

# 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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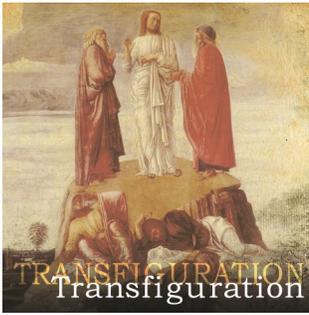
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE**

**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, August 5**

**4:00 PM Mass**  
 Johanna Hyde  
 Catherine Harrington  
 Mary Trimble

**Sunday, August 6**

**9:00 AM Mass**  
 Nancy McCullagh  
 Robert Burns  
 Deceased Members of  
 SMA Class of 1955

**Monday, August 7**

**12 Noon Mass**  
 Lucille Dubois

**Tuesday, August 8**

**10:00 AM**  
 Mass at the Danforth

**Friday, August 11**

**12 Noon Mass**  
 "For All Our Children"

**Saturday, August 12**

**4:00 PM Mass**  
 Peg Piche

**Sunday, August 13**

**9:00 AM Mass**  
 Lester Goodermote  
 Betty Kane

**New Horizons of Faith: Beatitudes of Christian Living**

**In the News: Climate Change Impacts to NY** No part of New York, from Buffalo to Albany, will be untouched by climate change. A variety of reports shows that New York has much more to worry about as global temperatures climb.

- The report "When Rising Seas Hit Home" from the Union for Concerned Scientists highlights New York as being at risk for chronic flooding
- The agricultural industry will be impacted in crop yield, crop quality, and livestock productivity, especially milk-producing cows
- Farmers are already experiencing earlier and increased insect pests, and short-term droughts could occur each summer in the Catskills and the Adirondacks
- By the end of the century, the climate in New York is expected to resemble that of Georgia in a worst-case scenario and Virginia in a better-case scenario

Take Action:

Call or write to thank Congressman Faso for protecting our communities. Rep John Faso and other members of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus in Congress voted in support of the Perry Amendment to block anti-climate legislation that would have prevented the Department of Defense from studying and analyzing impacts of climate change on national security.

The Interfaith Power & Light team is hosting a national climate policy call on Tuesday August 1st. On this call we'll hear a concise and compelling overview of important federal climate and energy policies and opportunities for action. This call is appropriate for those with all levels of experience and will be no more than one hour. Register at [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action\\_KEY=22893](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50836/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=22893)

**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

**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

**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**

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**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,

Many St. Mary's Academy graduates go on to high school at Hoosick Falls Central School, Cambridge Central School, Berlin Central School, Hoosic Valley Central School and Brittonkill Central School.

In the past 10 years, our graduates have also been accepted to Hoosac School, Lasalle Institute, Catholic Central High School, Doane Stuart School, Emma Willard, The Darrow School, and Albany Academy.

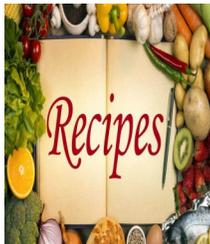
Our graduates have become valedictorians and salutatorians of their classes, and had success in college and beyond. Many attribute that to the start they received at St Mary's Academy.

Our graduates, no matter what year their diploma says, have always been generous in giving back to St. Mary's Academy. Whether it's through our annual alumni phone-a-thon appeal, giving of volunteer hours during the school day or through fund raisers, we are truly blessed with the love and support our graduates give us.

I encourage you to come and see your parish school. If you are interested in joining the St. Mary's family, please call 686-4314.

With many blessings,

Mrs. Amanda Goyer



**FRUITS OF THE EARTH RECIPES**

*Broccoli Salad*

Ingredients:

- 1 head of broccoli
- 1 lb of bacon cooked and crumbled
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup raisins, optional
- 8 oz pkg of shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup of sugar

Wash broccoli head thoroughly and cut the head into flowerets or bite size pieces. Place in large bowl. Cook the package of bacon and add the crumbled bacon, onion, raisins if using, and cheese. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients, stirring well. Do not add to broccoli mixture until you are ready to eat. Add to broccoli mixed and stir well. **Shared by Tina.**



Father Augustine wanted to say thank you to everyone that so graciously helped him last weekend. He wanted to thank Saint Jerry and Saint George for picking him up at bus station and taking him to lunch. The Kinney's and Ferrannini's for taking him to dinner, and anyone else that may have helped him during his stay here at Immaculate Conception. He said he felt a warming presence during his stay. He would love to come back and visit next summer.





### **A SUMMER SIREN PRAYER**

I salute you, God of rest and vacations,  
who laid down the law  
that every seventh day must be free.  
No work for beast, man or woman  
was your legal word.

On this summer day, when my heart longs for leisure,  
my head tells me, "It's time to go to work."  
I wish I had an extra sabbath  
to enjoy your gift of liberty and peace.

Part of me is so grown-up,  
And knows how to be productive,  
to be responsible and to achieve.  
I have learned to listen to that inner adult  
and how to successfully silence  
the echoes of childhood's play.

I may know and possess more, but I've lost something  
in being a repeat offender, O God,  
in breaking your law of Seventh Day Vacations.  
I forgotten how to vacate my work,  
to come out of my head and go out-of-doors,  
to play with you in the summer sun.

Amen\*



### **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.

Sonya B.

### **SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS**

"And he was transfigured before them." What awesome, mysterious words! Though unfamiliar to us, early Christians would have recognized the idea of transfiguration. In Jewish apocalyptic tradition, concerned with "revelations" about the end of time, the verb *metamorphoo* pointed to the miraculous change of form to be experienced by God's faithful in the age to come after a time of intense earthly suffering. Although that verb isn't used in the vision of the prophet Daniel, the scene he pictures bears some similarities to the Gospel scene: one "like a Son of Man" is given glory and kingship by God ("the Ancient One"). The phrase "Son of Man" —in its most generic meaning, a human being —here refers to an exalted figure who comes in triumph at the end of time. The title is commonly used for Jesus in the Gospel accounts (see Matthew 16:27).

All three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) situate the event on a mountain. In biblical tradition, human beings usually encounter God on mountains. The Transfiguration account in Matthew (as in Mark) comes just after Jesus' prediction of his Passion and his teaching that disciples must be prepared to follow the same way. It also follows Peter's confession that Jesus in the presence of Moses and Elijah (who represent the Law and the Prophets), his face glowing, as did Moses' face when he received the Commandments, reinforces Peter's insight that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus is transformed into a glory, or brilliant light, evoking the radiance of God. The transformation experienced at that moment was but a preview and perhaps a preparation for the glory that would be his when he rose from the dead.

- ◆ How many references to light can you find in all the readings? What do you make of them?
- ◆ At what other time have we heard the same words from God about Jesus?
- ◆ When have you had a "transfiguration" experience? What was it like?

### **PRACTICE OF HOPE**

When Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain to witness his Transfiguration, he planted seeds of transformation in them. Taking inner city children up a mountain or out into the country can provide a transformative experience for them also, and instill hope. A number of organizations across the country sponsor summer holidays, camps, or other outdoor experiences. ◆ For example, learn how the Fresh Air Fund places New York City children with rural or suburban host families for a summer visit: [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org). Or explore wilderness opportunities for children in the Washington DC, area: <http://www.citykidsdc.org/>. What similar services could you find in your own area that would offer a city child a change in the summer? How might you support it? ◆ Plan a mountaintop experience or retreat for yourself or for someone you know who needs hope and a change of perspective. ◆ Summer is a wonderful time to focus on God's bounty and promise. Take time outside this week, and notice the sights, sounds, and smells around you. Give thanks!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**AUGUST 5 & 6, 2017**

**This Week: August 5 & 6, 2017**

Lay Ministers: Team #1

Counters: Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea & Andrea White

**Next Week: August 12 & 13, 2017**

Lay Ministers: Team #2

Counters: Terry Hewson & Heather Hasset

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

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**BULLETIN PRINTED IN ADVANCE**

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS July 29 & 30:

Offertory.....

SMA.....

Candles.....

Total:

ATTENDANCE July 29 & 30:

4 PM.....

9 AM.....

Total:

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

We have low gluten hosts for anyone affected by Celiac disease. Call our office for your hosts. 686-5064.

**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, 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, Baby Rousseau, Frank Novak, Shelby and Family. 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.

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