

Immaculate Conception Church - August 24 & 25, 2019



The New Creation in Jesus Christ

And God looked at all and saw how Good it is

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & 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 Summer

Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, whose love is forever more." With all creation, with winds, waters, farms, skies, music and song we join together in thanks and praise. The Gospel is introduced with the joyful Celtic Alleluia. We gather at the Table of the Lord and proclaim our mystery "Save us Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." Our faith inspires us, frees us, and empowers us to delve into the Cross, the Tomb, the Death in our world as compassionate life giving witnesses to be at Peace with God, ourselves, and each other.



BLOCK PARTY!

Saturday, October 5, 2019

4:00PM Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) followed by A Main Street Block Party with music by "West Side Drive" featuring, Krissy Fauler and Dave Stagnitti. Main Street in Hoosick Falls will be blocked off for this gathering of faithful friends with dancing and food in the heart of Hoosick. This is the KICK OFF for our "Reigniting our Faith" to fix our church as home again. This event is FREE! We will party from 5:00pm to the wee hours of 8:00pm.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at
First United Church

Saturday, August 24

4:00 PM Mass
Mary Downey
(Req. Family)
Gloria & John Delurey
(Req. Rich &
Mary Beth Dickinson)

Sunday, August 25

9:00 AM Mass
Ed & Evelyn LaPorte
(Req. Joan James)
Jeanette Shufon
(Req. Gloria Shufon)
John & Jennie Zelker
(Req. Children)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Monday, August 26

12:00 PM Mass
For immigrants.

Friday, August 30

12:00 PM Mass
Remembering our homebound
neighbors.

Saturday, August 31

4:00 PM Mass
William Flynn
(Req. Family)

Sunday, September 1

9:00 AM Mass
Sister Monica Murphy
(Req. Her students at SMA)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

We Gather at the Lord's Table

We are working on refurbishing our Altar Table from Immaculate Conception Church. We are using an old base altar from the Church. The new table top is being fashioned from our church's original foundational beams. Through it, an image of the rivers that run through our parish is being artistically created. We need small stones, pebbles, and rocks from you...from the Hoosic, Walloomsac, Little Hoosic, and White Creek to place within our "River of Life" in the Lord's Table. The new Table will be from and of us...from and of our Creator. Please bring your stones to our office. Remember the old altar table top was damaged by the falling ceiling.

Off to College?

We'd like to keep in touch. So ASAP, please get your college address - away or at home - to our parish office. Even if your address is the same as last year, please inform our office. And remember to study hard!



Basket Bingo

Thursday, October 3 in the evening. Start thinking about basket themes and other great prizes. We have 9 baskets so far and need a total of 21. For more information, please call Karen at (518) 686-4737 or Ellen at (518) 686-5075 or see us after Mass! There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church after each Mass.



Thanks!

A Summer Thanksgiving Prayer

O Beloved Friend and Earth Designer,
this day's light is seeping away, and dark night crouches
beneath the amber horizon.

Sometimes I feel so tired or overwhelmed
but may I never be so weary that I can forget
this day's rich harvest of gifts.

I lift up my heart to you,
singing a sunset song of gratitude.
I praise you for the blessings that fill my life,
for the gifts I can recall and for treasures I take for granted.

Gently refresh me now
with your evergreen pardon
for my failure to drink deeply of your love,
hidden cleverly in each gift
that has come my way today.

Forgive my rushing past
the countless visions of you, unique to this day,
held so tenderly in the beauty of your love.
Forgive my absent-mindedness, the deafness of my ears,
my senses blinded by my busyness today.

Blessed are you, Holy Parent,
who will soon wrap me in sleep
and cradle me in the womb of your peace.

May my life be always filled
with thanksgiving for memories,
friends, neighbors, family, laughter, compassion,
and every wonder of our world.
Let my holy life reveal beauty with others. Amen.



***** 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.

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. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 686-5310.

Vegetables may be brought to the Food Pantry any time (Please leave them in the "Veggie Bin," especially right before Food Pantry Open Times (Mondays and Fridays at 10am; Wednesdays at 6:30pm).

Faith Formation

We are in need Faith Formation teachers and discussion leaders for the year. Anyone interested may contact Deb Mahar at 686-1692.

Scripture Insights

The journey to Jerusalem is a characteristic feature of Luke's Gospel account. For ten chapters (9:51-19:28), Luke presents Jesus on a journey to Jerusalem with his disciples. The symbolism of a journey was instructive to Luke's audience. They knew that during the course of the Hebrew people traveling from Egypt to the Promised Land, God formed them into his people. Against this background, Luke reminds us that Jesus is the guide leading his disciples purposefully on the path to Jerusalem, where he will bring salvation to them through his death on the cross.

This passage offers a series of sayings through which Jesus instruct his disciples about the conscious decision that must be made to become a member of his kingdom. Jesus also draws attention to the fact that one cannot claim to be a member of his kingdom simply because of Jewish heritage. Consequently, the places at the table in Jesus' kingdom are extended to the Gentiles who "come from the east and the west and from the north and the south." The Gentiles, who have been called last, will go ahead of those who were first invited, the Jews. God's kingdom is open to all humanity, to everyone who embraces Jesus and his message.

Today's reading from the prophet Isaiah shows how Jesus' message of inclusivity was foretold centuries before by the prophet. Jesus has come to bring God's plan to fulfillment.

How do you, as a disciple of Jesus, embody the welcoming love of Christ in our world today?

Practice of Faith

In beckoning us to enter the kingdom "by the narrow door," Jesus directs us to travel lightly, unburdened by possessions. He also encourages us not to get caught up in the crowd of those merely acquainted with Jesus, but rather to know him intimately. We are to narrow our focus so only Christ fills our vision. ♦ Make a list of ways you and/or your family can simplify your lives to make room for God, and for the lifestyle of service to which we are called. Pray for the courage to begin taking steps toward this vision. ♦ Ask your family members to consider turning off their phones and electronics next Sunday. At day's end, talk about whether you were able to be more attentive to God, each other, and nature. ♦ This week try walking slower, doing only one task at a time, and buying only what is necessary. At the end of the week, journal about the experience.



Diocesan Marriage Jubilee



The 47th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Sunday, October 20th, 2019 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating the 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass 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 our parish office at 686-5064 or by email at: Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

FIND YOUR GREATNESS

◆ Four habits that will transform your life ◆

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best version of yourself or some second-rate version of yourself? Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, this half-day event will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential.

Featuring: JONATHAN FANNING

When: September 13, 2019
6:30 - 10:00 PM

Where: Church of St. Mary at Clinton Heights
163 Columbia Turnpike
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Tickets: \$25.00 - Purchase your tickets at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900 or call:

St. Mary's at Clinton Heights @ (518) 449-2232
St. John the Evangelist & St. Joseph @ (518) 465-0482

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available
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These will make
great Christmas Gifts.
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The Parish Office.**

Prison Ministry Meeting

The Prison Ministry will be taking a break for the month of August, but will resume in September.

Sunday, September 15 - 10:30AM in the Good Shepherd Room



“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body” (Hebrews 13:3).

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.

Comfort & Hope Group

Monday, September 9 in the Good Shepherd Room

6:30 pm - committee meeting - new helpers
always welcome

7:00 pm - support group and discussion



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Immaculate Conception

Financial Summary

	2017-18 <u>Actual</u>	2018-19 <u>Actual</u>
Attendance	304	268
Collections	\$ 200,064	\$ 212,395
Other Receipts	\$ 76,191	\$ 34,634
Total Receipts	\$ 276,255	\$ 247,029
Staff/Office Costs	\$ 202,353	\$ 169,594
Utilities	\$ 36,424	\$ 35,949
Insurance	\$ 37,448	\$ 37,822
Maintenance	\$ 10,305	\$ 19,152
Total Expenses	\$ 286,530	\$ 262,517
Net Income/(Deficit)	\$ (10,275)	\$ (15,488)

Collections per person / week \$ 12.19 \$ 14.68

Financial Summary based on church only (No SMA)

This Week: August 24 & August 25, 2019

Lectors: Team 4

Counters: Judy Flynn & Peg Bakaitis

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

August 17 & 18

***Offertory and Attendance information for August 17 & 18
unavailable at time of publication.**

This weeks' second collection is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal (8/24 & 8/25). The next second collection is for Faith Formation (9/7 & 9/8).

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



- ◆ 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:

Tommy James, William Benkoski, Jeff Babson, Shirley Bissonette, Cassandra Percy, Chris Haynes, Anne Marie Donovan, Janet Smith, Anne Marie, Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Patricia Culver, Hope Kjelgaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Sally Blinstrub, Sandy Harrington, 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.

Our Sponsor of the Week is...

Gerty's Flower Shop
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Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
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