

# *Immaculate Conception Parish*



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 Autumn, 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 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!

Happy September



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

**THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR:**

soap, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.



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.

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

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

**Saturday, September 29**

4:00 PM Mass

Mary Rita Downey  
(Req. Sandra McCart)

**Sunday, September 30**

9:00 AM Mass

Steven Schwartz  
(Req. Louie & Veronica)  
Anne Taylor  
(Req. Rita & James Hunt)

**Monday, October 1**

12:00 PM Mass

For Children Everywhere

**\*Wednesday, October 3\***

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

**2:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi  
Prayer at SMA**

**Friday, October 5**

12:00 PM Mass

Manuel Custodio  
(Req. Isabel Custodio)

**Saturday, October 6**

4:00 PM Mass

Don & Phyllis Dickinson  
(Req. MaryBeth Dickinson)  
Mary Rita Downey  
(Req. Luanne Fitzpatrick)

**Sunday, October 7**

9:00 AM Mass

Bill Flynn  
(Req. Family)  
Helen Cuddihy Benkoski  
(Req. Mary Ellen)



**Flu Shots**

It's that time of year again... Walgreens will be administering flu shots on Saturday, October 13 (5:00 PM) and Sunday, October 14 (10:00 AM), after Mass in the Good Shepard room of the Immaculate Conception rectory at 67 Main Street in Hoosick Falls. Flu shots are open to the public and are free with most insurances. Please remember to bring your insurance information.

**Basket Bingo is back - October 4!**

Basket Bingo will be on October 4th at the St. Mary's Elementary school. Doors open at 5:15 PM and games start at 6:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased at Thorpe's Pharmacy, the Rectory, and after Mass on the weekends. There will be door prizes, food to purchase, 50/50, and lottery raffle. All baskets need to be turned in this weekend, so we can make our game sheet. We have beautiful baskets such as a Holiday Basket, Potter Hill Barn, and Baking basket with a Pampered Chef stoneware.

Any questions, please contact Karen 518-686-4737 or Ellen 518-686-5075. Thank you.



**Financial Good News**

Because many parishes and schools in our Diocese have debt beyond their abilities to pay, our Diocese has forgiven large amounts of indebtedness. For our parish the forgiven debt is:

\$35,000 - church

\$415,000 - SMA

As our Bishop writes "may this enhance your enthusiasm and inspire you to offer great praise to Almighty God for all that the Lord has done - and indeed will continue to do - in our midst".

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:**

The **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Liturgy** will be held **Sunday, October 7th, 2018 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.** Couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

**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 6.*



Dear Friends of SMA,

Our growth mindset this week was *I know that growth and learning require effort*. This week's student thoughts come from 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Natalie.

*The thing that I love are the teachers. The teachers are very fun and funny. My teacher's name is Mr. Cupuzzo. He is really nice. My other favorite things are the Chromebook and switching classes with my friends. -Natalie*

Have you bought your grid square yet for the cow plop? Don't wait, the grid will sell out! Deeds can be purchased for \$20.00 at SMA or the parish office. We look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Hoosick Athletic Field! There will be food, games, a car show, music, and fun! Festivities begin at 10:00am with the car show. Other activities begin at 11:00am. The cow will make his/her appearance around 12:30pm.

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

With many blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer

**Vietnamese Mission**

An offering basket will be in the back of the church this weekend, September 29-30, to support the work of missionaries in Vietnam. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our Children Need You!**

Yes, we need your help in sharing our faith with our young people. Can you inspire our kids at Sunday School? Yes you can! Please call our Faith Formation leaders Deb Mahar and Deb Kapron, or see Fr. Tom Zelker. Our children are a blessing for today and a promise for our tomorrows. Faith Formation classes begin October 28, right after mass.

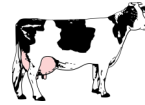
**Prison Ministry**

Love takes many forms... and writing to a prisoner is an act of love. Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 AM we will gather briefly in the Good Shepard room at the ICC rectory at 67 Main Street in Hoosick Falls, to write short, uplifting letters to incarcerated Catholics. We will pray for them and their families and victims of crimes. "Whatever you do... when in a prison you visited me" - Gospel of Matthew. For more information contact Patty Austin at 518-428-8686.

**Comfort & Hope Bereavement Group**

Have you recently lost a loved one? Find it lonely to get through the grief? Come talk about it with the Comfort & Hope Bereavement Group. First get-together Monday, October 8, 2018, 7:00 PM, Good Shepard Room, ICC Parish Rectory. Everyone welcome.

For more information, call Bea Peterson, 518-686-9382



**St. Mary Academy - Annual Cow Plop & Car Show**

Sunday October, 7, 2018

10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Town of Hoosick Athletic Fields (Rain or Shine)

Purchase a DEED for \$20.00 and if the cow "plops" in your square you win \$1000 !!!

**Auriesville: Shrine of the North American Martyrs**

We gathered with 4,000 faithful from our Diocese, our heart aflame with the Love of Christ. In 1959, John and Jennie Zelker took their children Tommy and Barbara to a prayerful pilgrimage.



**Keep in touch or say a prayer for our seminarian... Anthony Nguyen**

Cathedral Seminary  
 House of Formation  
 7200 Douglaston Pkwy.  
 Douglaston, NY 11362



**St. Francis of Assisi Blessing Prayer**

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM in the courtyard of St. Mary's Academy. We celebrate Francis, the patron Saint of all Creation with prayer, laughter, and food. Bring your animals - farm or pets; bring all

**Good Shepard Room**

We have a new meeting room in the rectory, "The Good Shepard Room". Small groups may use this room by registering at our office.

**Information Cabinet**

Bulletins and other parish information are now available 24 hours a day in the green cabinet on the rectory porch. Anyone can come by at any time to get the latest news.



## Oktoberfest



Saturday, October 27 at 5:15 at the Immaculate Conception rectory. We honor St. Arnulf of Oudenburg, patron of brewers. We will sample beers of the world and have an array of European sausages and delights. Please bring your favorite European flair food, salad, or dessert to share. Non-alcoholic beers will also be available.

## Fill the Bus

Hoosick Falls Central School and HACA join to "Tackle Hunger"



The 8th annual Fill the Bus Food Drive benefiting the Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA) Food Pantry will take place in Hoosick Falls from October 9-16. Hoosick Falls Central School (HFCS) students are encouraged to bring food throughout the week. On Friday, October 12th at the HFCS Homecoming football game the bus will be open for the public to fill up. The HACA Food Pantry serves the greater Hoosick Falls community by supplying food and toiletries to over 1,700 households per year. This year the Food Pantry has served over 26,000 meals thus far and the holidays are quickly approaching.

Please come celebrate Homecoming and support those in need at the same time by helping FILL THE BUS AND TACKLE HUNGER!

## Autumn Morning Prayer

Once again the earth has completed its 24-hour turnaround and again has come to face the brilliance of our sun star. As its light floods the darkness of space, may the Spirit that sings its ageless song continuously in the cave of my heart now flood my heart with the rays of light eternal. Encircled in that light, I enter now into silence.

As the sounds of life begin on this day, may my voice be one with the chorus of all creation which rejoices in the ripeness of autumn. May this morning prayer echo through my every deed of this new day.

O Giver of all gifts, who has so enriched my life, I have many needs this day. Grant me the gift of patience so that I may live in harmony with all. Grant me the grace of compassion so that I may not bypass anyone in need. And give me enthusiasm for the tasks of this autumn day so that I may invest it with your love and life. I pray for the following intentions:\_\_\_\_\_.

Although alone at the moment, I embrace the mystery that I do not pray privately but am one with all the earth and all your children. I place within your heart these needs of the other members of the sacred family to which I belong:\_\_\_\_\_.

I ask you, my hidden God, who has filled heaven and earth with your glory, to help me to make my hands into your hands, so that your will may be done by me this day. Form my words into your words to affirm the faint-hearted, to support the faltering and to encourage the poor of spirit. Fill up all that is lacking in me, so that I may be your humble servant, a co-creator in your endless song of creation.

I begin this day as I bow before you.

Blessed are you, O Harvest of my heart,  
Sacred Source of all life,  
Delight of my days.



## Healing Prayer for the Sick

We invite any in need of the Sacrament of the Sick and experiencing the compassionate touch of Christ to share in our prayer: Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7 immediately after our 4:00 PM and 9:00 AM Masses and immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's.

## New Horizons of Faith: Beatitudes of Christian Living

Sexual abuse is often referred to as a "silent crime" because for victims the act of coming forward takes great strength and courage. We are witness to daily reports of assaults, including famous celebrities, Olympic athletes and TV anchors from across the political spectrum.

- Every 98 seconds someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted: more than 570 people every single day
- 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape
- Ages 12-34 are the highest risk years for rape and sexual assault
- 93% of juvenile victims knew the perpetrator: 34% were family members
- 63% of all sexual assaults, and 88% of child sexual abuse cases, are not reported to the authorities
- 99% of sexual violence perpetrators will walk free

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus consistently speaks out on behalf of protecting children, women, and the weak of society. But what can we do? Survivors of abuse report fear, anger and shame surrounding sexual harassment and assault. Even after processing what happened, survivors say it is difficult to tell friends and family members. We owe it to past and current victims and our children to believe, comfort and support them and to fully investigate sexual abuse crimes.

- Speak Up: On Monday, there was a national walkout in response to the backlash women face when going public with stories of sexual assault and rape.
- Give Support: Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) has monthly support meetings in Albany - contact Nancy Fratianni at 518-407-7487
- Learn More: New Yorkers Against Hidden Predators is a coalition of survivors & advocates seeking to pass the Child Victims Act in NY: <https://stophiddenpredators.org>
- Vote: NY's Attorney General and the state's 62 DA's are poised to launch a Pennsylvania-style probe into sexual abuse by priests and church leaders who covered up their crimes.

For any assistance from our Diocese please call 518-453-6655.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**SEPTEMBER 29 & SEPTEMBER 30**

**This Week: September 29 & September 30, 2018**

Lay Ministers: Team 2 & 3

Counters: Bob Medvetz & Mary Merriam

Next Week: Bob Medvetz & Mike Shea & Andrea White

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

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

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September 22 & September 23:

Offertory.....\$2,978.00

Catholic University.....\$118.00

Weekly E-Collection .....\$60.00

Total.....\$3,156.00

ATTENDANCE September 15, September 16:

4 PM.....140      9 AM.....105      Total: 245

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

Joe Spiak, Joseph Morrissey, Peter Kane, Bill McAuliffe, Mary McCaffery, Chick Thurber, Mary Carter, David Martin, Rosemary O'Malley, Judy Quackenbush, Frank Marmillo, Kay Monroe, Ken Button, Anne Eberle, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Jesse Stevens, Deanna Aldrich, Noreen Stevens, and Mary Wrubleski. 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 Sufon, or call the office , 686-5064**

**Our Sponsor of the Week is...**

***Pizza Bella***

*Pizza, Subs, Wings, Calzones*

*Home of the 0 Sugar Dough Recipe*

*I substitute Pure Honey instead*

518-686-1900

Mon. - Sat. 11am - 9 pm

