

# *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**  
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**PASTOR: Fr. Tom Zelker**  
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**Office Secretary: Tina Becker**

***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 98, "**Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done wonderful deeds.**" 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.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 23, 2017**

**Saturday, April 22**

**4:00 PM Mass**  
Joseph Ciuk  
Don Bogardus  
Robert Haynes

**Sunday, April 23**

**9:00 AM Mass**  
Burton Luke  
Marie Cuddihy-Roberts  
Fr. Rene Robert  
Delight Cullen

**Monday, April 24**

**12 Noon Mass**  
"For the victims of the Holocaust"

**Wednesday, April 26**

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

**Friday, April 28**

**12 Noon Mass**  
John & Jennie Zelker

**Saturday, April 29**

**4:00 PM Mass**  
Kenneth Cipperly  
Fr. Donald Doyle  
Br. Gen James J. Kenney  
Thomas Harrington, Sr.

**Sunday, April 30**

**9:00 AM Mass**  
Peter Zullo  
Ann Brennan  
Nina Griffin

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
**4/23/17 - 4/29/17**

**In honor of the Risen Christ**  
**we remember:**  
Sandra Eddy Carelli



Please bring any type of the following items:  
macaroni & cheese, tuna fish, canned fruit  
or cookie/cake mixes.  
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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Our next monthly communal anointing of the sick will be Sunday, April 23rd at 8:45 AM (before the 9 AM Mass) and at 12 Noon (after the 11 AM Mass) at St. Patrick's.

**"SIMPLY PETER:**

**A PERSONS TRANSFORMATIVE ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST"**

Monday, May 1st at 7 PM  
At Immaculate Conception Church  
A short one man play about St. Peter and faith

**"IN OUR OWN VOICE"**

A unique public education program about living with mental health challenges and achieving recovery.  
Thursday, May 18th at 2:30 PM at Bennington (SVMC) Hospital. Any questions, call (802) 442-5502.

**THANK YOU!**

To John Foster for donating locust posts for the new blue bird houses in our cemetery. There are already two blue birds nesting. To Gary Kjelgaard for plowing the garden.

**BATTENKILL CHORALE**  
*Janet McGhee, Artistic Director Erich Borden, Accompanist*



Rise to Life's Beauty!

featuring Dan Forrest's ravishing  
**Requiem for the Living**  
colorful chamber orchestra includes harp, gong, bell chime, glockenspiel, cymbals, drums, strings, winds, and organ  
Gene Marie Callahan, *soprano* Michael Gallagher, *tenor*  
Erich Borden, *organ*  
plus ethereal works by  
Arvo Pärt, Ola Gjeilo, and Henryk Gorecki

Saturday, April 22, 2017 7 pm ~ Sunday, April 23 4 pm  
Immaculate Conception Church 73 Main Street Hoosick Falls, NY  
To purchase \$15 tickets: (518) 692-7458 or battenkilltickets@gmail.com



**PRE-KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**

Friday, May 5th

Post time 6PM to 9PM

At the Hoosick Falls Country Club

Sponsored by the Derby Community Club

Music and Food \$10.00

**NEW PARISH APP COMING SOON!**

In the coming weeks myParish will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, our bulletins, our own parish activities and more.

We hope our new app will be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at myParish and better engaging the New Evangelization.

Please watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement.

Information cards are available today next to our display. Take one and put it on your phone today.



Doing our parish app is easy and fun

**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.**



**NEXT CLASS May 7, 2017**

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.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2017**

Each year immediately during the joyous celebration of Easter, each parish in our diocese unites as one family to help provide the financial resources which are needed to empower the many ministries throughout the 14 counties of the Diocese of Albany which work to fulfill the mission of the Church to teach, to heal and to sanctify. **This year the theme for the Bishop's Appeal is about being "Ambassadors for Christ". Bishop Scharfenberger, as a logical next step following the Year of Mercy, asks that we reflect deeply on what it means for us to actually become doors of Christ's mercy, to be His disciples extending His love and kindness to others.**

Some of us may think of the Bishop's Appeal as tax time coming to call again! I ask, if you have not already, to take time to understand where your gifts to the Bishop's Appeal actually go. The Bishop's Appeal itself is a door of mercy through which resources flow, enabling the work of caring for God's people to go forward.

Hundreds of dedicated people...religious education teachers, Catholic school teachers, Catholic Charities care providers, hospital chaplains, campus ministers, and the staffs of various offices minister to bring Christ's word, healing presence and love to all with whom they interact. Likewise, the Prayer and Worship Office, the Formation for Ministry Office, the Vocations and Diaconate Offices, and the Ongoing Formation and Continuing Education for Clergy Offices labor diligently to prepare those who are called to lead and serve with the requisite skills and training essential for effective parish leadership today.

The Bishop's Appeal is not about the Bishop. The Bishop would be the first one to tell you that, no, it's not about him, **it's all about Jesus**. The gifts we make to the Appeal are an expression of love for Jesus, for His Church, for His people. The remarkable generosity shown by the people of our parish and this diocese year in and year out is a visible sign of the Father's love and an affirmation of our faith as disciples of Jesus in today's world. We have been outward looking, extending our faith beyond our building and our local boundaries.

**Our special Second Collection for the Bishop's Appeal will be at Mass on Saturday, May 6th and 7th.** Thank you so very much for your generosity.

**SOW A ROW**

Girls from Girl Scout Troop #1259 are working on their Silver Award Project and are looking for your help. Our project is to provide a bin for fresh vegetables outside of the Food Pantry. We are encouraging community members to drop off extra fruits and vegetables from your garden to the food pantry! So we are asking you to plant a little extra in your garden to help those less fortunate. To help you out we will be handing out some seedlings after Mass on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you! Aleah Stowell, Caroline Still and Payton Zedalis



**Easter "Big Sam" Bunny visits the good children of Hoosick Falls**

### **EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

In the liturgies of the Triduum and Easter, the Church remembers the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. But although these liturgies are full of drama and a powerful sense of history, liturgical remembering is not about the past; it is about the present. When the Church remembers, something happens in the here and now. **“Recalling thus the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of the Lord’s powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age in order that the faithful may lay hold on them and be filled with saving grace.”** The Triduum is, in a word, *sacramental*; for the Resurrection is not just remembered, as great events in history are remembered; the Resurrection *happens*.

*God’s Dream ... Our Work*

*Each person makes a difference!*

*Our Eucharist sends us forth to embody Christ’s love, Christ’s Justice, Christ’s Healing, and Christ’s Reign in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say “you don’t matter” because you do! You make all the difference in the world.*

*Here are some activities that may interest you in order to help another person, stand up for what is right, or care for our Earth. Remember, our Catholic faith is not self-centered, but selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to God’s sacred presence every day, everywhere.*

*May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly beautiful, the most unsettling, the deepest life giving love for all people!*

*The stone has been rolled away ... Let us journey forth ... together!*

#### **RESPECT LIFE**

- ⇒ Stand up for anyone who is being abused by domestic violence. Call Catholic Charities (free and confidential) at 453-6650. Get help for yourself or someone else who is abused by hitting, humiliation, guilt, bullying, or forced sex.
- ⇒ Project Against Violent Encounters (PAVE) in Bennington serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through a variety of services. Learn about volunteering 802-442-2370.
- ⇒ Contribute to the National Adoption Foundation, 100 Mill Plain Road, Danbury, CT 06811 (National Adoption Foundation.org) helping families adopt children.
- ⇒ Visit someone who is homebound or resides at a nursing home.
- ⇒ Invite a troubled drinker to AA - local meeting are Monday evenings at 8pm at the Hoosick Baptist Church.
- ⇒ Help Amnesty International USA; [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org) - in demanding that all forms of torture cease, political prisoners receive fair trials, and death squads be eliminated.
- ⇒ The Roarke Center, Troy (273-8351) helps women with legal issues and when leaving incarceration.
- ⇒ Learn and do something about the worldwide crime of human trafficking (modern slavery). More than 29 million people are held in bondage for forced labor or sexual exploitation. Contact the “Project to End Human Trafficking.”

#### **RESPECT THE EARTH**

- ⇒ Support “Trees for Life” 3006 West St. Louis, Wichita, KS 67203. This group supplies native, fruit and shade trees to devastated areas throughout the world. Help reforest Mount Kilimanjaro with 3 million trees with Interfaith Power & Light on the net (or 415-561-4891).
- ⇒ Buy produce at local farm stands; at the store, make sure produce is grown in America. Support local farmers.
- ⇒ Join the Hoosick Falls Love Your Village Clean-up Day on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 to 1:00 PM.
- ⇒ Contribute to the Nature Conservancy, P. O. Box 65, Keene Valley, NY 12943 in preserving rare mountain habitats.
- ⇒ Recycle everything that you can. Use a cloth shopping bag instead of plastic.
- ⇒ Pick up litter on the Hoosick River Trail.
- ⇒ Plant an extra row of vegetables to share at our Food Pantry.
- ⇒ Use less fertilizer on your lawn and garden. Runoff pollutes our waters.
- ⇒ Learn about Global Warming and what you can do to help future generations from NASA at <https://climate.nasa.gov>.
- ⇒ Join the Climate March to raise awareness about climate change on Saturday, 4/29 in Glens Falls, Hudson or Washington, DC.
- ⇒ Plant a tree, feed the birds, put up a bat house. The NY State Tree Nursery in Saratoga Springs still has seedlings available through mid-May 587-1120.

#### **FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND CHURCH**

- ⇒ Bring a can of soup to our Food Pantry.
- ⇒ Volunteer as an altar server, join the choir, read at Mass.
- ⇒ Volunteer time, talent and treasure to benefit Catholic education in our community by supporting St. Mary’s Academy, including attending the Duck Derby.
- ⇒ Volunteer at Bennington Veteran’s Home.
- ⇒ Assist the Girl Scouts with our Food Pantry Garden.
- ⇒ Think about becoming a priest, nun, brother, or deacon.
- ⇒ Support our school sports teams, musicians, and singers.
- ⇒ Laugh and enjoy life ... smile at Mass ... celebrate friendship.
- ⇒ Change a negative in your life and do something positive. Exercise!
- ⇒ Help a neighbor, ride a bike, share some flowers, kayak down a river.
- ⇒ Simply Peter - Monday, May 1st 7 PM at ICC. A one man play about St. Peter and his encounter with Christ.
- ⇒ Empty Bowls - Friday, May 12th 6-8 PM at the HFCS Cafeteria. Crafted bowls, delicious soup, and art show to support our Food Pantry.

#### **POLITICAL ARENA**

- ⇒ Check out “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility”
- ⇒ See [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship) or call 1-800-235-8722 at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- ⇒ “Cinderella” at HFCHS - Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th at 7 PM; Sunday, April 30th at 2 PM.
- ⇒ Battenkill Chorale Saturday, April 22nd and Sunday, April 23rd at ICC.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**APRIL 22 & 23, 2017**

**This Week: April 22 & 23, 2017**

Lay Ministers: Team #3

Counters: Judy Flynn, Peg Bakaitis & Jerry McAuliffe

**Next Week: April 29 & 30, 2017**

Lay Ministers: Team #4

Counters: Bob Medvetz & Mike Shea

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

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS April 15 & 16:

Offertory.....\$3,161.00

Holy Land/Good Friday.....\$397.00

Easter.....\$5,369.00

Flowers.....\$1,536.00

Candles.....\$22.01

**Total: \$10,485.01**

ATTENDANCE April 8 & 9:

4 PM.....197    9 AM.....435    Total: 632

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Leonard Austin, George Kaukus, Frannie Davendonis, Gayle Magisano, Terry Lettre, Martha Montana, Linda Bump, Rev. Mike Benoit, Lorraine Nelson, Michelle Matla, Joe Trembley, Susan Decker, Bill McAuliffe, Bob Smith, Alexandra Lettre, Ken Burns, and Kay Monroe. 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.

**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.

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