

Immaculate Conception Church - March 9 & 10, 2019



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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We Pray Lent

We follow the Cross of Jesus, built from the very foundation beams of our Church, as we begin our Lenten liturgies of conversion. Purples signify our yearnings for a change of heart, becoming Christ's People of reconciling love. Pussy willows remind us of a new spring-time of faith. In the name of God, we are assured of boundless mercy as we sing the ancient Greek of our early Church: "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison." We listen intently to the living Word of God. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 103: "Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you." As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for all. Our Gospel Alleluia is silenced until its joyful strains return at Easter. We gather around the Lord's Table as our lives are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We sing this mystery: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." Our Communion unites us as a sacred people of mission. We remember that God's covenant with us beckons us to put our faith into action. We sing, "We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God." We are sent out in reflective silence, filled with faith, awe, and love as People of the Cross, Disciples of Christ.



~ LENT ~

In the cycle of weekday readings, Lent falls into two parts. The first part, including the "pre-Lent" of Ash Wednesday and the rest of that week, runs through Saturday of Week 3. In these three and a half weeks, the Gospel texts are taken from the Synoptics and the Old Testament readings are chosen accordingly. The message running throughout is a call to a life of Gospel conversion. The periscopes speak of beginning anew, of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving; of conversion; of mutual forgiveness; of hardness of heart; of love of enemies; of absolute claims of justice and love over ritual and cult; of the call to holiness, and so forth. (Occasionally, what appears to be salvation history narrative is interspersed among these moral tests - a story like the call of Naaman or the workers in the vineyard for example - but, in this context they are meant to be read as call to conversion rather than as referring to Christ or to the Easter mysteries.)

The readings for the second half of Lent are taken from the Gospel of John, beginning on the Monday of the fourth week of Lent at 4:43 and going through, omitting passages read on Sundays and during Easter, to chapter 13. It is clear that these reading from John do not constitute a kind of "crash course" in the life of Jesus, so much as a presentation of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, of whom John says that all who believe in him will have eternal life. Christ is presented as the healer and life-giver, as the one who gives life through his confrontation with death and gathers into one the scattered children of God.

How do these two sections of the lectionary fit together and what can they tell us about the spirit of Lent? The shift from the "ethical" to the "Christological" is no accident. The purpose of the first part of Lent is to bring us to compunction. "Compunction" is etymologically related to the verb "to puncture" and suggests the deflation of our inflated egos, a challenge to any self-deceit about the quality of our lives as disciples of Jesus. By hitting us again and again with demands which we not only fail to obey, but which we come to recognize as being quite beyond us, the Gospel passages are meant to trouble us, to confront our illusions about ourselves. "Remember, you are dust..." From this perspective, Lenten penance may be more effective if we fail in our resolutions than if we succeed, for its purpose is not to confirm us in our sense of virtue but to bring home to us our radical need of salvation.

It is in answer to this profound awareness of need that the lectionary shifts from the Synoptics to John, from the demands of discipleship to the person of Jesus. John presents Jesus as the Savior, but Jesus can only save those who know their need for salvation. Confronted with our sickness and powerlessness, we pray for our salvation.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, March 9

4:00 PM Mass

Tom Yavaniski (Req. Family)
Dr. Philip Martinez (Req. The Stewarts)

Sunday, March 10

9:00 AM Mass

William Ellis (Req. Comfort & Hope Group)
Robert Peabody (Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's

Monday, March 11

12:00 PM Mass

For all Christian Churches

Tuesday, March 12

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 St. Patrick's - Cambridge

Friday, March 15

12:00 PM Mass

For Our Conversion to Christ

Saturday, March 16

4:00 PM Mass

Kay Monroe (Req. Terry & Sue McCart & Families)
David Manning (Req. Comfort & Hope Group)
Blanche McAuliffe (Req. Family)

Sunday, March 17

9:00 AM Mass

Dr. Philip Martinez (Req. Paul & Trish Smith)
Peter Timmerman (Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's

SANCTUARY LAMP

3/3/19 - 3/10/19

In Honor of the Risen Christ
We remember: Sandra Eddy Carelli (Req. Linda Hutchins)



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

"Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me." (Mark 9:36-37)

There is perhaps no force more powerful than a parent's intent on seeing their children again. According to Time Magazine, twenty-nine mothers and fathers from Central America, who were deported in 2018 without their under-age children as part of the 'zero tolerance policy' arrived on March 1st at the U.S. port of entry to await asylum hearings alongside their children and were allowed to cross the border.

"He's waiting for me," said Jesus, 31, of Honduras, whose 6-year-old son has been in the U.S. foster care system for nearly ten months without his family. Jesus was deported last summer without his kindergarten-age child and has not seen him since. "I hope this time it will be different," he said.

At least 2,700 children were separated from their parents at the border in 2018, though an Office of Inspector General report suggests that the number may be much higher. Who speaks for the powerless and voiceless?

◆ Join our Faith ◆

Anyone interested in joining our Catholic Church community, please contact Fr. Tom Zelker. We celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter

Change our World

Our change collecting box is back in church. Any loose change may be put in the box. We, with our sisters and brothers of First United Church who do "Pocket Change Sunday" will use these donations for local and worldwide charities.





From the
Principal's Desk

Dear Friends of SMA,

This week's mindset was: **You decide how you feel today. No one else does.** Our new fruit of the spirit this month is faith. We celebrate faith throughout this season of Lent.

We have many events coming up over the next several weeks. Be sure to check them out!

Students are selling New Skete Cheesecakes until 3/20. If you are interested, you can see any of our families or purchase one at fish fry. Cheesecake pick up will be Monday, April 15th from 2:30pm-4:30pm.

Fish Fry Fridays are back at SMA from March 8th-April 12th. Dinners are still just \$10.00 and included our homemade, hand dipped fish fry, french fries, cole slaw and dessert. Macaroni and cheese will be available for just \$5.00. Dinners will be sold from 5:00pm-7:00pm or until we sell out.

Save the date for our spring auction on Saturday, April 13th. Once again Mr. Ron Seifert will be our auctioneer. This is always a fun night out and with this one being our last one, we are looking to go out with a bang. To reserve your table or donate items, please contact Mrs. Smith at 518-686-4314.

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

With many blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-

Mardi Gras on Main Street



Yes, I Want to Contribute!

To sign up for church offering envelopes, call our office at 686-5064. Our church donations may also be given online; offerings are automatically shared each week or monthly. For more information and to sign up for either envelopes or E-giving, call our parish office .



Faith Formation

We gather at Eucharist March 10 and then continue with class at SMA. Our next class is Sunday, March 24.

Girl Scout Sunday at Immaculate Conception is Sunday, March 10

Burning
of
the
Palms...



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 to help. (Dianne Hosterman, 686-5310).

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019 ♦ 9AM - 9PM
HOOSICK FALLS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Soup Chefs...cooking for Empty Bowls to support our Food Pantry



Lent



◆ Divine Mercy Devotions ◆

Fridays at 3:00 pm

~ Stations of the Cross ~

Tuesdays of Lent at Noon in the Good Shepherd Room of the Rectory

Rice Bowls

We support the ministry of our Church through Catholic Relief Services in helping the poor of our area and throughout the world. Donations are due May 5. Rice Bowls are available at Church or our office.

Fish Fry Fridays

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays begin on March 8th at SMA from 5-7 pm or until we are sold out. Fish fry dinners are \$10.00 and the macaroni and cheese option is \$5.00.

Wednesday Ecumenical Prayer and Lunch 12 Noon at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church

We gather at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church for our faith-filled prayer "Conversion in Christ." Our local churches lead us in prayer and serve a delicious soup lunch.

March 13 - Community Alliance/Cornerstone

March 20 - St. Mark's/ All Saints Episcopal

March 27 - First United Presbyterian

April 3 - West Hoosick/Hoosick Baptist

Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 16 - begins at 1:00 pm. We, as a parish, are invited to march and celebrate our faith that has come across oceans and has been passed down generation to generation. We will march near the SMA float...meet you there!



St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Social

Sunday, March 17 ◆ 5:00 - 7:00 pm at First United Church Hall



A family friendly celebration of music, sing-a-longs, sharing of limericks, sandwiches, and coleslaw. Bring cookies, brownies, or cupcakes to share. Members of our sister church at First United are invited. For information contact Chris Kurtzworth or Linda Billert.

~ Communal Reconciliation Services ~

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church (First United Church).

"Sharing Insights About the Jewish Faith, Our Roots"

Rabbi Debora Gordon from Congregation Berith Sholom, Troy.
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 pm in the First United Church Hall.

We begin with a vegetarian meal followed by our discussion.

Bible Faith Sharing:

"The Passionate Love of Jesus and our call to Conversion".

Discussions are held in the Good Shepherd room in the Rectory at 12:30 and 6:30 pm on the following Mondays:

March 25

April 1

April 8

Please pick up the book "A Crucified Christ in Holy Week" in our office.

~ Sacrament of Healing ~

Saturday, April 6 after the 4:00 pm Mass at Immaculate Conceptions (First United Church)

Sunday, April 7 after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church

A Lent of Opportunity



- Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of all light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
- Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

MARCH 9 & MARCH 10

This Week: March 9 & March 10, 2019

Lay Ministers: Team 2

Counters: Heather Hassett & Eileen Bakaitis

Next Week: Linda Bennett & Jerry McAuliffe

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

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

March 2 & March 3

Offertory..... \$ 2,798.00

SMA..... \$293.00

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

Total..... \$ 3,151.00

ATTENDANCE :

Saturday - March 2, 4:00PM..... 115

Sunday - March 3, 9:00AM..... 151

Total..... 266

*In order for your contribution to be counted, please be sure to include your full name and/or envelope # if using a plain envelope.

This weeks' (March 10) second offerings are for Home Missions and Faith Formation. There is no second collection next week (March 17).



- ◆ 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**

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.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Mike Painter, Rich Turi, Sally Blinstrub, John Morizio, Sue Hickey, Sandy Harrington, Mary Dailey, Andy Beaty, Bud Barber, Kathy Shender, Nick Waytkus, Anezia Said Clemons, Joe Spiak, Joseph Morrissey, Peter Kane, Mary McCaffrey, Mary Carter, David Martin, Rosemary O'Malley, Judy Quackenbush, Ken Button, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Jesse Stevens, Deanna Aldrich, Noreen Stevens, Mary Wrubleski and all those who are ill or hurting. Those who have been on the prayer 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 else, please call Margaret O'Malley at 686-7835.

Our Sponsor of the Week is...

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