

August 1 & 2, 2020 ~ Immaculate Conception Church



“Join in the Dance of the Earth’s Jubilation... Love Beyond our Dreams; Christ our Hope, all that yet will be.”

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & Ellen Scott

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Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
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Mass is Back

Due to the Governor's announcement this weekend and with the Bishop's permission, we can celebrate a public Mass with a congregation of 25% of the seating capacity of the church, contingent on the completion of the steps required by the state and the diocese. This equals 55 people for Immaculate Conception Church Hall.

Prior to celebrating public Mass again, we are required to submit a compliance and safety plan to the diocese. We are working on these plans and are starting to ensure everyone's safety during this epidemic. Here is what you need to do if you wish to participate at Mass:

Saturday Mass will be at 4pm; Sunday Mass will be 9am. We also celebrate Mass Sundays at 11am at St. Patrick's, Cambridge. Similar rules are in place there. Masses in Hoosick Falls will be held in our Immaculate Conception Church Hall. This hall is easier to clean and remain socially distant. Please be patient.

Those who wish to attend will be required to:

1. Make reservations (name, number of people, phone number) with your parish for what Mass you plan to attend. Either call **(518) 686-5064** or email **immconcept@roadrunner.com** or stop in our office. Please contact us Wednesday to Friday noon, prior to the weekend mass. Your reservation will be confirmed. Once capacity is met, no one else may enter.
2. Enter only by the blue door, on the north side of the church hall.
3. Remain socially distant - 6 feet apart - when entering, when in the hall, and when leaving. Please leave chairs in place.
4. Masks must be worn for the entire Mass.
5. Bring hand sanitizer and use it when entering and before receiving Communion.
6. Fill in the seats as instructed. Please remain seated for the entire Mass. Collection baskets are at the doors.
7. There is no congregational singing. Instrumental music will accompany the liturgy.
8. Communion will be brought to you. We are not sharing the Cup at this time.
9. Exit safely and respectfully from the doors of the hall.
10. Leave church property immediately.
11. Uplift each other in sacred prayer.
12. Restrooms are closed.

Home

Jesus says, "In my Father's house, there is room for you." Seating has not been a problem for our 4pm and 9am Masses. So, even if you forget to call and make reservations... or just did not get around to it... still come and pray with us. You are needed and welcome. Be safe and be well.

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, August 1 - 4PM Mass:
Mary Trimble and Catherine Harrington
(Requested by Dianne Harrington)

Sunday, August 2 - 9AM Mass:
Richard and Virginia Murphy
(Family Request)

Patti Turi
(Requested by Gail and Rich Turi)

Parish News

We can now take intentions for our weekend Masses. We will honor all past requests and scheduled times. Mass cards are also available at our office. Please remember all our people, all our intentions are always remembered in the heart of God.

FOOD DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE RECTORY, AT MASS, OR AT THE FOOD PANTRY ANYTIME. YOUR HELP IS CRUCIAL! FRESH VEGETABLES ARE ALSO NEEDED.



HATE HAS NO HOME HERE

Peace Cranes

To help support our Food Pantry, we are joining in their Crane Project. Origami paper cranes are being fashioned to inspire us all to seek peace among all people and strive to live in harmony with all. They will grace our Rectory and Church Hall. If you can help, stop in at our office.

Home Visits

Fr. Tom Zelker is now allowed to share Eucharist with the sick and homebound. Safety protocols must still be observed. If you know of someone unable to get out, please call Fr. Tom Zelker.

Cemetery News

Our cemetery is being expanded on the South side along Hill Road. Grass will be planted in August and new plots will soon be available.

New York State has sanctioned water testing and drilling along our cemetery southern boundary to the railroad tracks. A trail was put through the woods to begin the water drilling. Our parish is proud to be a good citizen in helping our Village with our water supply.

- Faith Formation News -

As part of our Family based focus these are **This weeks and Next weeks** readings so you and your family can think about those lessons.

Readings for Sunday August 2

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Readings for Sunday August 9

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Here is this weeks YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family. Go to YouTube and search for the following:
Overwhelmed?

Contemplation

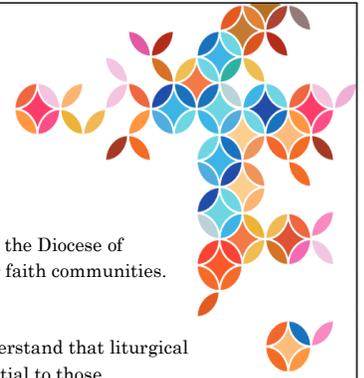
Before I even got in my canoe, I could see the comet in the northwest sky. I eagerly paddled out to the middle of the lake; the storms had passed by and now all was bright and clear. The comet and the Big Dipper were clear and vibrant... they were reflected in the still waters. To the southeast was Jupiter... rising brightly above the horizon; higher up was the Milky Way, our galaxy... and these stars and planets were also reflected in the still waters. I sat quietly in the canoe... owls and loons broke the silence. I continued to sit quietly in awe... in contemplation... it seemed as if I were surrounded, floating in space... suspended on the waters of the whole universe... just me... and everybody else I have ever known or will know... part of this beautiful cosmos... a creation that completely enveloped, embraced, and surrounded me... I was so appreciative of these moments when every breath seemed to be connected to the whole, when, even in darkness light was everywhere, and when my feeble, tired mind could be opened to life that is beyond my grasp. This night allowed me to experience some peace of how it ought to be... how our universe is ordered and changing... how I could gaze into the sacred... not merely outside of me but within me. I sat and reveled in wonder. And then lightning flashed across the eastern sky... I jumped out of my seat... rocked the boat but didn't fall out and then steadied the canoe. Usually, lightning is an impetus for me to paddle to shore... but this time I didn't right away... I lingered... this was too good to leave... when would a night like this come again? I held the paddle and reveled in what was happening all above, under, around, and within me. And then some more lightning! Perhaps it was now time to paddle. Maybe I needed to move from stillness to action; maybe what I reflected on was that contemplation in the beauty that is meant to be cannot be left to sitting still star gazing but beckons me to action to truly live in the ought to be... recognizing the wonder of all life and living it more fully, being that difference for each encounter. Perhaps because of you, because of me, someone else has a glimpse of the sacred that fills and surrounds us all forever. Reflect beauty, justice, peace, joy, compassion, and love... for it is indeed within and among us all.





“We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who have been called according to his decree.”

Romans 8:28



Our faith has never felt more meaningful, our prayer has never been more purposeful, and our role in contributing to the greater good is clear.

Our Diocese is a microcosm of the world, with 126 diocese parishes benefiting from the resources provided by our diocesan pastoral center.

Giving is at the foundation of our responsibility as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Your Diocesan Appeal gift will impact the spiritual life of Catholics throughout our 14-county area.

Through your gift, in participating with your parish and the Diocese of Albany, we will be able to continue to serve you and our faith communities.

Prayer and Worship

As we are called to the practice of faith at home, we understand that liturgical components and traditions are complex, as well as essential to those experiences that propel us to greater spiritual life. Together, we are discovering and providing innovative tools to serve our parish communities.

Ministries

The daily life of the Church is found through the growth and expansion of universities that inspire the many opportunities for our role as disciples. These ministries include: marriage & family life, catechist formation, pastoral care, and youth/young adult programs to name just a few.

Perpetuation of the Faith

Emphasis on ensuring generations of devoted Catholics carry the legacy of our faith through faith formation programs, Catholic schooling, and vocations.

It is our collective responsibility to ensure our parishes and the Diocese as a whole are robust in our ability to meet those and other needs of our faith community. Together, we empower individuals and families toward discipleship.



**For we
walk by faith,
not by sight.**

The Diocesan Appeal, July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

On your gift pledge, please designate **Immaculate Conception** for your gift, or if you have another special parish, feel free to write that name in. Our Parish goal this year is: **\$22,009.00**. This amount is no longer an assessment; it is simply our Parish goal.

There have been concerns regarding receipt of statements for the Re-Ignite our Faith Campaign for the Building Repairs for our church. We have contacted the Re-Ignite our Faith office and they have assured us that statements are going out, but instead of monthly they are now quarterly statements and a form is included to fill out and return to their payment processing center with the payment. They also told us that if parishioners want to send in payments if they have not received statements those payments can be sent to Re-Ignite our Faith, 40 North Main Ave, Albany, NY 12203. Below is a form that can be used that will include all the information to help with processing payments sent directly to the Re-Ignite our Faith office. Thank you for helping us with our campaign.

**Send Payments to:
Re-Igniting our Faith
40 North Main Ave
Albany, NY 12203**

Payment Amount _____
On Behalf of Immaculate Conception Church, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

Name _____
Address _____
Address _____

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YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

July 25 & 26, 2020

Regular Offertory - \$2,997.15

Peter's Pence - \$50.00

Total Offertory - \$3047.15

Attendance:

Saturday, July 25, 2020 - 54

Sunday, July 26, 2020 - 59

Total - 113

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Alexander Bravo, Annette Nealon, Beverly James, Bill Ellis, Caroline Bachorz, Cassandra Percy, Cheryl McLaughlin, Corrine Philpott, Dave Hanselman, Dawn Myers, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Felicia Martelle, Fr. Joe Manerowski, Gloria Parker, Hanna Stevens, Jean Shaw, Jeff Babson, Judy Brownell, Judy Quackenbush, Karen Thomas, Keith Buck, Lenny Darosa, Matt Waytkus, Neil Watykus, Pat Carknard, Ronda Sharpe, Sally Williams, Sandy McCart, Shirley Bissonette, Veronica Hoag, 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.



HACA Food Pantry will be open normal hours, however, they will give out pre-packaged bags at the door to one family at a time. All normal items will be included. Additional Items Needed: **Ramen noodles, oatmeal, canned dinners (spaghetti, chili, stew), pancake mix, rice/pasta boxed mixes (Rice a Roni), shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.**

Food Pantry Volunteers...We are looking for volunteers to help. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 686-5310.



**VOLUNTEER!
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WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

- ◆ 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.