

# *Immaculate Conception Parish*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**ST. MARY'S ACADEMY**

**ST. MARY'S CEMETERY**



**BISHOP OF ALBANY DIOCESE:**

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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***  
***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 118: "Whose love is forever, whose love is forever, whose love is forever more!" We join with all of Creation...crimson skies, forests and hills, winds and wildlife, music and our life's story...to sing of God's faithfulness. 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.  
 Fresh vegetables may be brought to the new "veggie bin" at the Food Pantry on John Street.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 19**

**4:00 PM Mass**

*Bernard Graney*

*Peggy Loretan*

**Sunday, August 20**

**9:00 AM Mass**

*Grace & John Melia*

*Richard & Jean Murphy*

**Monday, August 21**

**12 Noon Mass**

*"For Faithful Leaders In Our Church"*

***(Father Tom will be leading a  
 Diocesan retreat at Pyramid Lake  
 Monday - Thursday)***

**Wednesday, August 23**

**9:45 AM**

Communion at Danforth

**10:30 AM**

Communion at HFHC

**Friday, August 25**

**12 Noon Mass**

*"For Joy this Summer"*

**Saturday, August 26**

**4:00 PM Mass**

*Charlie Weeden*

**Sunday, August 27**

**9:00 AM Mass**

*Gloria & John Delurey*

*Ryan Weiss*

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

**Increased Rates Worst for Poorest Families**

"We must overcome all forms of racism of intolerance and of the instrumentalization of the human person" -Pope Francis, 7/18/2017

National Grid has requested a \$330.7 million rate increase in upstate New York that would total \$107 annually for electricity delivery and \$104 annually for gas delivery for the typical customer. To tell the NY Public Service Commission that families struggling to make ends meet simply cannot afford the additional burden of these charges, send your comments to: New York State Public Service Commission  
 Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary to the Commission  
 Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3  
 Albany, NY 12223-1350  
 Or email: [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov)

**JESUS MEETS A PAGAN, FOREIGN WOMAN**

Today's Gospel encounter moves us to be a people of conversion. I can remember working in Virginia, driving my truck to Mass, going by the smoldering cross from the Ku Klux Klan meeting the night before. My dad would tell of going off to fight the Nazis in World War II. And down the block from my family's Church of St. Casimir, Sheridan Ave, Albany was St. Philip's Church, where the "coloreds" could go.

Hatred, bigotry, racism, prejudice in whatever form is wrong, evil, and sinful. It is contrary to God and to whom we are.

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

**FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**

Saturday, September 9, 2017 @ 1 PM  
 Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion  
 Albany Rural Cemetery

**PARISH APP!**

We have launched our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This allows 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.



To access the app take the following steps:  
 Text **App** to **88202** to download our parish app.  
 Download **myParish App**  
 Select our Parish after opening

**Doing our parish app is easy and fun**

**SPECIAL DISASTER AND FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION**

**This weekend August 19th & 20th**

Our Diocese is accepting donations to help people everywhere, including right here in our parish community, in the midst of natural disasters. We are bonded together as the People of God to live compassionately, empathetically, and lovingly wherever we find ourselves. Thank you.

**ST. MARY'S ACADEMY**

4 PARSONS AVENUE, HOOSICK FALLS, NY  
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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,

SMA is partnering with Colonie Center and their School Bucks Program. Every time you shop or dine at Colonie Center, you can help SMA win a share of \$20,000! All you need to do is take your receipts to the Customer Service booth and tell them they are for St. Mary's Academy. More information can be found on the table as you come into SMA. Thank you for your help!

Our first annual ICC/SMA golf tournament made a profit of \$8,705.50. Thank you again to everyone who made the tournament a huge success!

Our Ice Cream Social will be on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm-7pm.

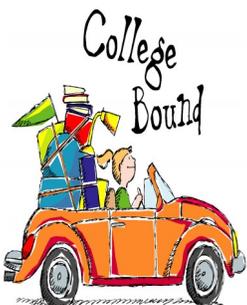
As always, I encourage you to stop by and visit your parish school.

With many blessings,

Mrs. Amanda Goyer



"Let's keep in touch; get college addresses to our office"



If you are going away, commuting, or living in our area, please let us know your address/ phone/email so we can keep in touch. Our college students receive food, letters, and seasonal treats from our parish. Even if your college address is the same as last year, please simply note that. Study hard, have fun, and be well.



**CALLING FOR FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS**

If you are looking for a way to serve our community in our children's lives we are looking for you. We need a couple of volunteers to teach faith formation. We would also like parents to volunteer to join in our classrooms as well. Please contact Deb Mahar @ (518) 686-1692 or Father Tom Zelker @ (518) 686-5064 and share your gifts!

**THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION**

Last Friday's meeting with members of our "building steering" committee, the Bishop's office, pastoral planning, diocesan building commission, and engineers was very honest, compassionate, and filled with heartfelt listening to each other. There was no "we" vs "them" or "diocese" vs "parish". It is all "we", all "us". We are working hard to ensure a continued Catholic Church presence and ministry here in Hoosick Falls. Our church building was damaged by the July flood; other major structural problems remain. As soon as information and possible solutions are realized they will be shared fully with all parishioners. Let's keep the faith together.

Fr. Tom Zelker



### PARISH REGISTRATION - CENSUS UPDATE

Please fill out and return the yellow registration form as soon as possible. This is for all parishioners - long time and new - so we can keep our office ministry up to date. We've been doing this all summer...the July flood hampered our efforts...and phone calls were made to help this process. Thanks for your cooperation.

### SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS

Humans have often violently excluded those whom they consider different from themselves. Today's Scripture readings call our attention to the inclusiveness of God's covenant community.

Today's First Reading speaks of a long-awaited time of salvation when God's people can return from exile and establish themselves again in Judah and Jerusalem. This is God's desire, the prophet says, that all the nations will join Judah in keeping God's Commandments and in worshipping together, loving God, and doing what is just.

In the Second Reading, we hear part of St. Paul's concluding argument about the Jews' place in God's universal plan of salvation. We heard the introduction to this argument last week. Paul's hope and firm conviction is that God will make his ministry to the Gentiles so successful that it will provoke his fellow Jews to jealousy (Greek, *parazelo*, also meaning "to excite to emulation") so that someday all will be joined in one community of divine mercy.

Likewise, the Gospel reading is a story of inclusion, albeit a somewhat painful one. The Canaanite woman is a pagan and not a Jesus follower, and yet she expresses some level of faith in him. When the disciples ask Jesus to "dismiss" her, he seems to agree, saying that he was sent only to minister to his fellow Jews, and then he calls her a dog—referring to the scavenger dogs that roamed the village and ate garbage to survive. The scene reflects the culture's respect for witty argument, but in the woman's snappy response Jesus recognizes her faith; he grants her the healing of her daughter and inclusion in the community of faith.

◆ What does "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" mean for you today?

◆ Who are the foreigners in our midst and what small step can you take this week to make them feel welcome?



lots of rockin' fun at our Harvest Picnic

### A PRAYER OF CONVERSION FROM THE HINDU TRADITION

We are born into the world of nature;  
our second birth is into the world of spirit.

*The Lord Krishna  
From the Bhagavad Gita*

Each year, O God, I celebrate my birthday,  
a feast to remember  
that special day when I was born.  
With candles and cake, with parties and gifts,  
I celebrate my first birth.

While that first birth lasted  
only a matter of minutes or hours,  
my second birth into the world of spirit  
is a daily and ongoing feast.

Each day is a blessed birthday  
into a greater awareness of how this world—  
from the tiniest atom to the greatest mountain—  
is infused with your Spirit.

Each day, O God, I see more clearly  
into the world inside this world;  
not two worlds divorced  
but one world of spirit and matter,  
married eternally as one.  
"And what God has joined together,  
let no one put asunder."

May I embrace the birth pains  
of my second, continuous birthing,  
with joy and hope.  
Let me befriend every spirit guide, however humble,  
whom I meet upon my pilgrimage to you  
as a sacred midwife sent by you.

Grant, O God, that this ordinary day  
may become my birth day, a coming forth  
into that wider and more awesome world  
full of your glory and holiness.



### FRUITS OF THE EARTH RECIPES

*Microwave Bread and Butter Pickles*

#### Ingredients

- 1 large cucumber, sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard seeds
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric

In a medium microwave safe bowl, mix cucumber, salt, onion, mustard seeds, white sugar, distilled white vinegar, celery seed and turmeric. Microwave on high 7 to 8 minutes, stirring twice, until cucumbers are tender and onion is translucent. Transfer to sterile containers. Seal and chill in the refrigerator until serving.

Shared by John

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**AUGUST 19 & 20, 2017**

**This Week: August 19 & 20, 2017**

Lay Ministers: Team #3

Counters: Linda Bennett & Mike Bailey

**Next Week: August 26 & 27, 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 August 12 & 13:

Offertory.....\$3,091.10

Faith Formation.....\$235.00

SMA.....\$65.00

Candles.....\$0.00

Total: \$3,391.10

ATTENDANCE August 12 & 13:

4 PM.....135    9 AM.....136    Total: 271

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

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

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES ...**

The Bulletin deadline for new submissions is noon on Tuesday. Send submissions to: [immconcept@roadrunner.com](mailto:immconcept@roadrunner.com) along with your name and phone number.

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

Linda Bump, Rev. Mike Benoit, Bill McAuliffe, Bob Smith, Alexandra Lettre, Ken Burns, Marcus Martinez, Helen Restino, Bud Barber, Ann McCormick, Felicia Martelle, Baby Rousseau, and Frank Novak. 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

**HOOSICK**

Sand & Gravel Inc.

All types of excavation

*Residential & Commercial*

**Patrick Bakaitis**

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