

# Immaculate Conception Church - December 4 & 5, 2021



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### • Masks •

Based on government and church regulations, mask wearing is now required during Mass. Masks are available.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL

Saturday, 4 PM & Sunday, 10 AM

Reconciliation available

3:00-3:45 PM Saturdays

Monday, 9 AM

Eucharistic Adoration immediately after Mass on  
the first Monday of the month

Bishop of Albany Diocese:  
Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

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## FINANCE COUNCIL:

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, & Linda Billert

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster  
Jerry D'Acchille, Rick Ferrannini, Karen Kaufman,  
and the two Trustees

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

### Contacting Fr. Peter

Please call the office at Immaculate Conception. 518-686-5064. If it is outside of office hours, please leave a message including your name and telephone number. If the need is urgent, please call or text Jeff Peck, at 518-683-6461 or email, [jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org). Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

## Liturgy Schedule:

**Saturday, December 4**

4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 5**

10:00 am Mass

Manuel Custodio

(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

**\*Weekday Masses will resume**

**Monday, December 13**

**Wednesday, December 8**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

9:00 am - St. Patrick's, Cambridge

12:00 Noon - Holy Cross, Salem

6:00 pm - Immaculate Conception

**Saturday, December 11**

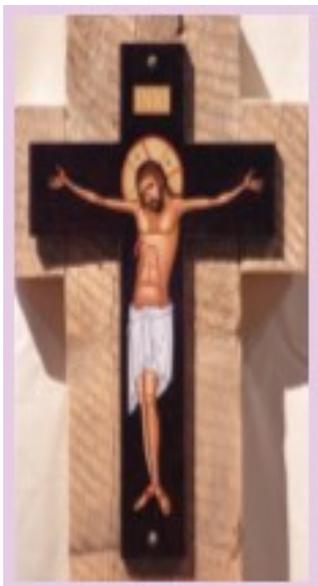
4:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 12**

10:00 am Mass

Virginia E. Cuddihy

(Requested by Cuddihy family)



**Crafted from the foundation beams of our Church, we continue to build up the reign of God with living stones. Jesus Christ is our true cornerstone.**

## ▫ Second Sunday of Advent ▫

A Highway for Our God

Father,  
from the beginning,  
you have revealed yourself.  
You have called us to walk in your ways.  
We wait for you to bring to fulfillment  
the work you are doing

from the creation of the earth  
to today.

We wait in hope.

Help us to do our small part  
to make a path for you,  
a highway for our God.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 5, 2021

All Flesh Shall See the Salvation of God

*Today's readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philemon 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.* John the Baptist and Mary, the mother of our Lord, are our examples for how to live during Advent. Both waited, watched, and prepared. They did then what we hope to do now.

Today, we hear John proclaim that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." As John preaches, teaches, and baptizes in the wilderness, he focuses on what God is doing: God is saving. John performs his task. He makes straight a path. He clears the way.

John is called by God within the prophetic tradition of the people of Israel. We hear it when he quotes Isaiah and in the echo of those words in the prophet Baruch. Rooted in the people of Israel and in Scripture, John has practice listening to God's voice. In the wilderness, he hears that God is doing something new. God is bringing all flesh into the plan of salvation, as foretold in the prophets of old.

God was inaugurating the promised kingdom of justice and peace, creating a new heaven and a new earth. John called the people to turn away from the ways that had fallen short of God's vision for them, and people flocked to him because they saw the world's brokenness and knew that God had promised something different. Something new.

We wait in hope for the fullness of this same kingdom. Like John, we are called to prepare its way. How has God invited you to make straight his paths?

### Birthright Baby Bottles



If you still have any Birthright baby bottles, please return them as soon as possible. You may bring them to Mass or drop off at the Rectory. Thank you.



### Picturing Grief Navigating Loss During the Holidays

The holidays present a special challenge for those of us who are grieving. Please join us for conversation, remembrance, and ways to navigate the landscape of loss this holiday season and beyond. Feel free to bring a photograph or memory to share, if desired.



In Person: Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 12 noon  
Bennington Free Library, 101 Silver Street - \*Masks required  
Virtual: Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7pm



Learn more: [benningtonfreelibrary.org](http://benningtonfreelibrary.org)  
Questions? Contact: Karson Kiesinger, Bennington Free Library  
Phone: 802-442-9051 or email [reference@bfli.org](mailto:reference@bfli.org)

### HACA Christmas Food Basket Program

HACA is preparing for the Annual Christmas Food Basket Program. This program is only made possible by your generous monetary donations. HACA Food Pantry provides necessary non-perishable food items for each basket. Last year we helped over 200 families in need. The money collected during this fund drive is used directly for any extra non perishables that may be needed for the baskets and for TOPS Family Market Gift Cards for families to purchase their Meat and Fresh Vegetables. This Program fills a need not provided otherwise and exemplifies the concept of a community helping one another, providing a powerful Christmas message of caring and goodwill to others.

Donations are being accepted now and can be mailed or dropped off to our Parish Office 67 Main Street. If you have any questions please text Pat Hayes @ 518-203-8888 or e-mail Patrice Zedalis [mpzedalis@gmail.com](mailto:mpzedalis@gmail.com)

We thank you in advance for your support.

### Catholic Charities Collection Weekend

Thank you for your generous donations to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany. If you missed the collection last week, it's not too late, you may still make a donation. With your help we can feed families in need, prevent eviction, support homebound seniors, counsel those in crisis, aid people with disabilities and provide safety to abuse survivors. All donations will stay within the Diocese to help neighbors close to home. For more information, (or to make an online donation) visit: [www.ccrda.org/collection](http://www.ccrda.org/collection)



### Hoosick Falls Central School Annual Christmas Toy Drive

Exciting News! ICC parishioners will be assisting HFCS with its annual Toy Drive this year. Beginning November 13th, 40 mitten tags with a child's age and wish will be available before and after Mass. Take as many as you wish. December 5th is the LAST DAY to return your *unwrapped* gifts to the church with the mitten tag attached. You may also deliver gifts to the rectory during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Question? Do you need tags delivered or gifts picked up? Call/text Beth Ferrannini at (518) 207-7727.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your generous support for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

*The Invitations of Autumn: Reflections and Spiritual Practices for the Season.* Fall is a season for balancing light and dark, letting go, and accepting the impermanence of things. Find recommended resources for this time of year on the Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith website. (<https://spatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/>)



### • Christmas Mass Reservations •

Reservations for December 24th & 25th ICC Christmas Masses will begin at church following Mass this weekend, December 4th & 5th. Phone reservations will be taken starting Monday, December 6th. For phone reservations, please call the rectory at 518-686-5064.

The **Diocesan Appeal** year has begun & a mailing will arrive in-home in October. As you contemplate your investment, please consider the role of the Catholic Church in your life and that of your family. Your support of both your parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal are the most fundamental ways to ensure the health and vitality of our entire Catholic community of 126 parishes in 14 counties, serving you in the day-to-day and milestone moments of your life. If you are eager to get started, you can make a gift or pledge online at [www.thediocesanappeal.org](http://www.thediocesanappeal.org) or set-up bill pay through your bank for recurring gifts (easier on your budget), asking the bank to make checks payable to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Be sure to include your name and the name & location of our parish. Thank you!

### We will be celebrating Mass during the week.

#### The schedule is:

Monday, 9 AM - Immaculate Conception  
Tuesday, 9 AM - Holy Cross  
Wednesday, 9 AM - St. Patrick's

### **Eucharistic Adoration - Immaculate Conception**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place immediately following the ICC 9 AM Mass on the first Monday of the Month.

**Please Note:** The Monday morning 9:00 am Mass will be canceled if there is a funeral or other celebration that day.

### Faith Formation News

As part of our Family based focus these are this week's and next week's readings so you and your family can think about those lessons.

#### Readings for December 5

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

#### Readings for December 12

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Here is this week's YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family.

Go to YouTube and search for the following: Save Yourself from Helplessness

## *Christmas Season Schedule - Refrigerator Edition*



### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception - December 8**

St. Patrick's Church - 9:00 AM

Holy Cross - 12:00 Noon

Immaculate Conception 6:00 PM

### **Christmas**

#### Christmas Eve December 24

Immaculate Conception - 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM

St. Patrick's Church - 4:00 PM

Holy Cross - 2:00PM

#### Christmas Day December 25

Immaculate Conception - 9:00 AM

St. Patrick's Church - 11:00 AM

Holy Cross - No Mass

December 31 - **No Mass**

(January 1 & January 2 - Normal weekend schedule)

January 1 - 4:00 PM, Mass of the Epiphany

January 2 - 10:00 AM

### **Advent Reconciliation Services 2021:**

(Sunday) December 12th - 2:00 PM Holy Cross, Salem

(Wednesday) December 15th - 6:00 PM at St. Patrick's,  
Cambridge

(Sunday) December 19th - 2:00 PM at Immaculate Con-  
ception, Hoosick Falls



**\*Reservations for Christmas Masses are required - see page 3 of the bulletin for details.**

**Counters:**

This Week: Mike Shea & Andrea White

Next Week: Carol Ryan & Eileen Bakaitis

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**For November 20 & 21**

Regular Offertory..... \$2,191.00  
 Fuel Collection .....\$1,045.00  
 Campaign for Human Development .....\$120.00  
 Catholic Charities.....\$60.00  
 Total.....\$3,416.00

Saturday, November 20 .....59  
 Sunday, November 21 .....52  
 Total.....111

**For November 27 & 28**

Regular Offertory..... \$1,753.00  
 Total.....\$1,753.00

Saturday, November 27 .....43  
 Sunday, November 28 .....47  
 Total.....90

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Art Hyde, Beth Keegan, Billy Benkoski, Carolyn C. Bachorz, Dave Hanselman, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Edna & Frank Aulisio, Jeff Babson, John McAuliffe, Judy Brownell, Mary Brier, Megan Casey, Neil Waytkus, Pat Kjelgaard, Paulette Sukuskas, Phyllis Sargood, Rich Turi, William J. Ellis, 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 518-686-7835.



HACA Food Pantry is open regular hours, Mondays and Fridays 10 AM to noon, and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Families may select the items they need or they can take a prepackaged order.

Frozen meat, dairy products, produce and bread will be added at the time of pickup.

Anyone who is unable to get to the pantry or needs assistance can email at [hacaine12090@gmail.com](mailto:hacaine12090@gmail.com) or call 518-686-5163 and leave a message.

Additional Items Needed: Ramen noodles, oatmeal, canned dinners (spaghetti, chili, stew), pancake mix, pancake syrup, bread, rice/pasta, boxed mixes (Rice-A-Roni), shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, feminine hygiene items and paper towels.

Food Pantry Volunteers... We are looking for volunteers to help. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 518-686-5310.

**Volunteer!**

- 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 at 518-686-5064**

**“Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness”**

Three day votive candles are in our lower church. The donation is 25 cents. Please be considerate of others when lighting a candle.

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

***Immconcept@roadrunner.com***

