

Immaculate Conception Parish

Our Church, our Faith Community is not a museum of ancient artifacts or something simply to gaze at from afar.

We are the living garden of God to be tended to, cared for, and to bear fruit ... a harvest rich in justice, peace, and compassion.



Abby with her pigs



Rose & Aleah with vegetables from the Parish Garden

Kellan on the Farm



Garrett & a young Dairy Cow



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

RECONCILIATION, SATURDAY AT 3 PM

WE PRAY SUMMER ORDINARY TIME

During these weeks, we unfold the wondrous mystery of God revealed in Jesus of Nazareth. We delve each week into our call from God to be credible, life-giving disciples of Christ. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 25: "To you O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you, I lift up my soul." We ask our God to teach us in ways of Holy Wisdom, celebrating our sacred friendship, and guiding us into Heaven's justice. Our Gospel acclamation is a joyful Alleluia as we hear Good News proclaimed. We gather at the Table of the Lord; we are nourished as companions on a pilgrim journey. We become the mystery of faith: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again." As People of Resurrection, of God, of Hope we enter into the Cross of our world with Love's Promise.



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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 22

4:00 PM Mass
 Richard Martelle
 Stanley Remancus
 Robert Haynes
 Franco Arimma
 Paul Doodian
 Lou & Rita Doodian
 Paul & Albina Zucconi

Sunday, July 23

9:00 AM Mass
 Thomas Ortolani

Friday, July 28

10:30 AM Prayer Service
 Hoosick Falls Health Center

Saturday, July 29

4:00 PM Mass
 Kathy McBride
 Peg Piche

Sunday, July 30

9:00 AM Mass
 Ray Rogers



Mary Merriam, Joan James, Gloria Shufon, and Bette Bradley

For staffing the office during my vacation. Thank you. Tina

SUMMERTIME

This weekend, July 22-23, I'll be in up in the Adirondacks. We welcome Fr. Augustine from Ghana to our community. The special second collection will be for missionary work in Ghana and is used for such things as pastoral ministry, the training of future priests, educational, development and agriculture work. Please greet Fr. Augustine with our beautiful Hoosick hospitality.

POLISH DAY

Sunday, August 20, 2017
 National Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y.
 Confessions in Polish and English 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM
 Mass in the Coliseum 4:00 PM
 Edward B. Scharfenberger Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
 Sponsored by: Polish America Congress

SANCTUARY LAMP

7/23/17 - 7/29/17
 In honor of the Risen Christ
 we remember:

Kathy McBride

PYRAMID LAKE NATURE RETREAT

August 21st - August 25th led by Fr. Tom Zelker and Sr. Carol Davis.

Lively discussion, Mass, good meals, and midnight canoeing in the Adirondacks.

Call (518) 585-7545 for information



POOLERSIZE

Fun and exercise at the pool.
 Tuesdays and Fridays
 from 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM
 at the Town Pool.
 Free for all, please bring
 a cheap pool noodle
 no pool membership needed.
 Until pool closes in the fall.
 Adults only please.

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EMERGENCY COLLECTION

At Bishop Scharfenberger's request, an emergency collection will be taken up in our parish over the next several weeks to aid those devastated by the storms that began over the last few weeks throughout our diocese. This emergency collection is intended to cover needs created by current and future storms throughout our diocese in 2017. To donate, make your check payable to the parish, and in the memo portion write: **2017 Diocesan-wide Storm Season**. Then, after sealing in an envelope, simply place your donation in any collection taken-up over the next several weeks. At that time, our parish will then send one check to Catholic Charities and 100% of donations will go to respond to the needs of persons and families impacted by this year's storms.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

4 PARSONS AVENUE, HOOSICK FALLS, NY
PHONE: (518) 686-4314, FAX: (518) 686-5957

Principal, Mrs. Amanda Goyer
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,

DID YOU KNOW that you can give your child a faith based education for just \$20 a day? Our K-8 program offers students the ability for individualized instruction, group work and collaboration.

DID YOU KNOW that you can give your 3 and 4 year old child a head start on their education for just \$24 a day? Our Pre-K program offers students the chance to build their social skills, while working on academics appropriate to their age level.

DID YOU KNOW that SMA offers morning care for students from 7:00am-7:30am and aftercare from 2:45pm until 6:00pm?

DID YOU KNOW that SMA offers multiage classes? According to research, multiage classes teach collaboration, self-confidence, and offer a wide range of curriculum over two grade levels (Information taken from <https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/cutting-edge-leadership/201505/why-children-might-benefit-combination-classroom>).

DID YOU KNOW that SMA has a theatre residency program? Students in grades 4-8 participate in Stages on the Sound, a 15 week program where students learn to animate, write plays, and even experiment with Shakespeare.

DID YOU KNOW that our advanced 8th graders scored a Mastery (above an 85) on both their Algebra and Earth Science Regents?

DID YOU KNOW that SMA students learn Spanish beginning with our Pre-K?

DID YOU KNOW that SMA attends weekly mass with Father Tom on Fridays during the school year? Religion is also taught as a core subject in our classes.

DID YOU KNOW that our students participate in service projects throughout Hoosick Falls and beyond?

DID YOU KNOW that students and staff gather for morning prayers that are written and delivered by the students?

DID YOU KNOW our teachers bring over 75 years of teaching experience to SMA?

DID YOU KNOW that SMA has creed that we say and believe in every day?

SMA Creed:

God made me a smart, special, and valuable person.
I respect myself and I respect others.
My words and actions are kind and honest.
I accept only my best in all that I do.
I am proud to be ME!

Have you thought about SMA? I encourage you to come and visit your parish school and see why small is really big!

With Many Blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-

FRUITS OF THE EARTH RECIPES

Bombay Potatoes

Ingredients:

2# Cubed White Potatoes

3 Tbsp oil

1 Tbsp garlic powder

1 Tbsp Onion Powder

1 Tbsp Curry Powder

2 tsp each of salt & white pepper

Toss all ingredients together. Spread evenly on a sheet pan. Roast at 350 degrees until tender, about 40 mins. Flip potatoes half-way through cooking. **Shared by Lisa**



Our churches help kids to get ready for learning. Families at St. Mary's and Hoosick Falls Central are assisted. Our parish is responsible for the following back to school items:

Loose-leaf wide rule paper

Pocket folders

Back packs

3 Ring binders

Please return items to the church by August 1st. Thank you!

A PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lord God, You who know the secrets of our hearts,
come now and fill us with the spirit of sincerity
as we pledge myself to You
and to the coming of Your Kingdom.

Lord, I desire to serve You with all my heart,
with all my soul and with all my strength.
I surrender myself to Your Holy Plan for me
as I seek to be perfect as You are perfect.
May I strive for excellence
in all the work of my hands.

May I strive to live within the spirit of holy poverty,
living a simple way of life.

May my greatest possession be Your Love
and the love of those around me.

I strive for excellence in loving,
asking that my love be always chaste and whole.

May I strive to be obedient and open
to the Mystery of Your Voice within me,
willing to embrace whatever You may ask of me.

Lord and Friend,
I rededicate myself
to a life of prayer and worship of You.

May a song of praise be the constant melody of my heart.

I re-commit myself
to serve the needs of those around me
and the needs of all the world.

May I find my salvation here
at this time and in this place where I now live.

May my union with those who share my commitment
be a source of confirmation and inspiration to me.

Lord, I marvel that You, in Your Divine Wisdom,
have chosen me to be an instrument
of Your Creative Salvation.
May all the work of my hands,
even my failings and stumblings,
be leaven to make that much desired Kingdom a reality.
Bless me now with Your Abounding Love
as I promise to be Your friend, servant and holy minister.
May I ever live out this commitment,
in Your Name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen*



WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY WITH IMMIGRATION?

**Join us on Thursday, July 27th at 6:30 PM
St. Joseph's Church
Broadway, Fort Edward
All are welcome!**

St. Joseph's invites you to a presentation where you will hear the facts on what's happening locally as well as nationally which affects our Mexican friends and neighbors who are living and working in our area.

We will explore the reason people come, the rich traditions and culture they leave behind, and the toll of extended separation on families from an in-depth and personal perspective.

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**The First Annual
Immaculate Conception Church/St. Mary's Academy
Golf Scramble
Friday, August 4th, 2017
At the Hoosick Falls Country Club
8:00 AM and 1:00 PM tee times**

This event is for both golfers and non-golfers alike.

Information available online:

www.smahf.org

www.icchoosickfalls.com

Facebook: St. Mary's Academy - Hoosick Falls, NY

Any questions, please contact the school or the rectory or any of the committee members below.

WE NEED YOU!

All parishioners are invited to help us make the ICC/SMA Golf Tournament on Friday August 4th a huge success! In addition to golf teams we are looking for Hole Sponsors, donations for the Chinese Auction Raffle and decadent desserts to share after dinner. All are welcome to join us throughout the day to cheer on our golfers as well join us for dinner and music in the evening. See any of our committee members for details or to join in the fun!

Pat Hayes, Margaret Merwin, Bob Medvets, Rick and Beth Ferrannini, Karen Kaufmann, Art Hyde, and Jerry McAuliffe



Main Street in Hoosick Falls, near the Wood Memorial Park, will be closed to traffic. The event kicks off with chalk drawing on Eberly Way (chalk will be provided) beginning at 4 PM for kids and adults. Serious artists are encouraged to join in. The supper begins at 6 PM. With free chicken BBQ and hot dogs, coleslaw, baked potatoes, and a roll, delicious potluck dishes (bring something to share). The Wednesday night concert by the Community Band starts at 7:30 in the Bandstand in Wood Park. This is a rain-or-shine event; it all moves to the Skating Rink (including the Band Concert) if the skies open up. Everybody is welcome for an evening of summertime fun and sharing with neighbors and friends. For more information, email ihearthoosick@gmail.com. For more details, visit the "Hoosick Rocks" Facebook page.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
JULY 22 & 23, 2017

This Week: July 22 & 23, 2017

Lay Ministers: Team #4

Counters: Judy Flynn, Peg Bakaitis & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: July 29 & 30, 2017

Lay Ministers: Team #2

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 July 8 & 9:

Offertory.....\$3,961.00

SMA.....\$287.00

Faith Formation.....\$178.00

Candles.....\$15.00

Total: \$4,441.00

ATTENDANCE July 8 & 9:

4 PM.....200 9 AM.....140 Total: 340

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS July 15 & 16:

Offertory.....\$3,131.11

Candles.....\$10.00

Total: \$3,141.11

ATTENDANCE July 15 & 16:

4 PM.....148 9 AM.....152 Total: 300

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Leonard Austin, Frannie Davendonis, 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, Marcus Martinez, Georgianna Skype, Helen Restino, Bud Barber, Ann McCormick, Lucille Dubois, Felicia Martelle, Dick Sargood, and Baby Rousseau. 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.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK ...

We would like to thank

New England Forestry Consultants, Inc.

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Nathan Piche

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