

# Immaculate Conception Church - January 29 & 30, 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

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TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & Ellen Scott

## FINANCE COUNCIL:

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, & Linda Billert

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

## +OUR PARISH OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

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\*New OFFICE Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday -  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Website: [www.icchoosickfalls.com](http://www.icchoosickfalls.com)

Facebook page: Immaculate Conception Hoosick Falls

### • 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](mailto:jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org). Jeff's telephone and email are also monitored outside of business hours.

**Liturgy Schedule:**

**Saturday, January 29**

4:00 pm Mass  
Michael Rodak  
(Requested by Linda Hutchins)

**Sunday, January 30**

10:00 am Mass

**Monday, January 31**

9:00 am Mass  
Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, February 1**

9:00 am Mass  
Holy Cross, Salem

**Wednesday, February 2**

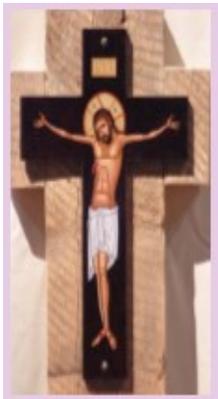
9:00 am Mass  
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

**Saturday, February 5**

4:00 pm Mass  
William "Chub" Sargood  
(Requested by family)  
Stephen Colvin  
(Requested by friends & teammates)

**Sunday, February 6**

10:00 am Mass  
Manuel Custodio  
(Requested by Isabel Custodio)



**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.**

Dear Friends,

At the end of today's Gospel we hear how Jesus' hometown crowd were so outraged by his words that they wanted to throw him off a cliff.

Heroic stuff is at the heart of today's readings. Even though the crowd hated what they heard, Jesus preached boldly to his own people. Jeremiah was similarly courageous in his teaching, in the face of enormous persecution from his people. And Paul knows the only reason one can endure hardships and rejection and even be seen as stupid in the eyes of the world is for the sake of love.

The word "love" has to be one of the most misused words in our language. We say we love our house, vacation, car, and even ice cream. But using love in this way we scarcely come close to what Christian love is all about.

St. Paul teaches today that love is not primarily about warm fuzzy feelings and violins. Paul knew that Christian love is an intensely practical business. There is no point in any of us saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make.

Indeed as St. John was to sharply say in his letter in the New Testament, "If you say you love God and hate your neighbor, you are a liar." We can say the right words about loving God and each other all we like, but if we do not show it in how we live, then we are noisy gongs and clanging cymbals.

There is no getting around it: Christian love always and everywhere involves sacrifice. So, how can we love like this? Why should we love like this?

We can love sacrificially because other people have loved us in the same way. When anyone has been gentle, kind and patient with us, when they did not insist on their own way, were not irritable, resentful or enjoy our downfall, we were on the receiving end of love. They showed us how to do it. That's love.

We can take this enormous gamble to love like this only when others have loved us enough to tell us the truth about ourselves and we in turn have spoken the truth to them. That's love. And we can plunge into the unknown, because along with others we have held on to hope in the face of difficult times. That's sacrificial love and that is what Christian love is all about.

Jesus does not promise us in the Gospel that any of this is going to be easy, just necessary if we are going to live life to the fullest. And we also have legions of companions who have been down this road before us. From Jeremiah to Jesus to Paul to the martyrs and saints and to our own families, we know that it is possible to face down our fears, trust the track record of those who have done it before us, publicly show our courage, and leap into the future with faith, hope, and love.

Let's pray for the grace to be foolish in the eyes of the world and heroic in the courage it takes to love others sacrificially, and be loved by them.

In Christ,  
Jeff Peck

## Instructions for “Bring Your Smartphone to Church Sunday”

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 minutes to sign up and it lets you receive email or text messages from the groups and ministries that you choose. It even allows you to reply directly back to those messages so we can get feedback and hear from you in an efficient manner.

Your info is kept totally private and, again, it lets you choose precisely which groups and ministries you want to get email and text messages from here at Immaculate Conception. So you can choose things like Faith Formation, Bible Study and receive seasonal devotional messages.

In addition to regular group and ministry communication, we’ll also use this to send you important updates about **special events coming up and inclement weather announcements**. **And it’s important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe from any of these updates at any time!**

Please text message “Battenkill” to the SHORT 5-digit phone number 84576. Please make sure your auto-spelling-corrector on your phone doesn’t mistakenly change the text. Once you send that in, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you’ll need to click to complete the process.

If you can’t complete this on your mobile phone, please go online to:

[flocknote.com/ImmaculateConcep](https://flocknote.com/ImmaculateConcep)

This web address is also on the flyer we handed to you.

We’re on a mission here at Immaculate Conception and we want you to be a part of it. This is a great opportunity for you to get plugged in to the many wonderful things we have going on here. If you're having trouble, let Jeff Peck know. Thank you for participating. This is really going to simplify communication and increase engagement here in our community.

### We provide the training... You Bring the Heart

Maybe you’ve had a personal experience with hospice and want to give back. Perhaps you are a student looking to complete community service hours or maybe you simply have a heart for caring. **Hospice volunteers are special**. No matter what your reason for choosing to help us, we’re eager to find a volunteer opportunity that fits with your interests, availability and talents. Join us for our next training in-person on **Friday, March 25th from 8am – 4pm. Preregistration required. Proof of full COVID vaccination and masks during training will also be required**. For more information, please call Mary at 802-442-0540 or email [mary.pleasant@vnahsr.org](mailto:mary.pleasant@vnahsr.org).

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### Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning Center: *Synod on Synodality: A Listening Church*.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church’s “renewal” proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. **In addition to information about the Synod (our current theme), our learning center has prayer and worship resources, information about the liturgical season, spirituality, social justice, in person formation and sacrament prep programs for all ages, at-home resources for families with children, and more. Themes change seasonally. You will find the link on our newly updated parish website.**



### 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 30

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

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

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Readings for Sunday, February 6

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Here is this week’s YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family.  
Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Why Be Catholic and Not Just Christian?**

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 #2

Next Week: Team #1

**Eucharist Ministers:**

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

Next Week: Sat - Maggie Kinney, Sun - Patrice Zedalis

**Counters:**

This Week: Ellen McMartin & Carol Ryan

Next Week: Mike Shea & Andrea White

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**For January 22 & 23**

***Offerings:***

Regular Offering.....	\$1,836.00
Tornado Relief .....	\$64.00
Total .....	\$1,900.00

***Attendance:***

Saturday, January 22,	9:00 AM .....	55
Sunday, January 23,	10:00 AM .....	54
Total.....		109

**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 pre-packaged 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.**

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 *sign up for Flocknotes.*

***See instructions on page 3 of this bulletin.***