

Immaculate Conception Parish

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
ST. MARY'S ACADEMY
ST. MARY'S CEMETERY



*Christ be our Light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness!
May the Resurrection of Jesus empower us to be credible witnesses to God's Crucified Love!*

BISHOP OF ALBANY DIOCESE:
Edward Scharfenberger
BISHOP EMERITUS: Howard Hubbard
PASTOR: Fr. Tom Zelker
tomzelker@gmail.com

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

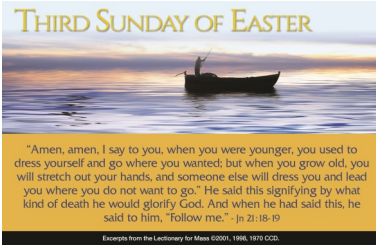
OUR PARISH OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS:
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WE PRAY - EASTER

Our Church is now more alive, brighter, and more festive than at any other time during the year. Flowers, colorful banners, and aromas delight and fill our senses. The Paschal Candle, prominent for 50 days, radiates light to the whole church. Our bells ring out, the waters of Baptism flow once again and well up with life. At Mass we process, led by the New Creation Cross of our Risen Savior. We sing of God's Majesty, **"Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of Good will."** Our response to the Scripture Reading (the Acts of the Apostles during the Season), is Psalm 66, **"Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy! Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring."** Our Alleluia is now sung before the Gospel. We profess our faith in response to the Creedal Questions; the sprinkled waters call to mind our common baptism. During our Eucharistic Prayer at the Lord's Table, we proclaim that it is through Jesus' Cross and Resurrection that we are set free to live the mystery of our faith. At the end of Mass, we are sent forth to be Jesus' disciples to the world...Alleluia. May our joy be a sign of Heaven's love for all people.

****All water used at Mass is PFOA free****

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 9

4 PM Mass
Howard Rist

Sunday, April 10

9 AM Mass
James Nealon
Lou Morizio

Monday, April 11

12 PM Mass
Ann Smith

Tuesday, April 12

Communion Services

9:45 AM at the Danforth
10:30 AM at the Health Center

Wednesday, April 13

8:30 AM Mass
at St. Patrick's Church

Friday, April 15

12 PM Mass
Nancy Roberto

Saturday, April 16

4 PM Mass
Rita Doodian
Perry Coffman
Gen. James J. Kenney

Sunday, April 17

9 AM Mass
Gordon Hudson



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 10, 2016



Please bring soups, canned fruit and vegetables 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.

FAITH FILLED WATCHING AND LISTENING. AVAILABLE AT OUR PARISH OFFICE:

- ⇒ "From Jesus to Christ: the First Christmas"
- ⇒ "The Passion of the Christ" - with Jim Caviezel
- ⇒ "Man of La Mancha" - living faith in the midst of Inquisition with Sophia Loren and Peter O'Toole
- ⇒ "An Evening with C.S. Lewis" - David Payne as a British novelist and theologian
- ⇒ "The #1 Reason I love being Catholic" -CD with Dr. Allen Hunt

FREE YOGA CLASSES

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
From 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
In our Church Hall.

Any questions, please contact Sonya Burdge @ (518) 380-4017

LIBERATING SACRED TEXTS

The Failure of Violent Extremism.

Tuesday, April 12th at 7PM at the Hubbard Interfaith Sanctuary, College of St. Rose in Albany. Fr. Chris DeGiovine and Hassan Shibly, director of the Council on American Islamic Relations.



EMPTY BOWLS

Saturday, April 16th from 6 - 8PM, HFCS Cafeteria, \$10.00
Come purchase some delicious soup in a beautiful bowl to help support our local food pantry.

"THE LOST AND SECRET GOSPELS ENCORE"

Due to the snow storm and our smaller yet lively discussions, we will offer our class on the Gospels we embrace, and others we don't use, on Monday, April 18th at 12:30PM in our church.
We will discover weird and odd "gospels" that were proclaimed and then discarded by our early church communities.



EASTER EVENING OF JOY AND HOPE

DATE CHANGE: Thursday, May 12th at 5:30pm

Free Lasagna Dinner followed by a lively talk, music, and discussion with Fr. Peter Chépaitis and Sr. Anna Tantsits from Schoharie County.

Come and share their new and refreshing view of faith.

VOCATIONS SUMMIT

Saturday, May 7th from 9am - 3pm at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville. "How do we live out our Baptismal call in our daily lives?" If interested, please call our parish office.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTIES

If you would like to use tables and chairs from our church hall during graduation weekend in June, please sign up as soon as possible. We have a wedding scheduled for Saturday, June 25th. Let us know so we can plan with dignity and grace.

SHARE FAITH, - NOT GERMS

If you are ill, coughing, or contagious, please be mindful, respectful of others, and kind at Mass. A simple bow at the sign of peace, covering sneezes, and letting someone else minister at Communion are real signs of Christian hospitality.

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,

It is hard to believe that the first snow day of the 2015-16 school year was last Monday, April 4. It has been quite an unusual winter.

I would like to thank all of you for your participation in the Herrington BBQ last Saturday. It was cold on Saturday, but the chicken was hot and delicious. I would also like to thank Ms. Cuddihy and the students, parents and teachers who organized and served the meal.

If you are reading this at Saturday's Mass, you still have time to participate in our Spring Auction starting at 6:00PM. If you are reading this at Sunday's Mass, thanks for your support and participation at the Spring Auction on Saturday, April 9.

Let's all hope that we've seen the last of the snow for 2015-16 and spring bursts forth with warmth and renewal. We appreciate all that you do for us.

Blessed Mother Pray for US,
Michael Piatek



BISHOP'S APPEAL 2016

The 2016 Bishop's Appeal will be held on the weekend of
April 30/May 1.

This is our opportunity to unite together as one Catholic family, to answer the challenge given to us by Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, and to promote justice for every person. In these next several weeks, please take the time to prayerfully reflect on the gifts that you have been given by God and respond to the Bishop's Appeal as generously as you possibly can. Your participation is essential to the success of the Bishop's Appeal. Please join other Catholics from throughout the fourteen counties of the diocese in supporting this very important collection.

HOLY DOORS

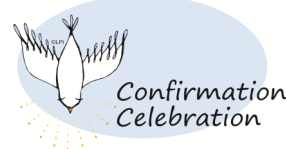
Our Church is open 24 hours a day for prayer, meditation, adoration, and walking. When we enter the Holy Doors of our church, we remember our own holiness as we come into this sacred space. When we leave, we become an even more loving, merciful, and beautiful blessing for our world.



Next class will be Sunday, April 17th.

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.



Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 PM. Our retreat (including Gospel plays, morality acts, and a hunger awareness meal) will be Sunday, April 17th, from 4PM-7PM at our church. Rehearsal will be Monday, May 9th at 7PM. All are welcome to join with Bishop Scharfenberger for this joyous celebration in our parish. Keep in prayer...



On **Sunday, May 15th** we will celebrate First Eucharist with 17 young parishioners. As they join us at the Table of the Lord, may their idealistic and innocent faith inspire all of us.

Our preparation retreat is Saturday, May 7th
from 8:30 -10:30 AM, in our church hall.

Please keep our young people in prayers:

Brigid Toleman; Zoe James; Madison Kessler; Julianna Brown;

Sophie Hayes; Ashlynn Wrobel; Luke Gillis; Jacob Jones;

Zekiel Becker; Luke Giglio; Cooper Saddlemire; Emma Waugh;

**Blake Grogan; Anthony deLaurentis; Jackson Bedard; Breonna Kelly;
and Scott Hill.**

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Luke Hoag, Butch LaFlamme, Phyllis Bushner, Bea Peterson, Patricia Cherry, Amy Kalb, Leonard Austin, Deanna Aldrich, Don Bissonette, Art Crandall, Marcy Camanzo, Margaret Sinacore, Shirley Fayed, Jennie Hogan, Scott M. Acree, and Kim Houghton 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.

Battenkill Chorale Presents
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Saturday, May 7, 2016 7 pm

Sunday, May 8 4 pm

Immaculate Conception Church 73 Main Street Hoosick Falls, NY

To reserve \$15 tickets: (518) 692-7458 or jen.braucher@gmail.com

**LONG TERM RECOVERY
 FOR HOOSICK FALLS**

**A FREE Workshop Presented by... Presbyterian
 Disaster Assistance**

Saturday, April 16, 2016

9 AM - 12:00 PM

At Hoosick Falls Central School

For more information contact

Joyce Brewer tjbrewer4942@gmail.com

This workshop will assist those already working hard to develop a long term plan to help Hoosick Falls recover from the issues of contaminated water. PDA has an abundant list of resources and the knowledge and training to point Hoosick Falls in the direction of recovery. Come be a part of revitalizing Hoosick Falls!

**BUILDING RESILIENCE
 TOOL FOR MANAGING STRESS**

**A FREE Workshop Presented by... Presbyterian
 Disaster Assistance**

The workshop is FREE to all.

Join us to learn how to burn brightly and never burn out.

Saturday, April 16, 2016

@ 1:30 PM

At Hoosick Falls Central School

RSVP: Joyce Brewer (518) 258-5772

or tjbrewer4942@gmail.com

The workshop draws from multiple resources dealing with traumatic stress and burnout. Participants will identify the signs of stress in their own lives and learn techniques to both prevent and mitigate the effects of stress. Participants will also have the opportunity to create their own plan for building resilience.

Both programs are "endorsed by the churches of Hoosick Falls"

The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord

After prayerfully discerning the people nominated and relying on the help of God, our Pastoral Council has asked **Christian Bradley, Mike Sanders, Margaret Restino, Dave Stagnitti and Bob Kapron** to be on our Steering Committee regarding our church. We thank them so much for their service.

These people, our parishioners, are given the mission (empowered) to:

- ⇒ Build consensus among our people regarding our Catholic community's future.
- ⇒ How can we best gather as a worshipping faith community?
- ⇒ With open minds and hearts, all information will be shared with our people; pros and cons of ideas will be discussed honestly.
- ⇒ How do we become church even more... inspiring, enhancing, upbuilding the important aspects of our faith...service to God's People, celebrating the sacraments in life giving and engaging prayer, and being a sign of hope for our area.
- ⇒ Can we realistically embrace our future with our foundation secure in Christ? How do we honor our past?

Everyone is welcome to join any of the following committees.

COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

Repair Present Church

John Burdick
 Linda Billert
 Jerry McAuliffe
 Mary Jones
 Christian Bradley
 Jim Hoag

Construct A Structure on Church Property

Bob Medvetz
 Sue Hickey
 Louise Ciuk
 Mike Sanders

Construct a New Church Building

Bob Medvetz
 Arthur Hyde
 Mike Baratto
 Mike Sanders
 Scott Bornt

Repurpose an Empty Building

Scott McCart
 Virginia Cuddihy
 Mary Ellen Sanders
 Peg Baratto
 Patti Zilinskas

Add on or make Worship Space at St. Mary's

Bob Kapron
 Kim Ciuk
 Mike Brewster
 Krissy Fauler

Immaculate Conception Prayer

All praise to you Creating God for the gift of your word who resounds deep within us all. At the very beginning, you spoke and chaos gave birth to all that lives and breathes. In the fullness of time, your Word became flesh in the womb of Mary, the image of your church. Your Word called the first disciples of Jesus to holiness of heart, unity in service, and selflessness in love. We thank you for all the women and men, enthused with faith, who built a home for us in Hoosick Falls. And now, we ask you for Holy Wisdom as we seek to rebuild our community on the foundation of Christ. With Mary, and all the saints, we are a sacrament of hope. May we be so for ages to come. Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

APRIL 9 & 10, 2016

This Week: April 9 & 10, 2016

Lay Ministers: Team 2

Counters: Terry Hewson & Heather Hassett

Next Week: April 16 & 17, 2016

Lay Ministers: Team 3

Counters: Linda Bennett & Mike Bailey

(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS April 2 & 3:

Offertory.....\$3,555.00

Candles.....\$48.00



Total: \$3,603.00

ATTENDANCE April 2 & 3:

4 PM.....183

9 AM.....172

Total: 355

Lions Club

The Lions Club is collecting donations for used prescription eye-glasses and hearing aids. There is a box in the back left side of the church. All donations are appreciated.

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.

DIVINE MERCY

Every Friday at 3:00 PM in our church, we gather to pray the Divine Mercy Novena. All are welcome.

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**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!