

Immaculate Conception Church - January 15 & 16, 2022



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
Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Busch

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

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9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
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- Masks -

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

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. Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, January 15

4:00 pm Mass

Mary C. Buckley

(Requested by Buckley Estate)

Sunday, January 16

10:00 am Mass

Monday, January 17

9:00 am Mass

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, January 18

9:00 am Mass

Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, January 19

9:00 am Mass

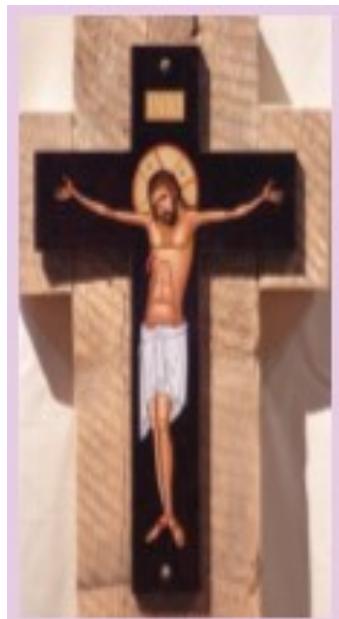
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, January 22

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 23

10:00 am Mass



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

Dear Friends,

Our Gospel story is about a potential disaster. A young couple is about to be the talk of the village for generations to come. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. So, we need a hero to step in and save the situation.

Who is the hero, or perhaps the heroes, who will save the day? Jesus is a very good candidate. He ended up coming to the rescue. Some Catholics would emphasize the "Mother of Jesus". She persisted in the face of this retort from her son: "Woman, what is this to me?" Yes, she was the heroine of the story.

But, the unsung heroes are ... the servants. With all due respect, Jesus and Mary did what Jesus and Mary do. But the servants took a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they do what this wedding guest tells them and end up drawing mere water out of the jars to give to the steward.

And then they started to ladle it out and found they were ladling out "far better wine than anything served before" and the situation was saved.

How is the presence of Jesus Christ going to come into the everyday occurrences of daily life? Not with great pyrotechnics of thunder and lightning, but with you and with me doing our best to follow what Jesus asks us to do, and sometimes that requires us to become childlike again and to do what he asks *exactly*.

You and I are servants. We are the servants. This requires a certain innocence, and a certain refusal to be embarrassed in front of the crowd for whom what you are doing may seem ridiculous.

One or two of you may get the call to do something extreme—filling to the brim—in your imitation of Jesus. Perhaps like St Francis of Assisi, discarding his fine clothes (his father was a cloth merchant) and following Jesus in utter poverty. But for most of us, it will all happen in the usual round of life.

It might be forgiving someone in the family where others in the family think you are fully justified in keeping a cold distance. It might be caring for the life of a newly conceived or very sick child or elderly parent where the world might suggest more self-serving alternatives. It might be by being generous, overly generous, with your time or money; time or money which could be spent on yourself, which is what the world expects.

There are many ways, foolish in the eyes of the crowd, but when you do it like the servants ladling the liquid from those huge pots, you allow the presence of Jesus to save the situation.

Then, Cana is there. The creative power of Jesus Christ is there. The glory of God is seen. Jesus is at work among us.



Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning Center: *Synod on Synodality: A Listening Church*. What is a synod and why should I care? Find out! Read an article, watch a video, participate in the diocesan webinars. You will find a link to our Lifelong Faith Learning Center on the parish website.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

Tornado Relief

We will extend the special collection this weekend, January 15 & 16, 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.

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 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!

Faith Formation News...

Mary Rosmus, the Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Patrick's Church in Cambridge and Holy Cross in Salem, has recently agreed to serve as Interim Director of Faith Formation here at Immaculate Conception. Mary feels privileged to companion people of all ages on their faith journeys. She plans and supervises faith formation and sacramental prep programs for children, teens, and adults, teaches youth faith formation and confirmation prep classes, leads a comprehensive adult bible study, and curates The Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning website. Before the pandemic, Mary led Children's Liturgy of the Word at St. Patrick's and served as a lay presider for parish prayer services and liturgies. Mary offers spiritual direction and enjoys planning and leading retreats and evenings of reflection.

Education and Training:

Mary is a certified Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry and is commissioned by the Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry. She holds a certificate from Holy Ground, a program for forming spiritual directors offered by the Consultation Center of the RCDA, and a Masters Degree from Middlebury Bread Loaf School of English.



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://stpatricksllf.weebly.com/programs.html>. Please call the parish office or contact Mary Rosmus at 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.

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 16

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Readings for Sunday, January 23

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Tips for Praying**

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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Lectors:

This Week: Team #3

Next Week: Team #4

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Noreen Stevens, Sun - Ginny Blinstrub

Next Week: Sat - Velma Brown, Sun - Mike Bromm

Counters:

This Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry

Next Week: Ellen McMartin & Jerry McAuliffe

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For January 8 & 9

Offerings:

Regular Offering.....	\$1,640.00
Total	\$1,640.00

Attendance:

Saturday, January 8, 9:00 AM 57

Sunday, January 9, 10:00 AM 22

Total 79

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Billy Benkoski, Carolyn C. Bachorz, Dave Hanselman, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Edna & Frank Aulizio, Jeff Babson, John McAuliffe, Judy Brownell, Karen Nowak Marsh, Mary Brier, Megan Casey, Neil Waytkus, Pat Kjelgaard, Paulette Sukuskas, Rich Turi, Stan Urbon, baby 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 ha_cainc12090@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 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