

Immaculate Conception Parish

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY at 4 PM & SUNDAY AT 9 AM

RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY AT 3 PM

***TRUSTEES:* Elizabeth Ferrannini & Ed Gorman**

***FINANCE COUNCIL:* Krissy Fauler**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster,

Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini,

Karen Kaufman, JoAnn Shea and the two Trustees

***MUSIC MINISTRY:* Richard Cherry**

***WORSHIP & ENVIRONMENT:* Marie Slattery**



WE PRAY

WINTER ORDINARY TIME 2017

Our church environment and music are simpler during this wintertime. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 136: "For your love is never ending." Our senses are attuned to the wonder of God who fills all Creation. Our Gospel acclamation is the joyful "Celtic Alleluia." We gather around the Table of the Lord to give thanks and praise for God's life giving presence in Jesus Christ. We are empowered to continue the ministry of Jesus in our holy discipleship. The mystery of faith is ours to be lived: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again." Sent forth from the Table, we are enabled to reach into Earth's tombs and witness to new Life in the Resurrection.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18

4:00 PM Mass

Richard Lanoue

Thomas Hyland

George Schruender

Robert Kindt

Sunday, February 19

9:00 AM Mass

Michael Clarke

Peter Maraia

Herb Anderson



Monday, February 20

NO MASS

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 21

10:00 AM

Danforth Mass

Wednesday, February 22

8:30 AM Mass

St. Patrick's Church

Friday, February 24

12 Noon Mass

"For Farmers"

Saturday, February 25

4:00 PM Mass

Deceased members of the

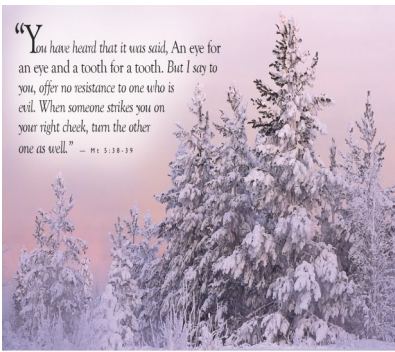
Ambrosino Family

John (Ersel) Hickey

Sunday, February 26

9:00 AM Mass

James & Kathleen O'Neil



"You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well." — Mt. 5:38-39

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2017



Please bring any type of the following items:

cake mixes, frosting and tuna fish

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.

PALM TO ASHES

Please bring in any old palm fronds to be burned for Ash Wednesday.

They can be left in church by February 26th.

YOUR KIDS NEED YOU!

If you need advice or any kind of help in talking with your teen aged children, please call Boy's Town Nebraska for faith filled, honest insights. Call 1-800-448-3000 or online at parenting.org.



FRIDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 24th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL

Dinner at 6:30 pm followed by

Entertainment beginning at 7:00 pm by the Hoosick Cloggers and Music by Ric Di Donato.

If you would like to help in any way, please call the office: 686-5064

To help with food, please contact Velma Brown at 686-7659.

Tickets on sale for \$10.00 at the Rectory or Thorpe's Pharmacy.

Beer, wine and soda for sale.

OPEN DOORS

Our church is open 24 hours a day for prayer, meditation, adoration, and walking. For countless generations here in Hoosick Falls, our doors are holy because you come through the portals to worship: farmers and factory workers; school children and teachers; newlyweds and nuns; moms and dads; soldiers and travelers. We go forth renewed as disciples of Jesus, with hearts open in love for the world.

STONE SOUP

With cold winter weather, we ask you to help in our ministry of Stone Soup. Anyone can make a pot of soup (we supply the containers), and deliver them (we can help, too) to the Food Pantry and Wood Bridges/Wood Park Apts. Call our office for information and to help. 686-5064

UP COMING EVENTS

Be sure to circle your calendar!

- ◆ St. Casimir Polish-Lithuanian Feast on Saturday, March 4th at 5pm in the St. Joseph's Room in our church hall. Eastern European Epicurean delights (Bigos and Kielbasi with Kapusta)! Bring a salad/desert/or specialty to share.
- ◆ St. Patrick's (day after) Irish Dinner on Saturday, March 18th at 5pm in our church hall. Corned beef dinner. Music by HFCS Jazz Band. Bring a salad to share.

WORSHIP & ENVIRONMENT MEETING

Monday, February 20th at 6:30 pm in our church to discuss Lent/Easter.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Leonard Austin, Ray & Adelia St. Hilaire, Ruby Carver, Edward Maleady, Neill Waytkus, Cathy Diehl, Jackie Eastwood, Briann Dimaggio, George Kaukus, Frannie Davendonis, Gayle Magisano, Terry Lettre, Jean Waytkus, Jay Accashian, Cheryl Kresky, June Baker, John (J.D.) Ellis, Martha Montana, Linda Bump, Rev. Mike Benoit and Lorraine Nelson 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. Amanda Goyer, Assistant 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 of SMA,

At the end of the month we will be starting our Cheese Cake Fundraiser. Please order your cheese cakes for Easter through our students or call SMA directly.

Our First Lenten Fish Fry will be Friday March 3rd. Additional information regarding FFF will be forthcoming at the end of February.

It may be cold outside but it is warm and loving inside SMA. Our Fruit of the Spirit for February is Love. Your continued love and support of SMA sustains us throughout the school year. Thank you for all that you do for us.

Blessed Mother Pray for Us,
Mrs. Goyer & Mr. Piatek



NEXT CLASS MARCH 5TH

All Classes Grades K - 9th meet at St. Mary's Academy on Sunday mornings from 10:15 - 11:30 AM. Grades 10 and up meet in the St. Joseph's Room downstairs in the church from 10:15 - 11:25 AM. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Kapron Grades K-6 @205-5014 or Deb Mahar Grades 7-12 @ 686-1692.

SAVE THE DATE!



ST. MARY'S SPRING AUCTION

Plans are well underway for the annual spring auction that will raise funds for St. Mary's School.

Here's how you can be a part of the fun and help secure the future of a great school.

- Save the date April 8, 2017, Doors open at 6:00pm at St. Mary's
- Donate an item, service or gift certificate to our live or silent auction.
- Sponsor the event at the Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500), or Bronze (\$250) levels.
- Advertise in the auction pamphlet, \$50 per ad.

Please contact Kate Keough at SMASpringAuction@yahoo.com or call MaryBeth Smith at 518- 686-4314. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Auction.

Winter Break



ENJOY YOUR WEEK!

TUBING AT WILLARD

Grades 7-12 meet at (our parish rectory)
67 Main St. at 10:30am

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

11-1 PM Tubing

Free for parishioners and their guests



Upon return we will have a pizza party in the St. Joe's room in our Parish Hall

Please RSVP to Deb Mahar at
aleestudio@msn.com or 518-225-4104
Or call our office at 686-5064



HOOSICK FALLS TURKEY VULTURE FESTIVAL

When will the Turkey Vultures return to Hoosick?

Give the date... \$.50 cents a chance.

Sign up calendars are available at ICC, SMA, and other village locations. These beautiful, red headed scavengers with keen eyesight and olfactory senses will soon migrate from the South to be at home in the skies of Hoosick. Trained ornithologists (Ed Peezer Sukuskas, Katie Shafer, Fr. Tom Zelker and Quinn "Eagle Eye" Kinney) will determine when the first flock of turkey vultures (*Cathartes aura*) circle and soar (with their V-shaped wingspan) over Wood Park. Take a chance ASAP for these birds return in March and April. Winners will be awarded vulture trophies. Join in the fun—look to the skies! All proceeds will go to local wildlife projects.



ADAPT



Help support safe activities for the Class of 2018's After Prom Events.

Please join ADAPT at Weeb's Warehouse

204 Main Street, Hoosick Falls

After the St. Patrick's Day Parade

March 11th at 1:00 PM

For fun, kid safe activities!

Bouncy house, magician with balloon animals, face painting, baked goods, kid friendly games, activities, prizes and MORE!!

Thank you for your support!



THE SACRAMENT OF HEALING - THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Our faith reminds us to always take care of the ill, the troubled, anyone who is hurting or infirm. We will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick monthly before/after our Saturday/Sunday or weekday Masses. It will vary depending on other parish/community events. Our next anointing at Immaculate Conception will be after the 12 noon Mass on Monday, March 6th. Please consider staying a few minutes for this prayer service, invite someone in need of Christ's healing assurance.

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

A prayer intention book is now in Our Lady's Chapel (on the north side of our church entrance). As St. Paul reminds us, "never stop praying for each other," uplifting all in God's Spirit of Love.



March 1st

We begin this joyful season of holy conversion.

- ♦ 8:30 AM Mass with Ashes - St. Patrick's Church.
- ♦ 12 Noon Mass with Ashes - Immaculate Conception Church.
- ♦ 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Prayer Services and Ashes for HFCS students and teachers at Bianca's.
- ♦ 6:00 PM - Prayer Service with Ashes - Immaculate Conception Church.



****HACA FREE TAX SERVICE****

The VITA site is located at the HACA Center at 26 John Street, Hoosick Falls. The office will be open each Saturday beginning February 4th from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM and on Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM through February. In March and April, offices will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and on Thursday evenings by appointment. Office hours have been scheduled for evenings and weekends to accommodate people who find it difficult to take time off from work. The VITA program offer free assistance to those with low-to-middle incomes (wage earners who make \$54,000 or less) who file Form 1040EZ, Form 1040A, or a basic 1040 Federal tax return. Please call Hoosick VITA at 518-686-9491 for more information or to make an appointment.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017

This Week: February 18 & 19, 2017

Lay Ministers: Team #3

Counters: Linda Bennett & Mike Bailey

Next Week: February 25 & 26, 2017

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 11 & 12:

Offertory.....\$2,897.00

SMA.....\$50.00



Faith Formation.....\$204.00

Candles.....\$46.50

Total: \$3,197.50

ATTENDANCE February 11 & 12:

4 PM.....134

9 AM.....141

Total: 275

RENDER UNTO CAESAR....

If you need your contribution statement for your income taxes, please call our parish office. 686-5064

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Our automatic withdrawal system is working well. This may be an easy way for you to support our parish. Please contact our office for more information.

DIVINE MERCY

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

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 ...

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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!