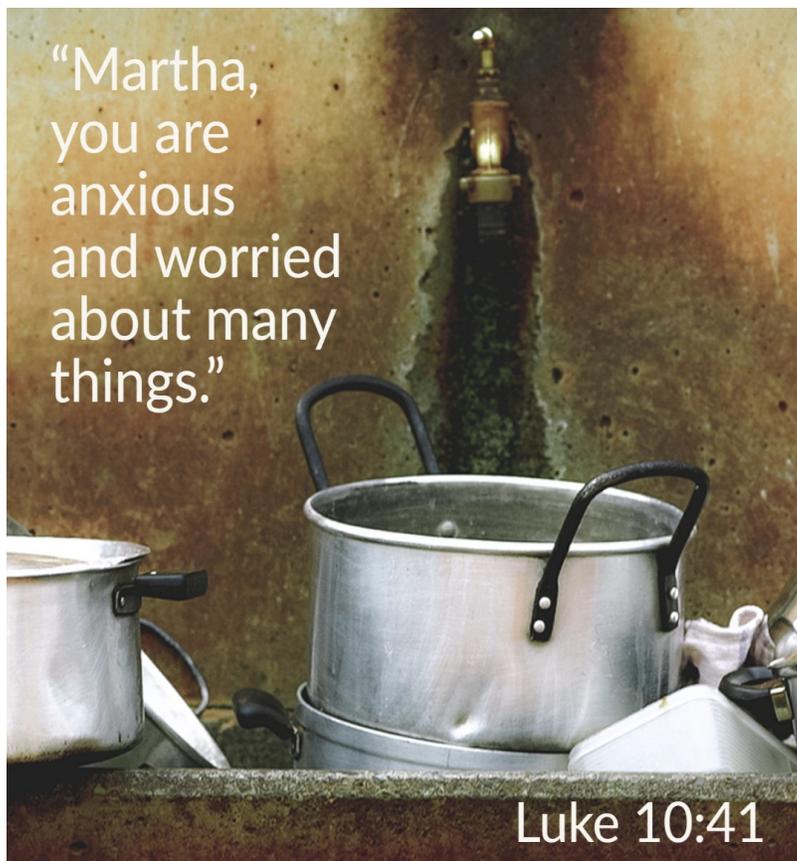


Immaculate Conception Church - July 16 & 17, 2022



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:
Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

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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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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, July 16

4:00 pm Mass
Joseph E. Buckley
(Requested by Buckley Estate)

Sunday, July 17

10:00 am Mass

Monday, July 18

9:00 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, July 19

9:00 am Mass
Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, July 20

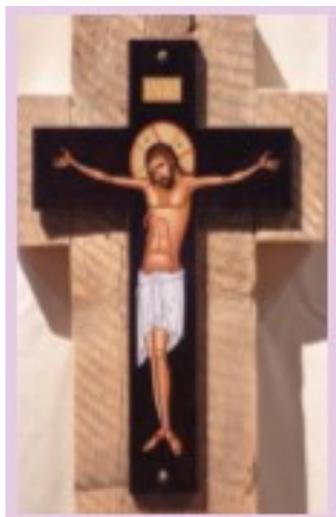
9:00 am Mass
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, July 23

4:00 pm Mass
Joseph Ciuk
(Requested by family)

Sunday, July 24

10:00 am Mass
Don & Mary Deming
(Requested by Elise Melesky)



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,

We know the story well. Sisters Martha and Mary live in a small village just on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Along with their brother, Lazarus, they are among the closest friends to Jesus. And it is to their home that Jesus retreats after a recent mission. So naturally Martha is channeling her inner “Martha Stewart” in her effort to be the perfect hostess.

And you can just imagine Martha pounding out the dough to make the evening bread. And with every pound of her fist into the dough she mutters another phrase under her breath . . .

Where is she? Doesn't she know I am working my fingers to the bone here?

How could Mary be so insensitive, so lazy?

Why do I have to do all the work? Why do I always have to be the responsible one?

Sure, I would love to just sit around and talk with Jesus too.

Dinner won't just make itself. Someone has to work around here.

Why won't Jesus send her back to the kitchen to help? Doesn't he see? Doesn't he care?

And that is when Martha snaps. Not only does Mary not care that she is left with all the work. Jesus doesn't seem to care either. It's not fair. It's not right. And so she storms into the front room to set things right, to scold Mary—and in some ways, to scold Jesus too. “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me.”

It is ironic that just before this story in Luke's Gospel, Jesus had just told the parable of the Good Samaritan, a parable about doing the work of neighboring, which ended with the admonition to “Go and do likewise.” Clearly Jesus thought **doing**, putting action to one's values, was an essential part of the obedient life. It is not enough to hold a belief in one's heart if those beliefs and values do not translate into concrete action of serving others, opposing injustice, or bearing witness. Doing matters. So in that way, Martha is the poster child for doing.

But you can push a good thing too far, and it becomes out of balance, and it can even become a vice. “Doing” is vital and important, and it pleases God. But “doing” must be balanced by resting, by listening, by prayer, by reflection—in short, by times of “not-doing.” If that balance is lost, the doing becomes exhausted, the focus and love that motivates the doing gets fuzzy, and the result is a tired body and spirit no longer useful or able to continue serving. Martha was pounding poison into the dough as she fixated on the absence of her sister. And eventually she even got mad at Jesus too. The joy of her service and hospitality was gone, crushed under the exhaustion of her unbalanced spirit.

And that is why Jesus answered Martha the way he did. He wanted to lift the heart and perspective of Martha to reconsider the value of sitting and listening to him, as well as the value of working and toiling for him. Both are important, and both must be kept in balance. Jesus loves both sisters.

There is a bit of Martha and Mary in each of us. Which one is your most prominent character feature? If you are a Mary most of the time, it is important to remember the Parable of the Good Samaritan that is told just before this story in scripture. At some point, we all must get off the floor where we have been hearing the words of Jesus and put them into concrete action. The work of the kitchen, the service and action for God and neighbor, is sacred and important. But if you are a Martha most of the time, remember that taking a break, recharging your batteries, taking care of your own soul, and spending quiet time at the feet of Jesus, is just as important as one's work and accomplishments for the Kingdom. To fail in that balance is to risk becoming weary in well-doing, and to become angry and bitter in the very service that was meant to bring you, and the world, deep joy.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

**Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Learning Center:
Caught up in Christ**

A great new habit to start during Ordinary Time: reading the daily Gospel. On our [Worship page](#) you'll find links to and reflections on the Sunday and daily scripture readings.

Confirmation Prep: During the week, our Confirmation candidates will be reflecting on the **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** - wisdom, understanding, right judgement, knowledge, courage, reverence, wonder and awe. Join them by reflecting on how you are using these gifts in your daily life. Please pray for our candidates this week that they may be open to receiving the fullness of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



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.

**Living With Loss - Grief Support Group
VNA & HOSPICE of the Southwest Region**

Join us for a free weekly bereavement support group during July and August. Bereavement Support groups often allow participants to process their grief, share and receive helpful coping strategies, and create a community with others walking a similar path.

Manchester, Wednesdays 1-2 pm
Bennington, Thursdays 6-7 pm
To RSVP call 802-442-0540

Hospice is also looking for volunteers, please call Mary at 802-442-0540 or email at mary.pleasant@vnaohsr.org



Synod on Synodality. Thank you to all who participated in a parish or regional listening session! A synthesis of the listening sessions is available at rcda.org/Synod.

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

Thank you to everyone for a successful parish picnic this past Sunday. Approximately 40 people attended and it was an enjoyable afternoon.



HACA Back 2 School Boost Program

For the 17th year, backpacks are being filled with age appropriate school supplies for students in grades Pre-K through 6th. HACA is grateful for your support in the past and hope you can help once again. While donations have been very generous throughout the spring, we do have a need to purchase additional supplies. Monetary donations are preferred to assure that the needed supplies can be purchased in bulk.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

There will be a meeting at 6:30 pm on July 19th at the rectory to talk about forming a Fundraising committee to help with church renovations. All are welcome.

Monday, August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM in Hoosick Falls for those who wish to observe the feast.

CAMP ESTHER 2022

New York State Right to Life presents this annual **pro-life teen** weekend.

Who: Students 14 and older

When : August 5-7, 2022

Where: The Good News Center, Utica, New York

An exciting weekend of training with plenty of opportunity for fun and building friendships; you'll learn from presentations by experts on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, physician assisted suicide, and more. T-shirt, meals, rooms, materials, and tuition are \$150. Full and partial scholarships are available. **To register:** 518-434-1293 or admin@nysrighttolife.org

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

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

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, July 17

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Readings for Sunday, July 24

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Here is this week's YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family. Go to YouTube and search for the following: **3 Steps to Unceasing Prayer**

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 #3 - Sat. Maggie Kinney/Karen Kaufman
Team #3 - Sun. Don Bradley/Christian Bradley/Keelyn Bradley
Next Week: Team #4 - Sat. Lisa Adrion/Linda Hutchins
Team #4 - Sun. Bob Melesky/Marie Slattery

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Sr. Pat Cassidy, Sun - Rita Bulson
Next Week: Sat - Bob Medvetz, Sun - Rita Bulson

Counters:

This Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry
Next Week: Ellen McMartin & Jerry McAuliffe

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
July 9 & 10**

Regular Offertory\$2,038.00
Faith Formation\$50.00
Candles.....\$2.00
Total\$2,090.00

Attendance:

Saturday, July 9 (4:00 pm).....61
Sunday, July 10 (10:00 am).....64
Total125

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 Auliso, Felicia Martelle, Hope Kjelgaard,

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
hacaine12090@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.