Lord's Table, we remember how you loved us through death to new life. Our mystery of faith is revealed in Christ's real presence among us in Bread and Wine as our beliefs come alive in our transformed lives. We share in this Holy Communion; we ask Jesus to keep us near the Cross, the Precious Fountain of life giving grace flowing forth from our worship to all people through each one of us. We become evermore, People of the Cross. We become Hope for our world in Christ. We leave in quiet reflection to live faithfully every day.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20
4 PM Mass
Robert Foster

Sunday, February 21
9AM Mass
Father Richard Broderick

Monday, February 22
12 PM Mass
For Pope Francis
&
All Faith Leaders

Tuesday, February 23
10:30 AM Mass
at the Hoosick Falls Health Center
6 PM Communal Reconciliation
at St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday, February 24
8:30 AM Mass
at St. Patrick's Church
12:00 PM Ecumenical Prayer
at the Hoosick Falls Baptist Church
Followed by a soup and sandwich lunch

Friday, February 26
12 PM Mass
For the Well Being of Our People

Saturday, February 27
4 PM Mass
John (Ersel) Hickey
Anthony (Ski) Bromirski

Sunday, February 28
9AM Mass
Mark Burlingame
Patricia Lohnes
Dick Murphy

SANCTUARY LAMP
2/21/16-2/27/16
In honor of the Risen Christ
we remember:
Joshua Foster

Please bring soups, instant potatoes, and cereals
to our donation box in church.
There is always a need for old bags to be reused.
FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS …
We are looking for volunteers at the Food Pantry to help.
If you are interested, please call Dianne Hosterman at 686-5310.

HELP CLEAN UP OUR WATER AND LAND

If you know or are aware of any old/former chemical dump sites in our area please let representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the N.Y., Department of Environmental Conservation also know so this pollution can be cleaned up. This is all anonymous; no one will be labelled a trouble maker/informant. This is for the food of all. Representatives are at the Armory Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Online contact is dave.lukas@mrbgroup.com

HELP FEED OUR KIDS

Support our local backpack food program with donations to our "Regional Food Bank",

965 Albany - Shaker Rd., Latham, NY 12210.

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STONE SOUP GROUP

Please remember our neighbors in need of a hot meal. Once again, we are facilitating our Stone Soup Group. All you have to do is make 10 cups (we provide the containers) of any soup and get them to the Food Pantry at 10:00 AM on Mondays and Fridays or 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. We can even get the soup to the pantry if you cannot. Please contact our office to sign up for a time slot.

IF YOU NEED:

- Clean Drinking Water Delivered: call the Hoosick Falls Village Hall - 686-3040.
- The Warming Place - Free Hot Dinner– Every Night 6pm-9pm from January thru February at the Cambridge Food Pantry (the old Red Rooster on Rte 22 across from Cambridge Central School. If anyone would like to make a meal or donate your time, please call Betty Carey at 677- 8106.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

If you would like your contribution statement for your tax preparation, please call our parish office @ 686-5064. For assistance with taxes, please call Alison at 686-9491. Sponsored by the churches of HACA.

LIVES TRANSFIGURED

Come, Lord! Do not smile and say you are already with us . Millions do not know you and to us who do, what is the difference? What is the point of your presence if our lives do not alter? Change our lives, shatter our complacency. Make your word flesh of our flesh, blood of our blood and our life's purpose. Take away the quietness of a clear conscience. Press us comfortably. For only thus that other peace is made, your peace. We ask this through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen. God's Word beckons off our "holy mountains" to dwell among our people as a sacrament of hope in their lives.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Maeve Ronan, Luke Hoag, Fred Yager, Jean Waytkus, Lester Goodermote, Kelly McCart, Diane Bamrick, Bill Ellis, Frank Morandi, Bob Williams, Danny Green, Jean Brewster, Chuck Leeseman, Perry Coffman, Elaine Schultz, William J. Osterhout, Sr., Baby Charlotte, Armand Rousseau, Paul Cipperly, Ed Granger, Butch LaFlamme, John West, Sal Herradore, Helen Betner, Helen Hogan, Wanda Hunt, Phyllis Bushner, Bea Peterson, Patricia Cherry, Rosemary Johnston, Amy Kalb, Leonard Austin, Deanna Aldrich, and Art Crandall. Those who have been on the 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 you know, please call: Margaret O'Malley at 686-7835.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
4 PARSONS AVENUE, HOOSICK FALLS, NY
PHONE: (518) 686-4314, FAX: (518) 686-5957
Mr. Michael Piatek, Principal
Mrs. Mary Beth Smith, Secretary

St. Mary's Academy is the parish school of the Immaculate Conception Faith Community. Founded in 1891, St. Mary's Academy provides education for students beginning in Pre-Kindergarten and continuing through Grade 8.

Dear Friends,

Fish Fry Friday has begun and runs every Friday during Lent from 5:00pm -7:00pm in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Join us for delicious fish or Mac N Cheese and all the fixings. All proceeds benefit SMA.

Our cheesecake fundraiser ends February 23rd. If interested, please see one of our students or call the school.

As we progress through Lent, let us remember our friends, family and neighbors in our prayers and good works. Let us bring peace and happiness into our troubled world.

Blessed Mother Pray for Us

Michael Piatek

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS RETURN!
Every Friday during Lent, February 12th ~ March 18th
5:00pm-7:00pm, or until we run out.
Held in the Immaculate Conception Church Hall
Fish Fry Dinner is $9.00 per person
Fish Fry, Fresh Cut French Fries, Side of Coleslaw, Juice and Dessert
Or Mac N Cheese for $5.00 - -Eat In or Take Out!

All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Academy
Thank you in advance for your support!

Next Class Sunday, February 28th. All regular classes meet at St. Mary's Academy on Sunday mornings from 10:15 - 11:30 AM. Confirmation Classes for grades 10-11 will be meeting in the St. Joseph's Room church hall. Please pick up a complete list of dates on the back table. If you have any questions please contact Deb Kapron Grades K-6 @205-5014 or Deb Mahar Grades 7-12 @ 686-1692.

MASS
Mark your Calendars
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM
here at Immaculate Conception Church.
A festive dinner will follow.

BOWLING 4TH, 5TH & 6TH GRADES
Food & Fun!
Saturday, February 27, 2016
at Barbecue Recreation Lanes on Rte 22
1:00 to 2:30 PM
**Please RSVP to Deb Kapron By Feb. 23rd
716-864-7818 or 518-205-5014

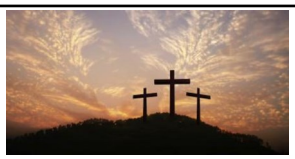
A tubing pile up and the group having fun!

LENTEN CROSS

"The Humanity of Jesus...our Foundation of Faith". The mystery of God's Love is revealed most deeply in the death of Jesus. Our Crucifix shows the beauty of Love through the tragedy, ugliness, fear, and darkness of death. Jesus empties himself so the fullness of Love be revealed among us. The Cross is fashioned from the broken wooden beams of our Church's foundation. Those beams had collapsed after over a century of holding up our Church. They were replaced by stronger, cemented supports. Our new Cross reminds us that our faith foundation is Jesus Christ. The broken beams of our world, our lives are completely repaired, renewed, and supported by the Wood of the Cross. Our life's foundation is the Love of Christ - crucified and risen for us.

PRACTICE OF FAITH

As we hear in today's readings, prayer is the lifeblood of our relationship with our loving God. Make daily prayer a priority during Lent. ♦ Discipline yourself to pause throughout the day and offer words of gratitude for all of the blessings given by God. Set an alarm on your phone to remind you. ♦ Pray on behalf of others. Keep a list of people and concerns in need of God and spend time raising them to God in prayer every day. ♦ Pray in remembrance of Jesus' suffering and death. Set aside time to pray the Rosary and focus on the sorrowful mysteries of Jesus during these weeks of Lent. ♦ Pray with an open, listening heart. Allow time to sit in silence and listen to the voice of Jesus in response to your prayers of praise, gratitude, intercession, and remembrance.



LENTEN PSALM OF AWAKENING

Come, O Life-giving Creator,
and rattle the door latch
of my slumbering heart.
Awaken me as you breathe upon
a winter - wrapped earth,
gently calling to life virgin Spring.

Awaken in these fortified days
of Lenten prayer and discipline
my youthful dream of holiness.
Call me forth from the prison camp
of my numerous past defeats
and my narrow patterns of being
to make my ordinary life extra - ordinarily alive,
through the passion of my love.

Show to me during these Lenten days
how to take the daily things of life
and by submerging them in the sacred,
to infuse them with a great love
for you, O God, and for others.
Guide me to perform simple acts of love and prayer,
the real works of reform and renewal
of this overture to the spring of the Spirit.

O Father of Jesus, Mother of Christ,
help me not to waste
these precious Lenten days
of my life's spiritual springtime.

A Journey Through Lent

- Ecumenical Prayer and Lunch: At Noon, every Wednesday at the Hoosick Falls Baptist Church (Our parish is leading the prayer service and providing lunch on Wednesday, February 24th. We need your help in making small sandwiches. Sign up at church)
- Communal Reconciliation: February 23, 2016, at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge
- St. Casmir Feast of Eastern European Culinary Delight: Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Hall. We share foods of Lithuania, Poland, and Slovakia.
- Communal Reconciliation: Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church
- St. Patrick's Parade and Community Party: Saturday, March 12, 2016. Main Street and Immaculate Conception Hall
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner: Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Hall. Hoosick Falls Central School Jazz Band and Corn Beef. And Irish songs with Dave Sutton.
- Good Friday Ecumenical Walk: March 25, 2016 at 12 noon. Way of the Cross through the streets of Hoosick Falls (begins at First United Presbyterian Church and ends at Immaculate Conception Church)

Our Church is open 24 hours a day for prayer, meditation, adoration, and walking.
When we enter the Holy Doors of our church, we remember our own holiness as we come into this sacred space.
When we leave, we become an even more loving, merciful, and beautiful blessing for our world.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2016

This Week: February 20 & 21, 2016
Lay Ministers: Team 3
Counters: Linda Bennett & Mike Bailey
Next Week: February 27 & 28, 2016
Lay Ministers: Team 4
Counters: Judy Flynn, Peg Bakaitis & Jerry McAuliffe
(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS February 13 & 14:

Offertory……$2,768.00

Candles…… ……$49.00

Total: $2,817.00

ATTENDANCE February 13 & 14:

4 PM……..134 9 AM…….95

Total: 229

Our church is open and lighted 24 hours a day.
Our church is open for quiet prayer, meditation, prayer walking, or contemplative reflections.

SHARE THE FAITH—FIND YOUR HOME HERE

Anyone wishing to join our faith community and live the Catholic way, please call our office 686-5064 or see Fr. Tom Zelker. We welcome you with a loving embrace.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We have low gluten hosts for anyone affected by Celiac disease. Call our office for your hosts. 686-5064.

Holy Communion... Please be sure to let one of the greeters know if you are unable to approach the altar. The usher will then make arrangements for Communion to be brought to your pew.

OUR PARISH HALL

If you would like to use our parish facilities or chairs/tables, please call our office to make reservations. Your hall makes a fine place for family gatherings.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK ...

We would like to thank

Bagel & Brew Café

Serving Breakfast and Lunch
Open 7am - 2pm, Tues - Sat
Catering Available
DELI - BAGELS
30 Elm St. · Hoosick Falls NY 12090
518-686-4627

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEET
EVERY 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY AT 7PM
IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S ROOM
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH HALL.
ANY MAN IS WELCOME TO JOIN!