

# Immaculate Conception Church - December 18 & 19, 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

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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 18**

4:00 pm Mass  
Downey & Finnen Families  
(Requested by family)  
Reta Danforth  
(Requested by Noreen Stevens)

### **Sunday, December 19**

10:00 am Mass  
Adam Sargood  
(Requested by Florence Belnap)  
Geraldine Foster  
(Requested by Gloria Shufon)

### **Monday, December 20**

9:00 am Mass  
Immaculate Conception

### **Tuesday, December 21**

9:00 am Mass  
Holy Cross

### **Wednesday, December 22**

9:00 am Mass  
St. Patrick's

### **Christmas Eve**

#### **Friday, December 24**

2:00 pm Mass  
4:00 pm Mass

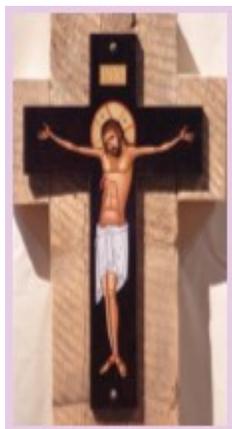
### **Christmas Day**

#### **Saturday, December 25**

9:00 am Mass

### **Sunday, December 26**

10:00 am Mass



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.

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Keeper of Promises**

Father,  
you keep your promises  
to Sarah, to Hannah,  
to Elizabeth, to Mary,  
to your people Israel.  
You have promised to heal the world  
and to fill it with your love  
like water fills the sea.  
Help us to wait in hope.  
Give us food for the journey  
that our eyes might see your salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Blessed Are You Who Believed

*Today's readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.* In the season of Advent, we look to those who watched and waited for Jesus when he first came into the world. The people of Israel, who first heard the words of the prophets, were waiting. The prophets spoke God's Word to them and gave them hope. They described the one who would come and the kingdom he would bring. Micah says his greatness extends to the ends of the earth.

Mary waited for the messiah throughout her early life. But she waited for Jesus in a way unique to her. When she was invited to be part of this completely new thing God was doing, she said yes with her whole heart. And then she set out.

Elizabeth's words to Mary communicate something important. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mary is blessed because she knew that God was a keeper of promises. As we wait in hope, we can meditate on this truth. Take some time to think about what we hope for. We often worry about the conditions of the world. The weight of its brokenness can be hard to bear. But God keeps promises. In the words of the prophets and in the life of Jesus, a new possibility is revealed. Take some time today to meditate on the possibility of a world filled with God's love, governed by justice and peace to the ends of the earth.

**• Christmas Mass Reservations •**

Reservations for December 24th & 25th ICC Christmas Masses may be made at church following Mass. For phone reservations, please call the rectory at 518-686-5064.

**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.

**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.

**Catholic Charities Collection Weekend**

Thank you for your generous donations to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany. If you missed the collection, 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, council 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)

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**



**Thank you to all who donated toys for the toy drive, Christmas trees and decorations, donations for Christmas basket donations and your time preparing for the Christmas season. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**Advent: Waiting in Joyful Hope.** December 17 marks the beginning of the "O" Antiphons, an ancient part of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. For more information on the O Antiphons, and resources for adults and families, see our Lifelong Faith Website: <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/season.html>.

**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

The **Diocesan Appeal** year has begun and a mailing arrived 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 Sunday December 19

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Readings for Sunday December 26

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **A Season for Everything**

## *Christmas Season Schedule - Refrigerator Edition*



### Christmas

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24

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

St. Patrick's Church - 4:00 PM

Holy Cross - 2:00PM

Christmas Day - Saturday, 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

### Reconciliation Services 2021:

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

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



**Counters:**

This Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry  
Next Week: Ellen McMartin, Jerry McAuliffe, Mike Shea & Carol Ryan

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
For December 11 & 12**

Regular Offertory..... \$2,009.00  
Total.....\$2,009.00

**Attendance:**

Saturday, December 11 .....53  
Sunday, December 12 .....60  
Total.....113

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



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 Kjellaard, Paulette Sukuskas, Rich Turi, William J. Ellis, Winnie Restino 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 [hacainc12090@gmail.com](mailto:hacainc12090@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**

**“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

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

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