

Immaculate Conception Church - November 2 & 3, 2019



. . "Through the storm, through the night; lead us on to the Light. Precious Lord take my hand; lead me home."

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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

We Pray November Ordinary Time

As we approach the end of our church liturgical year, we look to our common future and live ever fully the Promise today. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is the canticle from the Beatitudes: "Rejoice and be glad; blessed are you, holy are you for yours is the Kingdom of God." This Good News is proclaimed on All Saints Day, the wonderful feast of all God's people. Our Gospel Acclamation majestically sings: "Alleluia; Jesus is our King." Our church year concludes with the solemnity of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of the whole world. Coming to the Lord's table we remember, "by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." God's love for us is so deep that Jesus could give His life for all people. We can live in the freedom of God's People. Our lives are transformed to be that same Christ for each other!



“Unbounded in Love”

I have extended an invitation to Rev. John D. Kirwin to come to our parish on the weekend of November 9-10, 2019. Father Kirwin will speak to you about the work being done by Unbound (previously known as CFCA), and how this provides a trustworthy way to actively participate in the social outreach of the Catholic Church and answer the Gospel call to serve the poor.

Founded by lay Catholics, Unbound is an organization that has served more than 600,000 children, youth and elderly in 18 developing countries since 1981 - empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential.

Unbound’s unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth or aging person at a project overseas with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. With a monthly contribution, a sponsor helps to provide much-needed nourishing food, medical and dental care, the chance for a child to go to school, livelihood programs for families and much more. All of these efforts are directed at affirming the dignity of every person in their local community.

We welcome, Fr. John Kirwin with embracing Hoosick Hospitality. John and I ministered together in Sharon Springs, Summit, and Cobleskill. He is a good friend and highly admired for his prophetic ministry.

Rev. John Kirwin



“Unbound affords me an opportunity to visit a variety of parishes and hopefully to affect (afflict) the comfortable and in turn comfort the afflicted!”

As a priest of the Diocese of Albany, New York, Father John Kirwin not only worked for people in Catholic education as a high school teacher and campus minister, but also in parishes as a pastor. As a young man apprehensively embarking on a year of service, he had coffee with Servant of God, Dorothy Day, and was encouraged by her. Now, as a retired diocesan priest, he helps other priests in weekend parish support and serves where needed.

(Fr. Tom and his sister Barbara are in Schoharie this weekend visiting our father’s old farm.)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at First United Church

Saturday, November 2

10:00 AM - All Souls Prayer Service

4:00 PM Mass
For all our people

Sunday, November 3

9:00 AM Mass
For all our people

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick’s

Monday, November 4

10:00 AM - All Saints Mass at the Danforth

12:00 Noon Mass
Re-imagining our church

Memorial of Bishop Charles Borromeo

Wednesday, November 6

8:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick’s

Friday, November 8

No Noon Mass

Saturday, November 9

4:00 PM Mass
Charles Harrington
(Req. Dianne Harrington)
Richard Foster
(Req. Geraldine Foster)
Shirley Bizzaro
(Req. Geraldine Foster)
Thomas & Rita Hyland
(Req. Noreen Haynes)

Sunday, November 10

9:00 AM Mass
Peg Crucetti
(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)
Richard Cuddihy
(Req. Family)
Mary Jones Merriam
(Req. Joyce Lukas)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick’s

SANCTUARY LAMP

11/2/19-11/9/19

In Honor of the Risen Christ
We remember: Betty Shea
(Req. Saile White)

You Count

Here are the numbers of parishioners who participated at Mass each weekend during October. Because the Good News of Jesus Christ means so much to you, please consider inviting a neighbor, friend, or relative to our Eucharist. It will change their life...and ours.

	<u>Saturday, 4:00 PM</u>	<u>Sunday, 9:00 AM</u>
October 5-6	188	130
October 12-13	114	115
October 19-20	128	132
October 26-27	112	152

Vote!



Tuesday, November 5, 2019 is Election Day
Be a good citizen and vote

Can you help?

We need several new “collection counters” on Sunday mornings after the 9 AM Mass. Teams meet at the rectory and are done within an hour. If you can assist with this important ministry, please contact Bob Medvetz, Mike Shea or our parish office.

**Faith Formation News
Mass is Class**

As part of our new Family based focus, we will list today’s readings here for your reference. If your family needs a bible, there will be a sign up sheet after Mass.

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

We will also list a short YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family. Go to YouTube and search for the following:

C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith—What is Faith?

Each week there will be activity pages at the back of the church for students.

Our first Family Workshop is on November 10 at the Hoosick Falls HS cafeteria following Sunday Mass from 10:15 am to 11:30 am. The whole family is invited. Our focus will be “What is Faith?” All parishioners are welcome to our group discussion at HFCS.

How the *Re-Igniting Our Faith* Campaign Differs From the Bishop's Appeal

The *Re-Igniting Our Faith* campaign is different from the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal provides the financial resources which makes it possible for the Church to meet the current fiscal year's operating needs in serving the People of God in 14 counties of our Diocese. The Bishop's Appeal supports ministries and programs, many of which provide essential services to the 126 parishes of our Diocese.

Funds raised through the *Re-Igniting Our Faith* campaign will be allocated as follows:

70% of funds raised through our parish will be retained for critical needs and to ignite the spirit and joy of the Gospel.

30% of funds raised will be allocated to grow ministries and programs which serve additional parish needs. These are:

- Provide critical funding to assist our retired priests;
- Enhance support for vocations;
- Invest in our future; and,
- Develop Catholic schooling resources.

It is not enough to maintain what we have now; we must strengthen and empower our Church to stand prepared to serve future generations. To do this requires an extraordinary campaign that each Catholic family is asked to support above their annual giving to the parish and Bishop's Appeal.

If you did not receive a "Re-igniting our Faith" letter and commitment form, please read and use the form in our bulletin.

Thanksgiving Mass Tuesday, November 26 6:30 pm at First United Church

We thank our God for each other, the beauty of Creation, and for our ministry in Christ. Please bring any canned food for our pantry.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 30, 5:15 pm at the Rectory, 67 Main St.



Please RSVP at our office. All are welcome to enjoy turkey, potatoes, veggies and dessert.

Turkey Bowl Volleyball Tournament



Wednesday, November 27, 6:30pm at the Armory

The High School "Pencil Sharpeners" vs.
the College "Class Skippers" vs.
the Adult "Belly Achers."

All players, rooters, and fans are invited

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.

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



Please bring these 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.

Comfort & Hope Group

Monday, November 4 in the Good Shepherd Room

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

7:00 pm - support group and discussion

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting all to participate in the annual Consecration to Mary beginning November 5, 2019 and concluding on December 8 with a Mass of Consecration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany at 11 AM.

Friendly Listeners - "Lend me your ear"

Would you be willing and able to receive a short phone call from a home-bound parishioner? As the nights grow longer, loneliness can quickly settle in. Sometimes a quick phone hello can lift spirits. Please see Fr. Tom Zelk-

Block Party Kickoff

What a great time! Over 500 people came to this amazing event...and we're still talking about it...and we should...let's not simply treat it as a past event...easily forgotten, but as a day to revel in, sink in and inspire us. We go forth and become evermore a Church of the People...a Church of Christ in the streets...serving out of love for all.

Let our light shine!



Campaign Commitment Form

In support of Re-Igniting Our Faith and _____
(Parish Name, Parish Address)

Parishioner Contact Information:

Addressee _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I/We pledge the following commitment:

Pledge Amount: \$ _____

Initial Payment: \$ _____

Balance: \$ _____

Payable Over: 3 Years 5 Years

Payment Type:

- Cash/Check *(Please make checks payable to your parish's Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign E.g., St. Mary's Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign.)*
- Bill Me *(Payment options will be mailed to you.)*
- Credit/Debit/Automatic Recurring Payments *(Payment details will be mailed to you.)*

Please contact me/us, I/we wish to make a:

Gift of Stock/Securities

I/We intend to transfer stock from my/our account at _____ by _____
(Financial Institution) (Date)

Planned Gift *(Bequest, Gift of Life Insurance, Retirement Plan Assets, Charitable Remainder Trust)*

Matching Gift

Payment Schedule:

I/We would like to be billed (please choose one):

- Monthly
- Quarterly
(March, June, September, December)
- Semi-Annually
(June, December)
- Annually
(December)

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

This Week: November 2 & 3, 2019

Lectors: Team 1
Counters: Mike Shea, Bob Medvetz & Andrea White
Next Week: Heather Hassett & Eileen Bakaitis
(You are responsible to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
October 26 & October 27

Offertory \$3,534.00
Total \$3,534.00

ATTENDANCE:

Saturday - October 26, 4:00 PM 112
Sunday - October 27, 9:00 AM 152
Total 264

This weeks' second collection is for Faith Formation (Nov. 2 & 3). The next second collection is for the Campaign for Human Development (Nov. 16 & 17).

** 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 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:

Cheryl McLaughlin, Hanna Stevens, Liam Herrador, Jean Shaw, Lenny Darosa, Neil Watykus, Corrine Philpott, Harry Parker, Eileen Holloman, Tommy James, Jeff Babson, Shirley Bissonette, Cassandra Percy, Chris Haynes, Janet Smith, Anne Marie, Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Hope Kjellaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Sally Blinstrub, 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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