

Immaculate Conception Church - June 29 & 30, 2019

Our Church, our Faith Community is not a museum of ancient artifacts or something simply to gaze at from afar. We are the living garden of God to be tended to, cared for, and to bear fruit ... a harvest rich in justice, peace, and compassion.



Abby with her pigs

GARDEN SONG

Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow. All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground. Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless these seeds I sow. Someone warm them from below till the rain comes tumblin' down.

Pullin' weed, pickin' stones, We are made of dreams and bones. Feel the need to grow my own cause the time is close at hand. Grain for grain, sun and rain find my way in nature's chain tune my body and my brain to the music from the land.

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Plant your rows straight and long. Temper them with prayer and song. Mother Earth will make you strong if you give her love and care. An old crow watching hungrily from his perch in yonder tree, in my garden I'm as free as that feathered thief up there.

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Jake plowing the Community Garden



Malcom plowing the old-



Rosemarie and Aleah picking vegetables



Kellan on the Farm



Garrett & a young Dairy Cow

WE PRAY

Our liturgies of Spring and early Summer are simpler than those of Easter. Yet even in our simplicity, we celebrate the profound mystery of Christ among us. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 113: "Praised be the name of the Lord." We celebrate our God who transcends all time and space but who is deeply in love with each person. 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!



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at
First United Church

Saturday, June 29

4:00 PM Mass
Kasmer Stemppek

(Req. Tom & Ellen Scott)

Anita DeGiovine

(Req. Family)

Alumni and Families of SMA

Sunday, June 30

9:00 AM Mass

Alice Shiland

(Req. Luanne Fitzpatrick)

Alissa G. (Vareschi) Porcaro

(Req. Michael & Ellen Sanders)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Monday, July 1

12:00 PM Mass

For Native Americans

Feast of Junipero Serra,

Franciscan Missionary

to California

Thursday, July 4

9:00 AM - 4th of July Mass

on the North Lawn of ICC

(bring a lawn chair)

Friday, July 5

12:00 PM Mass

Manuel Custodio

(Req. Isabel Custodio)

Saturday, July 6

4:00 PM Mass

John Hyde

(Req. Art Hyde)

5:00 PM Communal Anointing
of the Sick

Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM Mass

Ann McCormick

(Req. Jane Clarke)

Kasmer Stemppek

(Req. Joan James)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

A Future Not Our Own

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of
saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession
brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
Not set of goals and objectives include everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one
day will grow. We water the seeds already planted
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects
far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of
liberation in realizing this.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,

a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's
grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not
messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

For the Love of St. Mary's

Through the tears of writing this and experiencing the emotions of these last several weeks, I am able to smile and give thanks to God for all the people of St. Mary's Academy. For all this time, parts of three centuries, ideals have been handed on, wisdom and education imparted, lives transformed, and the Good News of Jesus Christ boldly witnessed to. Times, economics, and populations change - yet our values do not - and they will continue on in us. And so thanks for all the children who walked and ran through our halls, the teachers who not only taught but gave of themselves daily, the staff who worked tirelessly and generously, the parents and families who entrusted the great people of our parish who supported, our Diocese that quietly financed, and the good Sisters of St. Joseph who founded and cherished. We were and are still so blessed. May Christ abound in all of us - for that's really what we are all about. - Fr. Tom Zelker

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. Your spare change helps Project Heifer to assist farmers throughout our world. During June and July your donations will purchase goats. Goats enhance food security through milk, cheese, butter and yogurt. These valuable foods offer nutrition to those who need it most. The gift of a pair of goats is one that will keep providing.



2019 Bishop's Appeal

Thank you! So far 113 families have generously shared \$17,982.00 to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ through our Church in the Albany Diocese. We join together, as witnesses of the Gospel, to serve those in need in our region. If you can donate to this Appeal, contributions may be given at Mass or our office. Our Diocesan assessment this year is \$22,009.00.

*** Volunteers Needed! ***

The HACA Food Pantry is in need of 3-4 ongoing volunteers for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings from 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 686-5310.

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).



**We need you to serve at Mass!
You can do it.
See Fr. Tom Zelker**



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 .

Baptism Preparation Discussion

**Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 PM
at the Good Shepherd Room**

Class of 2019

Congratulations to our High School graduates! All the best to: Melanie deLaurentis, Conner Zedalis, Grace Wysocki, Stephanie Stowell, Sam Richard, Brianna Jones, Keelyn Bradley, Lilly Abbot, Sara Flynn, Faith Adamczenko, Brianna Elwell, Skyelyn Haynes, Josh Kapron, and Nate Miller. Also, this year Sam Richard received the HACA Christian Action Award. Our prayerful support is with you all for a beautiful future.



True North Pregnancy Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Pick up your baby bottle today
and return it filled on Sunday, July 28.

Your change supports:

- ◆ Free pregnancy testing
- ◆ Mom and baby supplies
- ◆ One on one mentoring
- ◆ Parenting education
- ◆ Pregnancy classes
- ◆ Fatherhood classes

Fill a baby bottle and give LIFE to preborn babies and HOPE to their moms and dads.



Fourth of July Mass
9:00 AM on the North lawn of ICC
(bring a lawn chair)



We appreciate the many people who serve our Nation: teachers; farmers; fire fighters; police; nurses and doctors; members of the armed services; government workers, including road crews; civil servants; mayors; clerks; foresters; factory workers; postal employees; hospital staff; architects; poets and musicians; news reporters; scientists and inventors; caregivers; maintenance workers; pilots; lifeguards; plumbers and electricians; store owners; baby sitters; religious sisters; professors; comedians; construction workers; and all the diverse people who make the United States of America a beacon of hope for the world.

HACA Back to School
Needed Supplies

Our parish is asked to help out with loose leaf paper (wide and college ruled) and pocket folders. Other items needed: Kleenex; erasers; rulers; pencil cases; highlighters; binders and index cards. Please return to church or our office by August 1st. These supplies help our local kids... thank you!



Communal Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, July 6th immediately after the 4PM Mass.

We remember the healing compassion of Jesus.

Prison Ministry Meeting

Sunday, June 30th - 10:30AM in the Good Shepherd Room

“But, Lord, when did I see you in prison and visit you? Whatever you do for one of my sisters or brothers... you do for me.”

Comfort and Hope Group

Monday, July 18th in the Good Shepherd Room

Support Group at 7:00PM, Regular Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM



We're part of each other
Keep in Touch We're part of each other
Keep in Touch Phone Group

...and we miss you when you're not praying with us, so we've begun a group to reach out and contact parishioners whom we miss at Mass...just to say hello and we care. So if you notice someone - neighbor, friend, classmate, or fellow parishioner - not present in our assembly, please let one of our ushers/greeters and Fr. Tom Zelker know. The love of Christ compels us to embrace each other with joy.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Feast Dinner

at 67 Main Street

Saturday, July 13 @ 5:15PM (after the 4PM Mass)

A celebration of Native American and French foods. We remember our heritage from the Iroquois Nation and the French Jesuit Missionaries. Please bring soda or juice to share. So far, the menu includes turkey, corn, squash, French bread, quiche Quebec, and maple cookies. New York wines will be served.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH - JUNE 29 & JUNE 30

This Week: June 29 & June 30, 2019

Lectors: Team 3

Counters: Mary Merriam & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Mike Shea, Bob Medvetz & Andrea White

(You are responsible to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

June 15 & 16

Offertory \$2,552.28
Catholic Communication Campaign \$124.00
Total \$2,676.28

ATTENDANCE:

Saturday - June 15, 4:00 PM 108
Sunday - June 16, 9:00 AM 125
Total 233

June 22 & 23

Offertory \$3,332.00
Total \$3,332.00

ATTENDANCE:

Saturday - June 22, 4:00 PM 127
Sunday - June 23, 9:00 AM 125
Total 252

There is no second collection this week (June 29 & 30). The next second collection is for St. Mary's Academy (July 6 & 7).



- ◆ 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:

Jeff Babson, Shirley Bissonette, Cassandra Percy, Chris Haynes, Anne Marie Donovan, Janet Smith, Anne Marie, Sue Hickey, Jim Baker, Margaret Eddy, Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Patricia Culver, Hope Kjellgaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Mike Painter, Sally Blinstrub, Sandy Harrington, Mary Dailey, Kathy Shender, Anezia Said Clemons, Judy Quackenbush, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Deanna Aldrich, 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.

THANKS...from a parishioner.

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