

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!*

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

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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

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
June Baker
Edward & Elizabeth Fanning

Monday, May 1

12 Noon Mass
"For all workers and the unemployed"

Wednesday, May 3

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

Friday, May 5

12 Noon Mass
Manuel Custodio

Saturday, May 6

4:00 PM Mass
John Keegan
John Jr. Keegan
Stasia Keegan
John & Eleanor Jenuskevica
David & Eva Fleming

Sunday, May 7

9:00 AM Mass
Jean & Richard Murphy
Delight Cullen

SANCTUARY LAMP

4/30/17 - 5/6/17

In honor of the Risen Christ
we remember:
Catherine Hoffman



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.

"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

BATISMAL CLASS

Tuesday, May 2nd at 7 PM, in the St. Joseph's Room

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 4th at 12 noon in Wood Park.
"For Your great namesake! Hear us...Forgive us...Heal us" Song, Scripture, and Prayer for our People.



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

4TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS

Friday, May 12th from 6 - 8 PM, HFCS High School Cafeteria
Door open at 6 PM, \$10 Donation, First come, First served.
Raising Hunger Awareness Through Art

"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.



SPRING STROLL & STAINED GLASS

Saturday May 20, 2017 9am-12noon

Sponsoring Churches:

St. Mark's Episcopal, First Baptist of Hoosick Falls, First United Presbyterian,
and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
(all within 2 blocks of each other in downtown Hoosick falls)

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday, May 29th at 8:30 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery
We remember those whose lives were taken from them in the sacrifice of freedom and peace.

ST. ANTHONY FEAST

Tuesday, June 13th at 6 PM in our Church Hall
Pasta picnic, Italian music, and humor. Please bring a salad or cookies to share.

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.



**Welcome to the Table of the Lord
Next Sunday, May 7 at our 9 AM Mass**

We will celebrate First Eucharist with eight of our young people. We welcome:

**Payton Dailey, Frances Gardner, Memphis Hathaway, Reed Hoag,
Trace Taber, Tyler Taber, Quinn Waytkus, Quinn Haynes**

We thank Trish Gardner for her teaching our young people in Faith Formation. May their enthusiasm to celebrate and live as Christ's disciples inspire all of us.

ADDITION TO EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

IN MEMORY OF :

Brucy Barber
Nina Griffin, Mary Leeseman
Sam Danish
Deceased Family Members
Gabe Crucetti
Juanita Passineau
Vincent, Anna & Robert Burns & Family
Philip Sr., Blanche, Phil Jr.,
Judy & Dick Lanoue, & Family

DONOR:

Bert Barber, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Leeseman
The Family
Ed Ruditis
Margaret Crucetti
Nash
Kay Lanoue

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 29th and 30th!

Thank you! Aleah Stowell, Caroline Still and Payton Zedalis



The Battenkill Chorale, a chorus of 75 singers, and their chamber orchestra presented two afternoon concerts April 22-23 at Immaculate Conception Church in Hoosick Falls. Over 500 people listened to and were inspired by the music "Rise to Life's Beauty" that included Forrest's "Requiem for the Living", Gorecki's "O Domina Nostra", and Gjeilo's "Northern Lights" and "Ubi Caritas". The lush harmonies, breathtaking musical language, and resounding sounds from the organ and drums filled the church and community.

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.

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 and Thursday at 8pm at the Cambridge Presbyterian Church.
- ⇒ Help Amnesty International USA; 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>.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ The Agricultural Stewardship Association in Greenwich, NY, is a community-supported land trust that needs volunteers. www.agstewardship.org

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.
- ⇒ Help Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer Center provide literacy tutoring to adults, young adults, and families. www.LVORC.org; 518-274-8526
- ⇒ 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.

POLITICAL ARENA

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ “Cinderella” at HFCHS - Saturday, April 29th at 7 PM; Sunday, April 30th at 2 PM.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
APRIL 29 & 30, 2017

This Week: April 29 & 30, 2017

Lay Ministers: Team #4

Counters: Bob Medvetz & Mike Shea

Next Week: May 6 & 7, 2017

Lay Ministers: Team #1

Counters: Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea, & Andrea White

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

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS April 22 & 23:

Offertory.....\$3,110.00

Evangelist.....\$266.00

Easter.....\$130.00

Candles.....\$47.00

Total: **\$3,553.00**

ATTENDANCE April 22 & 23:

4 PM.....163 9 AM.....147 Total: 310

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.

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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