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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

Our winter Ordinary Time Liturgies are simpler than those of the Christmas Season with all its flowers, lights, drums, and tambourines. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord." We sing of God's faithfulness, friendship, and wisdom. The Gospel acclamation is the beautifully noble Celtic Alleluia. We gather at the Lord's Table and we proclaim our mystery, "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again." Our Eucharist compels us to enter into the Cross, the Tomb, the Deaths of this world as witnesses to the life giving presence of Christ among us all.



Faith Formation News
Mass is Class

As part of our Family based focus these are **next weeks'** readings so you and your family can start thinking about those lessons in Mass.

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Here is this weeks' 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 the Holy Trinity?

We will be announcing prep classes for confirmation and first communion in the coming days.

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

Our next Family workshop is March 15, 2020 following Sunday Mass from 10:15 am to 11:30 am. The whole family is invited. Our workshops will be held at our church hall at Immaculate Conception.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Masses are celebrated at
First United Church**

Saturday, January 25

4:00 PM Mass
Leo Bartoski
(Req. Tom & Ellen Scott)

Sunday, January 26

9:00 AM Mass
Fred Bouplon
(Req. Family)
Peggy Pine
(Req. Carol & Bruce Patire)
Marge & Rocky Patire
(Req. Carol & Bruce Patire)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Monday, January 27

12:00 Noon Mass
For women in our Church
*Memorial of Saint Angela Merici
orphaned; served poor young
girls and mothers*

Wednesday, January 29

8:30 AM Mass, St. Patrick's

Friday, January 31

12:00 Noon Mass
For all our children
*Memorial of Saint John Bosco,
Priest, dedicated to educating youth*

Saturday, February 1

4:00 PM Mass
Richard Whalen
(Req. Joyce & Kevin Whalen)

Sunday, February 2

9:00 AM Mass
"Grandma Shirley" Salluzzo
(Req. SMA)
John & Jennie Zelker
(Req. Frank Rotundo)
Margaret Rousseau
(Req. James & Rita Hunt)

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

SANCTUARY LAMP

1/26/20-2/2/20

In Honor of the Risen Christ
We remember: Joe Kennedy
(Req. Mary & Neil Watykus)

A Winter Morning Prayer

I greet you with affection, my Beloved One, as this new winter day begins. The weather weaves a chilly spell around me, as I seek to keep warm and dry. May this my morning prayer awaken me to the needs of others, to all the needs I will encounter this day.

While my body naturally responds to the winter wind with a shiver, may my heart respond with a warm wave of love as I seek to make my heart aflame like yours. Make me one with the earth as it makes its journey through this season of winter. Make me one as well with all those who lift up their hearts to you at this early hour, as, through the doorway of silent prayer, I seek to enter your compassionate heart.

One in stillness with you, I have also sat in the stillness of creation wrapped in winter sleep. On behalf of creation that slumbers till spring, in harmony with all earth's children, I now lift up my heart in prayer.

O Merciful God, you who held me in the palm of your hand as I slept, hold me in your love and providence as I begin this new day. May I not fear the challenges of this day but rather see them as opportunities to live out my beliefs in non-violence, compassion and justice.

May my work this day be a continuous prayer of praise to you. I ask your loving care for all those who are in need, especially for: _____. I lift up to you all who begin this day frozen without hope or empty of purpose and meaning..

I bow before you, O Beloved Source of my life, you from whom I have come and to whom I return .

Blessed and beautiful are you, my God.
May your light be my sun this winter day.



Sing Away the Winter Blues



Music and Song to Lift Your Soul

Saturday, February 22, 2020

7pm - 9pm at Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Café style wine, cheese, and snacks. Music with clarinets, guitars, violin. Songs from stage, screen, oldies and rock and roll...and a classic sing-a-long... "raising the roof!" Donations gladly accepted for our Church Renewal.

Immaculate Conception Church Hall

Our hall and St. Joseph's Room are now open and available for parishioners, charitable, and community groups. Please call our parish for reservations and information.

- FREE BOOKS -

Short novels in Readers Digest Books are available for the taking on the back table in Church.

Stone Soup Group



During the cold winter months, we make soup for our neighbors at Woodbridge, Wood Park, and the people served at our Food Pantry. You can make any soup (except cream soups) at home and bring it to the rectory or the 3 places served. Containers are available at our office. Your home cooking makes a great difference for our whole community. Call our office for further information.

We Pray

Our 2020 Mass Book is here. Our Eucharist belongs to all of God's people when we gather. Please call or stop by our office for intentions or Mass Cards.

Comfort and Hope Group

- Monday, February 3, in the Good Shepherd Room -

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

Prison Ministry Meeting

Sunday, February 9 - 10:30AM in the Good Shepherd Room

Render Unto Caesar

If you need tax contribution information please call our office.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, we'll gather with people from around our Diocese to celebrate the gift of God's Spirit.

Electronic Giving

If you notice some of your fellow parishioners are not putting their envelopes in the collection basket, it could be that they are using our automatic withdraw system (ACH). This system is working well and it may be an easy way for you to support our parish. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for information or for an authorized form. This is a very simple and easy way to keep track of your donation.

Re-Igniting Our Faith

As of this weekend, we've raised \$458,660.00 from 189 donations and pledges. Your support is important. Thank all of you for your gifts. Contribution forms are available or use the one in the bulletin.

THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR:

Tuna fish, 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.

Willard Mountain Tubing

Tuesday, February 18, 2020



Leaving the rectory at 9:30am for fun on the mountain. Returning around 12:30pm for pizza and subs at ICC Church Hall. RSVP with Deb Mahar or Fr. Tom Zelker ASAP! This **FREE** event is open to all 7-12 graders plus chaperones are welcome.

First Eucharist

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at our 9:00am Mass. We welcome our young people to the Lord's Table.

Cookies for Kids

At the International Sports Academy (our old St. Mary's Academy), kids from all over the world are being housed as they receive an education here in America. We can show them Hoosick hospitality by baking (or buying) cookies for the kids. They can be dropped off at the Academy or the rectory any time.

Happy Ground Hog Day - Sunday, February 2, 2020

Our local woodchuck, West Hoosick Willie, will be with us after our 9am Mass to predict the rest of winter and the Super Bowl. Woodchuck Willie will share candy with all our children too.



New Horizons of Faith Beatitudes of Christian Living

"Lord you have come to the seashore"... Yet the cleanliness and health of our waters are threatened. Plastics, especially, trash the waters and beaches. They take thousands of years to break down or biodegrade. They break up into tiny pieces that are easily consumed by fish, birds, and sea mammals. Toxins enter the wildlife and wind up in people. Huge ocean garbage patches are becoming islands of trash. This is a daunting problem that can overwhelm us or cause us to bury our heads in the sand. Yet each effort matters: cut down on one use plastics/styrofoam products; re-use items; support clean up projects along the Hoosick and Battenkill; catch and release fish; buy sustainable foods. Celebrate sister water and brother earth.

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: January 25 & January 26

Lectors: Team 4
Counters: Judy Flynn & Jerry McAuliffe
Next Week: Mike Shea, Gina Harrison & Andrea White

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

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

January 18 & January 19

Offertory \$2,250.85
Total \$2,250.85

Attendance:

Saturday - January 18, 4:00 PM 112
Sunday - January 19, 9:00AM 78
Total 190

There is no second collection this week (Jan. 25 & 26). The next second collection is for Faith Formation (Feb. 1 & 2).

** 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:

Pete Volk, Dave Hanselman, Felicia Martelle, Norman Scott, Pat Carnkard, Cheryl McLaughlin, Hanna Stevens, Jean Shaw, Lenny Darosa, Neil Watkins, Corrine Philpott, Jeff Babson, Shirley Bissonette, Cassandra Percy, Chris Haynes, Janet Smith, Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, Dawn Myers, Hope Kjelgaard, 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.

Our Sponsor of the Week is...

Law Offices of Edward J. Gorman, ESQ., PLLC

Attorney and Counselor at Law

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