

Immaculate Conception Church - June 25 & 26, 2022

“Once the hand is laid
on the plough, no one who
looks back is fit for the
kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:62



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL
Saturday, 4 PM & Sunday, 10 AM
Monday, 9 AM

Thursdays, 10AM - pray the Rosary for
“World Peace and Unity”

Reconciliation available 3:00-3:45 PM Saturdays
Eucharistic Adoration immediately after Mass
on the first Monday of the month

Bishop of Albany Diocese:
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Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

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Virginia Cuddihy, Mike Brewster
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9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
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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.

*Though no longer required, mask use is requested
indoors in the spirit of love and care for the vulnerable
in our community.*

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, June 25

4:00 pm Mass

Larry Smith

(Requested by Mary & Bob Medvetz)

Sunday, June 26

10:00 am Mass

Monday, June 27

9:00 am Mass

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, June 28

9:00 am Mass

Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, June 29

9:00 am Mass

St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, July 2

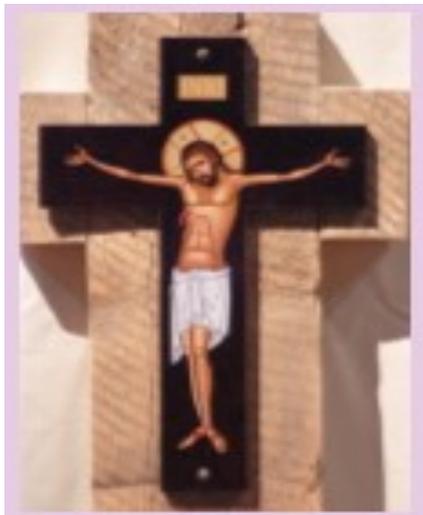
4:00 pm Mass

John Hyde

(Requested by family)

Sunday, July 3

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.

Dear Friends,

When I was in college, I worked as a docent in a museum which recreated village life on Long Island in the 1850's. I was assigned to the farm and among the many invaluable skills I learned was how to sow a field, hitch a team of oxen, and milk cows and goats without any machinery. The most difficult thing for me to learn was to plow a straight furrow with an ox team. I continually completed long rows of wavy lines that exasperated my instructor. After many tries and several lessons, my instructor finally caught me looking behind myself to see how I had done. The secret to straight furrows is keeping your attention focused on a fixed point in front of you.

Today's first reading and the Gospel seem to be a bit extreme, especially in the week following our celebration of Father's Day. Jesus' harsh command to leave family behind, even telling a son to abandon his responsibility to bury his father is a teaching device which is designed to get our attention and focus us on His message. Both readings admonish us to concentrate on the goal God has set for us as His disciples and not to look behind. The goal is that of the completion of the Kingdom of God.

"Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back—if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice—then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

I wish I had had a better knowledge of Scripture when I was learning to plow.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck



GRADUATES 2022



Our parish congratulates, celebrates, honors, and is proud of you. Be proud of yourself; respect yourself; honor and build on your achievements; find great joy in this milestone along your path of life and continue to use your creativity, initiative, and knowledge to seek your dreams. Live, love, and serve ever fully. Inspire and transform our world in who you are. God's Spirit of wonder, compassion, peace, and beauty dwells within you...is enfleshed in your soul. Remember who you are and from where you have come. And know you are always at home among us. All the best for 2022 and beyond. God bless.

Diocesan Appeal - We have raised approximately 60% of our assessment this year and currently need to raise an additional \$5,000.00. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal which was conducted by mail from Albany, please consider doing so. Much of what is raised supports the education of our seminarians and other activities which we benefit from directly. Next week we will distribute envelopes for your use in making a donation. Any shortfall will be the responsibility of the parish to make up out of limited funds. Please consider making a donation. The Appeal ends June 30th. You may give online at <https://thediocesanappeal.org/>

Thank you for your generous spirit.

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.** They provide invaluable support and in-home care to patients and their families.

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, July 22nd from 8am-4pm. Preregistration is 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@vnahrs.org.

**VNA & HOSPICE
of the Southwest Region
Serving Bennington and Rutland Counties**



Birthright, a pregnancy support service, is presently in need of size 3 and 4 diapers which are not affordable to our clients during these difficult times. Please leave your donations at church. Thank you and May God Bless you for sharing and caring about others in need.



Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning Center:

A Listening Church. "The Synod, as Pope Francis has outlined it, will be about mutual listening and dialoguing. It will be about reflecting and journeying together. This local synod process is simply going to be an opportunity for you to share your thoughts, your hopes and your needs as a Catholic. We want to hear from you. We want to know what you need from the Church – both local and universal – to help you on your journey of faith." Learn more about "the ambitious two-year global process of listening to the faithful of Catholic Church and why our participation is incredibly important for the success of the Synod on Synodality."

Copies of minutes from the June 6 ICC Restoration Committee meeting will be available at church.

Beginning June 16, please join us Thursdays at 10am in the church hall to pray the Rosary for "World Peace and Unity."

If you wish to receive Flocknotes, please contact Jeff Peck at jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org or call/text him at 518-683-6461

Face Masks etc...

The covid infection rates in our community continue to increase. You are encouraged but not required to wear a face mask during our services and in other large groups. If you are eligible to receive a booster shot, please give serious consideration to doing so.

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, June 26

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21
2nd Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Readings for Sunday, July 3

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c
2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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 Long Can You Be Miserable?**

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

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Lectors:

This Week: Team #4 - Sat. Lisa Adrion/Linda Hutchins
Team #4 - Sun. Bob Melesky
Next Week: Team #1 - Sat. Ellen Scott/Beth Keegan
Team #1 - Sun. Dave Stagnitti/Riley Hayes

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Chris Merrell, Sun - Joy Wright
Next Week: Sat - Teresa Driscoll, Sun - Mike Bromm

Counters:

This Week: Ellen McMartin & Jerry McAuliffe
Next Week: Andrea White & Bob Medvetz

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
June 18 & June 19**

• Not available at time of publication •

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Beverly James, Billy Benkoski, Billy Desmarais,
Carolyn C. Bachorz, Crystal Waytkus, Dave Hanselman,
Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Ed & Margaret LaFortune,
Edna & Frank Aulisio, Felicia Martelle, Hope Kjelgaard,
Jasen Thomas, Jeff Babson, Judy Brownell, Margaret Eddy,

Mary Brier, Megan Casey, Neil Waytkus, Nicole Herrador, Paulette Sukuskas,
Robert Downing, Sarah Bienkowski, Stan Urbon, William J. Ellis, 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.