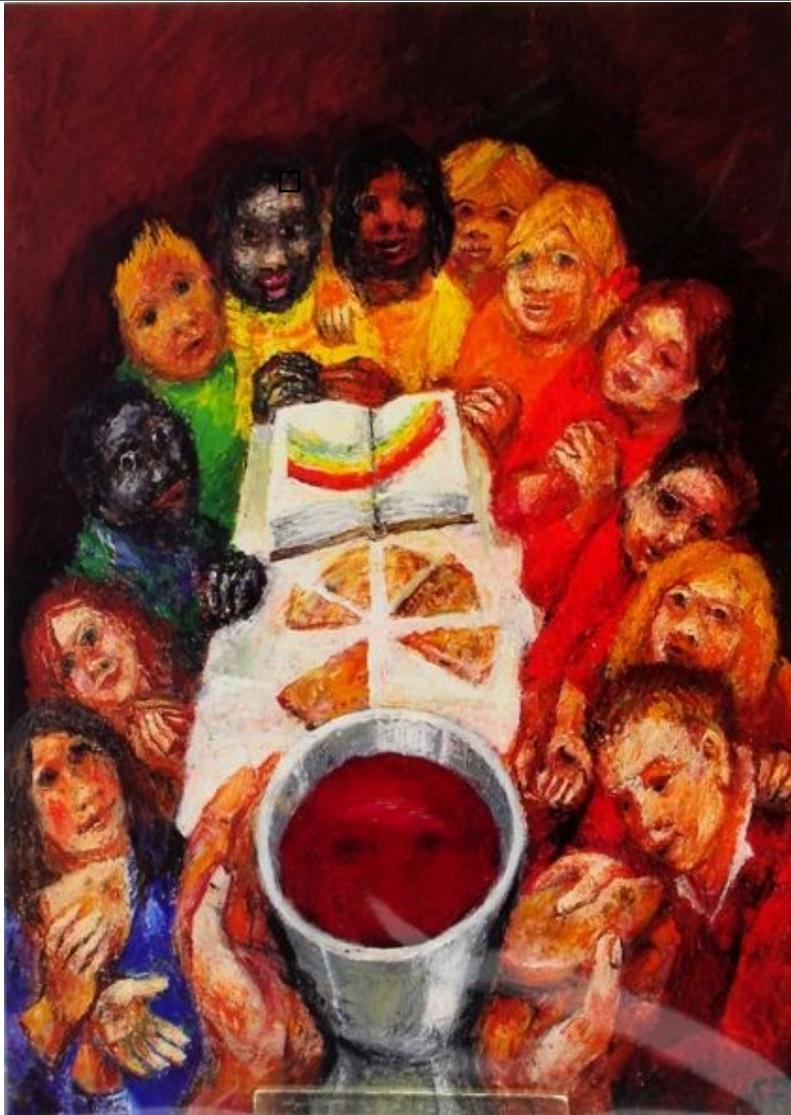


Immaculate Conception Church - May 4 & May 5, 2019



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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 EASTER

These 50 Days are the heart of our Catholic faith. The stone is rolled away from all tombs: we remember our lives have meaning and purpose and we are alive forever! And so we are overcome with joy. Waters flow; bells ring; aromas, flowers, and banners brighten our senses. Our Easter liturgies are energetic and effervescent. We sing the ancient Gloria with new voices. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first Scripture during the season) is Psalm 66: "Make a joyful sound to God, all the earth, sing to the glory of God's name." Our Gospel Acclamation in contrast to Lent's quiet, is the enthusiastic Caribbean "Alle, Alle, Alleluia." We renew our baptismal promises in our Creedal questions. When we come to the Lord's Table and break bread and drink wine Christ is really present among us...changing and transforming our lives into what our community needs. We sing of our mystery: "Savior of the world, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." God's Spirit frees us from anything or anyone that deadens us. We are sent forth, renewed and energized in God's love to live fully every day!

May

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2019



2019 Bishop's Appeal

This weekend is the 2019 Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend! Through this important Appeal, we follow the example of Christ to serve our brothers and sisters here in the Diocese of Albany. By joining together in stewardship, we proclaim our unity to all; thereby letting those who need us the most know that they are an important part of our Catholic family. Please be as generous as you possible can in responding to the Bishop's Appeal. This year our Bishop's Appeal assessment is \$22,009.00 (last years' was \$22,926.00 and we went over!)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at
First United Church

Saturday, May 4

4: PM Mass

Edward Sukuskas

(Req. Michael & Mary Ellen Sanders)

John & Eleanor Jenuskevica

(Req. Daughters)

Nolan Senecal

(Req. Linda Hutchins)

Theresa Guile Bugbee

(Req. Nina & Ed Leffler)

John & Stasia Keegan

(Req. Gary & Beth Keegan)

Sunday, May 5

9:00 AM Mass

John Burdick

(Req. Lori & Family)

Theresa Guile Bugbee

(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

For all of our children

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Monday, May 6

12:00 PM Mass

Ramadan Begins

For People of all Faiths

Wednesday, May 8

8:30 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Friday, May 10

12:00 PM Mass

For all our families

Saturday, May 11

4:00 PM Mass

For all moms

Sunday, May 12

9:00 AM Mass

For all moms

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

SANCTUARY LAMP

5/5/19-5/12/19

In Honor of the Risen Christ

We remember: Nolan Senecal

(Req. Linda Hutchins)



Additional Easter Flower Offerings:

In Memory of:

Juanita Passineau

Norma O'Brien

Donor:

Susan & David Nash

Marie Slattery

Mr. & Mrs. C. Philpott

Colleen Monahan



Easter: sights & sounds of the gift of Life...



PRINCIPAL *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear Friends of SMA,

This week's mindset was: **Persist despite obstacles.** Our new fruit of the spirit is **Gentleness.** During this month, we remember the gentleness that May, the mother of Jesus showed during her life time and honor her during May.

Congratulations to **Natalie Pello** will be making her first Eucharist this weekend.

Our 3rd-6th grade students will be spending part of this week at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center this week for some outdoor exploration. Please keep these students in your prayers.

SMA will be holding Grandparents Day/Special Persons Day coming up on Friday, May 10th from 8:30am-11:00am. We look forward to spending some time with these special people in our students' lives. In addition to Grandparents Day, we will be having our May crowning on May 10th at 8:30am in the courtyard. Please come and join us.

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

With many blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR: shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.



Please bring any type of the following items: jello, 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).

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.

This month \$150.00 is being sent to Heifer International, providing livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to farmers in 25 countries. Pictured is the Lopez family from San Antonio, Honduras.



Faith Formation

Faith formation

We gather at Eucharist and continue with class at SMA. Today is a family Mass grades 2, & 10-12. Our next class is May 19.

We need you to serve at Mass! You can do it. See Fr. Tom Zelker, Deb Mahar, or Deb Kapron.



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.

Knights of Columbus Spring Raffle - May 5

The St Patrick's Knight's are holding a Spring Raffle, May 5th, to raise funds to help charities and charitable causes within our local community. The Knights will sell tickets at 4 area churches. Please direct questions to Greg Woodcock at 518-677-7071.

~ May Rosary ~

During the month of May, beginning May 1, let us pray the Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother every Wednesday at 12 noon in Respect Life Park. Rainy days will be in the Good Shepherd Room at the Rectory.

May Crowning

Friday, May 31, after our noon Mass we process to our Mary Shrine, in a walk of Peace.

We welcome 8 young parishioners to the Lord's Table. May their young ideal faith inspire us.

We welcome:

- Natalie Pello
- Faydra Nuccio
- Ana O'Malley
- (Roddy) Gerard Gardell
- Reese Richard
- Kael Waytkus
- Grant Glover
- Chase Glover

**Our Communion Prayer with each other...
Communion in Christ**

I pause, my God, along the busy roadside of my life,
to remember you and your love for me.
Calm my body and my heart.
heal me of restlessness.
Come and sit here beside me as I pray now in silence.

I lift up my heart to you, Source of all life,
a heart quiet and open, yet eager for ecstasy,
ready to be carried out of myself
and into your divine heart, my Beloved One.

I lift up my heart to you,
in the gratitude for the gift of memories,
that marvelous ability you have hidden deep within us.

I recall in thanksgiving
not only such famous deeds of salvation
as the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt
and the resurrection of your son Jesus from the dead,
but also the many deeds of love
that you have shown to me, your servant.

With reverence and awe,
I bow down before you, Most High.
Holy, holy, holy are you,
the Womb of all that we call holy,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

I thank you for filling me as well with your glory;
like Moses, I know that this place where I worship you
is truly holy ground.

Pour forth upon me your Spirit, the Spirit of the Holy,
to remind me that you ordained me in my mother's womb
to be a priestly maker of sacrifice.

Anointed from above by your Spirit,
I also was called to be a minister of memory,
to remember how your son Jesus Christ
gave his body and blood, his very life,
that the earth and all that lives
might be healed of sin and separation.

I now remember how at that ritual Passover Meal
your son Jesus did something new.

To renew my memory of that cosmic consecration,
I now read the account of it
from the Gospel of Mark:

During the meal he took bread, blessed and
broke it, and gave it to them. "Take this," he
said, "this is my body." And then, he took the
cup, gave thanks and passed it to them, saying,
"This is the cup of my blood; all of you drink
from it. This is the blood of the everlasting new
covenant, it shall be poured forth for you and
for all."

With reverence I bow
and pray in silence before this sacred Memory
which holds within it such great mystery
and even greater presence.

Blessed is this memory of the total outpouring
of the love, life and spirit of Jesus.

I remember that he did not come
to bring us rituals and ceremonies
but rather a way of life,
a way of total loving and surrender.

This is how my life is to be lived
if I am truly to be his disciple and friend.

May this memory which he asked that I recall
fuel my feeble heart to be strong in service,
to be bold in defense of the oppressed
and those who suffer from injustice.

I remember also the fullness of his memory;
that he not only died on the cross and was buried
but that your gloriously raised him up
from the grip of death and the tomb.

I remember that in his resurrection
he was joined completely to you
in light and splendor.

I now join myself in an act of holy communion
with the body of my risen savior Jesus Christ.

With faith I now join in an act of holy communion
with all the departed who share his luminous life,
the Shining Ones, especially those of my own family,
and those who were my friends, teachers and neighbors.

I now enter into holy communion
with all who are part of Christ's holy body
and share life on this planet with me now,
especially those whom I love
and who are a part of my life.

I acknowledge with reverence and faith,
that within his re-created body,
risen and one with you,
are all the peoples of this earth,
women and men of all races,
of all religions and political beliefs.

I now enter into an awareness
that binds us all together in a holy communion.

Your son Paul, the tent maker, tells us that Jesus
is now one with all the universe in its many parts.

So I pause to be in holy communion
with wide flowing rivers, and towering mountains,
with green valleys and silent sands of the desert.

I enter into communion with fish of the deep,
with birds soaring above the earth,
with the variety of animals and all your creatures,
with the sun and moon,
with the thousand-times-ten-thousand sister suns
that compose the company of stars
that you shaped into our galaxy
and all the hundreds of millions of galaxies
that you have scattered in shining splendor
across the dark velvet vastness of space.

Having kept the memory of Christ's death and resurrection,

I ask that this holy memory
which unites me with his mystical body
and brings me into holy communion
with all that you have created
will also become the pattern for my life.

May it be not only his Way but also mine.

Into your hands, O my God, I commend my spirit;

I offer my life, my work and my dreams.

Without you and the abiding presence
of your risen son Jesus Christ,
what I now prepare to do is impossible.

May the memory that contains such cosmic communion,
that holds your promise of perpetual presence,
perform that which is beyond my power.

Now it is time to continue on my road of life,
and as I prepare to leave this holy place,
may I fill the pockets of my heart
with the memory of this prayerful remembrance.

So enriched, may I meet all that comes to me
in a sacred and priestly way.

Having remembered the mystery
of Christ's death and his resurrection,
I have been re-membered as part of his body.

May this new sense of my body,
one with his, risen and glorious,
call me to greater reverence this day.

Having recalled Jesus' final meal with his friends,
may the memory of it call me to join the others in
full-hearted acts of remembrance of his death and resurrection.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
MAY 4 & MAY 5

This Week: May 4 & May 5, 2019

Lectors: Team 1

Counters: Mike Shea, Bob Medvetz & Andrea White

Next Week: Heather Hassett & Eileen Bakaitis

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

April 27 & April 28

***Offertory and Attendance information for April 27 & 28**
unavailable at time of publication.

*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 week's second collection is for St. Mary's Academy (May 5). The next second collection is for Faith Formation (May 12).



- ◆ 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:

Jim Baker, Margaret Eddy, Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Patricia Culver, Hope Kjelgaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Mike Painter, Rich Turi, Sally Blinstrub, Sandy Harrington, Mary Dailey, Bud Barber, Kathy Shender, Nick Waytkus, Anezia Said Clemons, Judy Quackenbush, 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.

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