

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 30 & 31, 2021



**“for the beauty of the Earth ..
Lord of all to you we raise our song of grateful praise”**

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
HALL

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

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Liturgy Schedule:

**Saturday, January 30,
4PM Mass
John Guile**

(Requested by the
Comfort & Hope Group)
Fr. Patrick Leonard, OSA
(Requested by
Patricia Bass)

**Sunday, January 31,
9AM Mass**

Sandy McCart
(Requested by
Mary Negvesky)

**Wednesday, February 3,
Prayer Service -12 noon**

Blessing of Throats,
Prayer of Healing

**Saturday, February 6,
4PM Mass**

Stephen Colvin
(Requested by friends)
Downey & Finnen family
(Requested by family)

**Sunday, February 7,
9AM Mass**

Manuel Custodio
(Requested by
Isabel Custodio)



“The Hill We Climb” a Poem for America written by Amanda Gorman

When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending
shade?

The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade
We've braved the belly of the beast
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace
And the norms and notions
of what just is

Isn't always just-ice
And yet the dawn is ours
before we knew it
Somehow we do it
Somehow we've weathered and witnessed
a nation that isn't broken
but simply unfinished

We the successors of a country and a time
Where a skinny Black girl
descended from slaves and raised by a single
mother

can dream of becoming president
only to find herself reciting for one
And yes we are far from polished
far from pristine
but that doesn't mean we are
striving to form a union that is perfect
We are striving to forge a union with purpose
To compose a country committed to all cultures,
colors, characters and
conditions of man

And so we lift our gazes not to what stands be-
tween us
but what stands before us
We close the divide because we know, to put our
future first,
we must first put our differences aside
We lay down our arms
so we can reach out our arms
to one another

We seek harm to none and harmony for all
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true:
That even as we grieved, we grew
That even as we hurt, we hoped
That even as we tired, we tried
That we'll forever be tied together, victorious
Not because we will never again know defeat
but because we will never again sow division
Scripture tells us to envision
that everyone shall sit under their own vine and
fig tree

And no one shall make them afraid
If we're to live up to our own time
Then victory won't lie in the blade
But in all the bridges we've made
That is the promise to glade
The hill we climb
If only we dare
It's because being American is more than a pride
we inherit,
it's the past we step into
and how we repair it

We've seen a force that would shatter our nation
rather than share it
Would destroy our country if it meant delaying de-
mocracy

And this effort very nearly succeeded
But while democracy can be periodically delayed
it can never be permanently defeated
In this truth
in this faith we trust

For while we have our eyes on the future
history has its eyes on us

This is the era of just redemption
We feared at its inception

We did not feel prepared to be the heirs
of such a terrifying hour
but within it we found the power
to author a new chapter

To offer hope and laughter to ourselves
So while once we asked,

how could we possibly prevail over catastrophe?
Now we assert

How could catastrophe possibly prevail over us?
We will not march back to what was

but move to what shall be
A country that is bruised but whole,
benevolent but bold,

fierce and free
We will not be turned around
or interrupted by intimidation

because we know our inaction and inertia
will be the inheritance of the next generation
Our blunders become their burdens
But one thing is certain:

If we merge mercy with might,
and might with right,
then love becomes our legacy
and change our children's birthright

So let us leave behind a country
better than the one we were left with
Every breath from my bronze-pounded chest,
we will raise this wounded world into a wondrous
one

We will rise from the gold-limbed hills of the west,
we will rise from the windswept northeast
where our forefathers first realized revolution
We will rise from the lake-rimmed cities of the mid-
western states,

we will rise from the sunbaked south
We will rebuild, reconcile and recover
and every known nook of our nation and
every corner called our country,
our people diverse and beautiful will emerge,
battered and beautiful

When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid
The new dawn blooms as we free it
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it
If only we're brave enough to be it

Ash Wednesday 2021
February 17, 2021

Lent begins our conversion journey anew. This year, Ash Wednesday, itself, will be a bit different. We will still have several services on Ash Wednesday centered on the Word of God from Scripture. The imposition of ashes has been modified throughout the whole Catholic Church. After the Scripture is proclaimed, the priest will lead the prayer of blessing for the ashes and peoples' conversion once. Ashes will be distributed to the people by sprinkling the ashes on the head of each person in silence. The prayer continues with the Prayer of the Faithful, Lord's Prayer, and conclusion as usual. Ashes will no longer be imposed on a person's forehead.

Prayer Services with Ashes are:
Wednesday, February 17



9am - St. Patrick's Cambridge

12 noon - Holy Cross, Salem

12 noon - Immaculate Conception

6pm - Immaculate Conception



St. Blaise Day: Blessing of Throats

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

12 noon, in our lower Church

A short prayer service of healing
honoring St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr



**If you would like to receive ICC emails,
please call the parish office at 518-686-5064
or email to: immconcept@roadrunner.com**

▪ **Render Unto Caesar** ▪

**If you need tax contribution information
please call our office.**

Comfort & Hope Group

Monday, February 1 at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall kitchen area. A faith-filled support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. We are not alone in our grief, our shared stories bless us with Christ among us.

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 January 31

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Readings for Sunday February 7

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4,6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Here is this weeks YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family. Go to YouTube and search for the following: **"Is This a Sin?"**

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Electronic Withdrawal Form

I would like to enroll in the Immaculate Conception Church Withdrawal Program. I understand that my total contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking or savings account as stated below. A record of my gifts will appear on my bank statement and my transfers will begin on the date stated below. I understand that I can increase, decrease or suspend my giving by written authorization given to Immaculate Conception Church. Any questions regarding the Electronic Withdrawal should be directed to the Office Manager at (518) 686-5064.

I would like my offertory contributions deducted weekly in the amount of \$ _____.

I would like my offertory contributions deducted monthly in the amount of \$ _____.

Please begin my withdrawal(s) on: _____

(Date, No Earlier Than September 26)

Note: Weekly contribution amounts will be debited every Monday. Monthly contribution amounts will be debited on the 1st Monday of each month.

I would also like to give to the following special collections during the year:

Collection	Amount	Month
<input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation	_____	Second Monday of Every Month
<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelist	_____	Third Monday of April and September
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel	_____	Third Monday of March and November
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	_____	January
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday	_____	March or April
<input type="checkbox"/> Ascension Thursday	_____	May or June
<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption of Mary	_____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	_____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	_____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Gift	_____	December

Note: The special collection amount indicated above will be debited the Monday following the Holy Day.

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your completed form with a copy of your voided check to:
Immaculate Conception Church, 67 Main Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090

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YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

For January 23 & 24

Regular Offertory.....\$2,906.00
Total\$2,906.00

Attendance

Saturday, January 16.....52
Sunday, January 1754

Total106

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Barbara Bouplon, Cheryl McLaughlin, Dave Hanselman, Dawn Myers, Dorothy Roy, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Felicia Martelle, Fr. Joe Manerowski, Gary Grogan, Jeff Babson, Jesse Stevens, Judy Brownell, Judy Quackenbush, Marie Slattery, Matt Waytkus, Melissa Cleary, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Neil Waytkus, Paulette Sukuskas, Ronda Sharpe, Sally Williams, Stacy Rogers, 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.



- ♦ 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.