

# Immaculate Conception Parish

God of all nations, times, and peoples: You have gathered us together this day as disciples of Jesus Christ, to be your Sacrament of Love in our history today. Fill us all with your Spirit in a new bond of Peace. Enthuse us in our Communion with, You, O God, and with each other to strive to live in mutual respect, humility, and unity. May we live in a manner worthy of our calling. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We gather around the Lord's Table and are sent out as Christ's beloved disciples.

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:**

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

**TRUSTEES:** Ed Gorman & Ellen Scott

**FINANCE COUNCIL:**

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, Mike Sanders & Linda Billert

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster

Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini

Karen Kaufman, and the two Trustees

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Richard Cherry

**WORSHIP AND ENVIRONMENT:** Lynne Mango

**WE PRAY**

During the season of Summer, we celebrate the profound mystery of Christ among us. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, whose love is forever, whose love is forever more!" All of creation...with the Summer rains...with hills and mountains...with the sky and planets...with songs in our hearts...gives thanks. Our Gospel acclamation is the joyful Celtic Alleluia. Coming to the Lord's table we remember, "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death until you come again." God's love for us is so deep that Jesus could give his life for all people. Our lives are transformed to be that same Christ for each other!



Please bring any type of the following items:  
 tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, 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.



As part of our parish and school wide effort to become ever more a people and place of peace, we are asking all parishioners - adults and students, to sign "The No Place for Hate Promise." This is a resolution to live respectfully; treating all people fairly, with kindness and tolerance. In the midst of a world embroiled in violence and fear, we need to be a church of welcome, peace, and joy. Our sign-up sheet is on the hospitality table. So far 200 parishioners have signed this "Declaration of Independence" from hate. Let this freedom ring throughout our land.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Masses are celebrated at First United Church due to ceiling problems at ICC

**Saturday, August 11**

**4:00 PM Mass**

Johanna Hyde  
 (Req. Art Hyde)

Benjamin Karol  
 (Req. Agnesmary Karol)

**Sunday, August 12**

**9:00 AM Mass**

Judy Mather  
 (Req. Joan James)

**Monday, August 13**

**12:00 PM Mass**

For those dying for their faith

**Wednesday, August 15**

**8:30 AM Mass @ St. Patrick's**

**12:00 PM Mass @ Holy Cross - Salem**

**6:00 PM Mass @ ICC**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, August 17**

**12:00 PM Mass**

For those going off to college

**Saturday, August 18**

**4:00 PM Mass**

Margaret (Peggy) Loretan  
 (Req. Hubert Loretan)

**Sunday, August 19**

**9:00 AM Mass**

Patricia Cherry  
 (Req. The Choir)

Don Bogardus  
 (Req. Don & Bette Bradley)

**Scripture Insights**

All three readings have examples of people complaining in different ways. Paul contrasts two ways of life. One way, a complaining and dissatisfied life, results in "bitterness, fury, anger..." In the other path, the life of the Spirit, others are treated with love and compassion and everyone strives to be "imitators of God, as beloved children who live in love."

In the First Reading, the prophet Elijah is despondent. The king and queen of Israel seek to kill him because he had destroyed the prophets of Baal. Afraid, Elijah calls upon the Lord to end his life, saying that he has suffered enough. In the midst of his complaint, the Lord strengthens Elijah with food. This food renews Elijah and he sets out to "the mountain of God, Horeb," where the Ten Commandments were given to Moses (Deuteronomy 5:2).

The people of Israel also complain against Jesus in John's Gospel today as the "Bread of Life Discourse" continues. Jesus contrasts the bread that he is to give with the bread that their ancestors ate. Their ancestors ate the bread and died. On the other hand, Jesus, the true living bread, guarantees eternal life for all who eat of it. John goes on to explain that "the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The idiom "flesh and blood" is a Hebrew way of referring to the "whole person." Here John deliberately connects the Death of Jesus and the Eucharist. By eating of his body, the bread of life, Jesus promises the fruits of his Death and Resurrection: eternal life and a living relationship with God.

As God sustained and renewed Elijah's life, so Jesus now sustains his followers through himself, "the living bread that came down from heaven." The Eucharist is the true food for our life's journey.

**Practice of Faith**

Family meals are sacred moments, even between couples. Meals in common signify unity, but also are a time to thank God for blessings of food, both physical and spiritual. As with Elijah, meals strengthen us for mission - so does community life. Assign a different family member as prayer leader each night. Before praying over the food, light a candle as a concrete sign of the sacredness of the meal. The prayer leader can do the lighting, provided that would be safe.



**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 6.*



Dear Friends of SMA,

Thank you to everyone for another wonderful, fun filled alumni weekend. While Friday afternoon was a rain out, it did not dampen the spirits of those who attended and weathered the storm! The Bromirski/Medvetz team won with a 0 handicap and the Hayes family won with handicap.

Saturday's banquet was well attended and catered by Tim and Donna Hopkins. Many thanks to all who helped make the weekend a success especially, Marie O'Neil, Amanda Goyer, Margaret Merwin, Marie Hemeon, Mary Schmigel, Rita Bulson and Terri Burdick. SMA presented honorary alumni certificates to John Burdick (posthumously), and the 2018 8<sup>th</sup> grade families: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Foster, Mr. Ed Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hunt, Mrs. Laura Bull Morley, and Mr. Thomas Restino Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gorman were honored in 2011. SMA is grateful to all for going above and beyond for our school.

-Pat Hayes-

#### Share the Abundance

Fresh vegetables from your garden can be donated to our Food Pantry on John St. at any time. We have a "veggie bin" on the premises, constructed by our Girl Scouts. Vegetables may also be dropped off at Mass or on the Rectory porch.



Vegetables from our wonderful Community Garden...

#### Back 2 School Boost

For the 13th year the Hoosick Area Church Association will be collecting school supplies for Back 2 School Boost. Sign-up sheets are available at the HACA Food Pantry at 26 John Street, as well as all HACA Churches, Hoosick Falls Central School, and St. Mary's Academy. Requests will be filled after August 1 as they are received in order that families can plan for any special back to school needs.

Supplies can be left at any HACA Church, the Food Pantry Cart in Tops Market, or Hoosick Falls Federal Credit Union. Suggested items include: **backpacks, erasers, glue sticks and bottles, index cards, highlighters, markers, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, tab dividers, 3-ring binders, pens, pencils, rulers, pencil boxes, hand sanitizer, and facial tissues.**

Monetary contributions are appreciated as they enable us to purchase backpacks and other specifically needed items. A donation of \$25.00 provides a fully-stocked, age-appropriate backpack. Contributions may be sent to HACA, P.O. Box 1, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.



#### A Prayer for Beginning

Beloved Jesus, anoint us to do your will. May the joy of Your presence in us draw us closer to one another.

Expand our sight, that we may see Your plan for us; warm our hearts by the flame of Your love; open your lips that we may speak Your Word; extend our hands, that we may embrace one another as friends; speak to us, that we may discover the role You have for us...that we may be Your body, Your Church.

Share with us the gift of Your faithfulness, that we may follow the shepherds You place in our midst.

Guide us, good and gentle Jesus, as we discover again the gift of Your Kingdom in our midst...and strengthen us to follow Your will.

Amen.

### Upcoming Events

Assumption Harvest Festival, Wednesday, August 15. Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by our Summer Harvest Picnic of submarine sandwiches. This feast of Resurrection yields a harvest rich in peace, justice, goodwill, and life. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



Michael James Mette will be sharing his music with our community on Sunday, September 9 at 3pm at the Sacred Heart - St. Francis Parish Center. Michael is a Catholic performing artist who travels the country with his wife of 18 years, Michelle and their seven young children. His music is a modern reflection of his faith blending alternative rock with faith based lyrics. The concert will be 90 minutes and will include performances from the whole family, lights, video, music and testimonies. Please consider attending the concert and supporting this ministry. Good will offerings will be accepted. Join us at 2 pm prior to the concert for an ice cream social sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!

Please be mindful, our Immaculate Conception Parish is **NOT** soliciting any donations for repair, restoration, or buying our church building. Other groups are asking for money. These groups are not authorized by our parish, diocese, or church. Please be careful and smart whenever you're asked for contributions. Our official parish capital campaign is in the works. We'll all know when that begins. Thank you.

### Going off to College?

We'd like to keep in touch... letters, food, and fun stuff. Please get your address and contact information to our office ASAP! At home, commuting, or living on/off campus... let us know. Study hard, have fun, and enjoy these days of college.



### Polish Day

Shrine of the North American Martyrs at Auriesville, NY on Sunday, August 19, 2018. Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM, recitation of the Rosary, confessions in Polish and English from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Mass at 4:00 PM in the Polish language with His Excellency, Edward B. Scharfenberger. Bishop of Albany as Main Celebrant. Sponsored by the Polish American Congress, Central Division of New York State.



The START Children's Center is hosting a golf tournament on September 14, 2018 at the Frear Park Municipal Golf Course in Troy, NY. All proceeds will benefit the Center. We hope to carry the success of last years tournament this year.

START Children's Center, Inc. is a non-profit child advocacy center with a mission to provide services that reduce the trauma children experience due to being a victim of abuse or a witness to violence. The Center is designed in a child friendly manner that caters specifically to the victim's family. The Center also provides prevention and outreach services to at risk youth in the County.

Last year in 2017, over 800 new cases were opened, allowing those children and families use of our services free of charge. In March of this year our agency has moved from our location at 131 6th Ave, Troy, NY, to our new location at 127 Bloomingrove Dr. 2nd Floor North, Troy, NY. This change in location allowed a growth in staff and space.

START coordinates a multidisciplinary team of professionals to assist with the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse victims. This team includes law enforcement, child protective services, the District Attorneys Office and 19 other team members.

The START Children's Center is able to provide quality services with the support of the community. We are asking that you consider making a donation for this event. You can donate in a variety of ways including making a standard monetary donation, purchasing a Tee Sponsorship sign that will be displayed on the course the day of the event, donating an item for the silent auction or participating as a golfer. IF you would like to make a tax deductible donation, and/or register to golf, please visit <http://startchildrenscenter.eventbrite.com>.



On Saturday, September 22, 2018, the Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress will meet at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville, NY, starting at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The Eucharistic Congress is a diocesan-wide gathering with our Bishop, centered around the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It will include special speakers, devotions, and activities for children and youth. All Catholics in our diocese and guests from all faith traditions are welcome. For more information and registration, please visit [www.rcda.org/heartsaflame](http://www.rcda.org/heartsaflame).

"Come, Holy Spirit! Enkindle in us the fire of your love!"

**We are looking into renting a van for this day. Please make reservations at our office as soon as possible**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**AUGUST 11 & AUGUST 12, 2018**

**This Week: August 11 & August 12, 2018**

Lay Ministers: Team 2  
Counters: Heather Hassett & Mike Bailey  
Next Week: Linda Bennett & Bob Medvetz  
**(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)**

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS August 4 & August 5:

Offertory.....**\$3,273.00**  
St. Mary's Academy.....**\$357.00**  
Grand Total.....**\$3,630.00**

ATTENDANCE August 4 & August 5:

4 PM.....155    9 AM.....105                      Total: 260

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

Mary McCaffery, Chick Thurber, Marie Godfrey, Mary Carter, Corinne Philpott, David Martin, Rosemary O'Malley, Ann Foster, Jim Baker, Judy Quackenbush, Winnie Restino, Frank Marmillo, Anne Eberle, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Deanna Aldrich, Noreen Stevens, Mary Wrubleski, Juliana Suarez, and Dave Lukas. 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.

**Holy Communion...** Please be sure to let one of the greeters know if you are unable to approach the altar. The usher will then make arrangements for Communion to be brought to your pew.

**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.



- ◆ Wednesday mornings at 10 AM: Bulletin proofreaders. **Call the office.**
- ◆ Sunday morning: Collection counters. **Call the office.**
- ◆ Lectors (readers) at Mass: **See Mary Merriam, Gloria Shufon, or call the office. 686-5064**

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