

Immaculate Conception Church - January 22 & 23, 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

Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Busch

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

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, January 22

4:00 pm Mass

Betty Peer

(Requested by Peer family)

Sunday, January 23

10:00 am Mass

James & Joan Rogers

(Requested by family)

Monday, January 24

9:00 am Mass

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 am Mass

Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 am Mass

St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, January 29

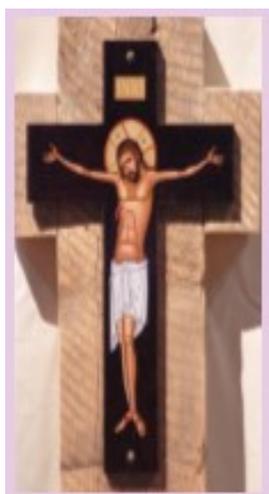
4:00 pm Mass

Michael Rodak

(Requested by Linda Hutchins)

Sunday, January 30

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.

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in his religion class at school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his engineers build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved." "Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Today we begin reading through Luke's Gospel. In the opening verses of this extraordinary document, Luke puts paid to the idea that he is simply listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit in his ear. What we now call the Gospel of Luke was the first installment of a two-part letter written to his friend and disciple, Theophilus. Epic letters like this one and the Acts of the Apostles, which is its sequel, where the writer praises the deeds of a great man and lists his achievements, were very common in the world of Ancient Rome. Luke knew how to write it and, more importantly, Theophilus knew how to read it.

It is not a documentary on the life of Jesus, recording a series of facts. If it were, then it cannot be reconciled with the other Gospels for they disagree with each other about many important details. As Catholics, we believe the Holy Spirit guided the writing and selection of the scriptural record so that it contains no errors regarding our salvation. Our life lived in harmony with the scriptures is its own testament to our belief that the Bible is not a book of facts: it is a book of truth.

Luke knows that Theophilus has already been instructed in the way of salvation in Christ, and he makes it clear that the truth of this way is what he is attending to. In this Gospel, he paints a vivid and intimate portrait of who Jesus is and why he has the message of salvation for all people everywhere.

In the tradition of the greatest of the prophets, we are told Jesus has come for those of us who are poor, captive, blind, and oppressed. But, unlike the former prophets, Jesus is not only a companion in our distress or an advocate on our behalf, he has also come to turn the world upside down and establish the definitive reign of God in our lives. In Jesus, all that Israel longed to see is fulfilled.

As the spiritual children of Jesus, Luke, Theophilus, and his community, we are inheritors of a tradition that is upfront in what we are called to do. Our program is explicit. We are called to be companions to the poor, to set prisoners free, to fight oppression, to enable others to confront what they would prefer to ignore, and to boldly proclaim that there is no one beyond God's favor.

As tough as these demands are, they are not optional extras. They define who we are as Christians and how we are sent to change the world.

Bring your smartphone to Church Sunday!

January 29th and 30th.

We've adopted a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called Flocknote. Like sending a "note" to your "flock." Flocknote.

This is all totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. You just take a couple of minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the parish. No cell phone, no problem, we will provide you with the necessary information to sign up from a computer or tablet at home.

More information coming!



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.

Dear friends,

Fr. Peter and I are very grateful for the wonderful gifts, cards, and Christmas wishes we have received. It is humbling to experience such generosity. We wish everyone a safe, blessed year.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

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 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. 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/>. Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Dear friends,

Francis Thompson lived at the end of the nineteenth century and died in 1907. He was educated as a doctor but chose to become a writer. He became addicted to opium and lived a life of utter destitution. Throughout this terrible life, he continued to write poetry. He is best known for writing the line "with all deliberate speed" which is found in the Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and for penning the phrase, "love is a many splendored thing." Thompson also wrote a long poem entitled the "Hound of Heaven." It describes how the soul resists the love of God and even hides from this wonderful gift. The poem describes a chase with God pursuing the soul like a hound on the scent.

The reading from Jeremiah on the weekend of January 30th especially reminds me of Francis Thompson's imagery. God calls us as disciples, and we are often frightened by the implications of that call. We make sure we are busy and fill our days with as many activities as possible with the result that there is very little time for God. We are, in effect, running and hiding. It is a particular fault of my own that I give God the time that is left over after I do everything else. Jeremiah reminds us that God knows us, loves us, and calls us. God reminds us, through Jeremiah, that if we allow ourselves to be caught we will have what we need to be disciples.

As you prepare for mass on the last weekend of January, you might consider reading Thompson's work, "The Hound of Heaven."

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

Cancellation Policy

In the event of a HFCS closing or delay, the parish office and all scheduled ICC meetings, classes and activities are canceled as well.

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 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

Readings for Sunday, January 30

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **How to See God in Everything, Every Day (and How to Respond)**

For additional resources, go to <https://stpatrickslifelongfaith.weebly.com/faith-at-home-resources.html>

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

Lectors:

This Week: Team #4

Next Week: Team #1

Eucharist Ministers:

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

Next Week: Sat - Teresa Driscoll, Sun - Deb Mahar

Counters:

This Week: Ellen McMartin & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Ellen McMartin & Carol Ryan

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

For January 15 & 16

Offerings:

Regular Offering.....	\$1,759.00
Tornado Relief	\$35.00
Total	\$1,794.00

Attendance:

Saturday, January 15,	9:00 AM	37
Sunday, January 16,	10:00 AM	40
Total.....		77

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Billy Benkoski, Carolyn C. Bachorz, Dave Hanselman, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Edna & Frank Aulio, 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 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.**

For questions regarding scheduling Lectors, see **Gloria Shufon, or call the office**
 For questions regarding scheduling Eucharist Ministers, call **Teresa Driscoll at (518) 686-5251 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:

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