

# Immaculate Conception Church - January 1 & 2, 2022



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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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Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster  
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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, January 1**

4:00 pm Mass of the Epiphany

### **Sunday, January 2**

10:00 am Mass

Manuel Custodio

(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

### **Monday, January 3**

9:00 am Mass

Immaculate Conception

### **Tuesday, January 4**

9:00 am Mass

Holy Cross, Salem

### **Wednesday, January 5**

9:00 am Mass

St. Patrick's, Cambridge

### **Saturday, January 8**

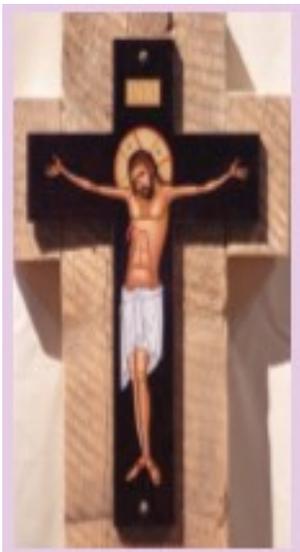
4:00 pm Mass

William "Chub" Sargood

(Requested by family)

### **Sunday, January 9**

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.**

## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Be Our Light

Father,

you reveal yourself throughout the ages,  
showing us the light of your love.

You said, "Let there be light,"  
and there was light.

When you sent your Son to reveal yourself most fully,  
you gave a star as a sign.

Be our light.

Fill us with your light

that we might light the way to you.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Overjoyed

*Today's readings: Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephe-*

*sians 3:2–3a, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12.* "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." The Magi had gone to the palace because their way of seeking wisdom—following the natural signs of the world—told them a king had been born. A king whose importance was so great that his birth was told in the stars. But the king was not in the palace. This birth, so significant as to be marked by a star, was hidden away in Bethlehem, a small town.

The Magi were not Jewish. They did not know about the promise of God that was now being fulfilled. But God gave them a light to follow. The new thing that God was doing—fulfilling the promises of old to bring salvation to the ends of the earth—included them.

Scripture tells us that when the star stopped over the place where Jesus was, the Magi were overjoyed to see it. Inside the home, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother. They fell down and worshiped him, so overcome were they with joy at what God was doing and at the gift of being allowed to share in it.

Then the Magi went home by another route. This is, of course, practical, in that they were avoiding Herod. But they went home a different way because they were themselves different. They were changed by their joy.

What light has God given you to follow? When have you been filled with joy? How did it change you?

### Tornado Relief

Midwestern Tornado Relief as requested by Bishop Scharfenberger, on the weekend of January 8 & 9, we will hold a special collection for relief following the devastating tornadoes that recently hit the midwestern United States. Please be generous as always in helping our brothers and sisters across the country. If you would like, you may contribute directly to tornado relief at [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

### Adult Bible Study

**Adult Bible Study: Exodus, Part One.** The exodus is the central event of the Old Testament, giving meaning to everything else we find in its pages. Part One of this study takes us from slavery to the call of Moses, from plagues to crossing the sea, from captivity to freedom in the Sinai. Discover that God hears those who are beaten down and liberates those who are in need of his justice. This study begins the week of January 16. There will be an Introduction and five lessons. Sign up online (<https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/programs.html>) or in church by January 9.

**Christmas, Season of Joy and Hope.** You have probably heard the humorous feminist take on the Epiphany: "Three Wise Women would have asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, swept the stable, made a casserole and brought practical gifts." But, a renowned authority on the Gospel of Matthew believes it entirely possible that women could have been among the Magi portrayed in the Matthean birth narrative. Read his article: <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/season.html>

### 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). Thank you for your support!

### Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Many thanks to all who have contributed to the celebration of Christmas this year. So much that happens in the parish is not visible. Someone decorated, someone opened the building, turned on the lights, and heat, someone cleaned our worship space, someone donated toys, someone contributed money to feed the hungry, someone sang, someone made sure the bulletins were proofed and printed, and on and on... Our community is grateful for the labor of all visible and invisible who made our celebration so joyful.

### 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 **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 January 2

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Readings for Sunday January 9

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Hope in the New Year**



# Children's Liturgy of the **Word**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word,  
a special celebration of worship and prayer for children,  
will be offered year-round at the 10 am Mass beginning January 9.**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is primarily worship and prayer for children. After the Introductory Rites, the priest will invite the children to gather for a blessing and will dismiss them with their leaders to experience an age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word in the St. Joseph Room. They will sing a seasonal Psalm and Gospel Acclamation, listen to the Gospel reading from the Children's Lectionary, participate in a children's reflection on the reading, and offer prayers of the faithful. Then, they will rejoin the larger faith community for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Through Children's Liturgy of the Word, we seek to involve the children in the liturgy – the joy of song, the holiness of silence and the richness of ritual. Children will grow in their appreciation of the Liturgical Year, the Sunday Gospel stories, and the rituals and responses associated with the Liturgy of the Word. This formation will help them to participate more fully in the Church's liturgy.

**No pre-registration is necessary.  
All children in grades K-4 are welcome and encouraged to attend.  
We ask that a parent accompany any child younger than five.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with supervision of the children.  
This is a great opportunity for adults and middle school/high school youth  
to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

**For more information, speak to Linda Allendorph at Mass  
Or contact Mary Rosmus, Director of Faith Formation.**

**Email: [maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org)**

**Office phone: 518-686-5064**



## Growing Up Catholic

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation:** We invite you and your child (age 7 or older) to prepare with us during the coming months for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. We will use a process for preparing your child called Growing Up Catholic. The gathered sessions will be held before or after the 10 am mass beginning on January 23. There are a total of six preparation sessions for each sacrament which both you and your child will attend, plus the celebration of the Sacraments themselves. These will be wonderful times! More information and an online registration form may be found on our Faith Formation website, <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/programs.html>. Please call the parish office or contact Mary Rosmus ([maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org)) if you would like a registration form mailed to you. In person registration will be held before and after the 10 am mass on January 16.

**Counters:**

This Week: Mike Shea & Andrea White

Next Week: Carol Ryan & Eileen Bakaitis

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
For December 24, 25 & 26**

**Offerings:**

Christmas .....	\$6,784.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$755.00
Total .....	\$7,539.00

**Attendance:**

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24,	2:00 PM.....	109
Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24,	4:00 PM.....	100
Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25,	9:00 AM .....	26
Sunday, December 26,	10:00 AM .....	49
Total .....		284

**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, Karen Nowak Marsh, Mary Brier, Megan Casey, Neil Waytkus, Pat Kjelgaard, Paulette Sukuskas, Rich Turi, Vera Rousseau, 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:**

***Immconcept@roadrunner.com***