

# Immaculate Conception Church - August 27 & 28, 2022



**“When you have a party, invite the poor,  
the crippled, the lame, the blind.”**

**Luke 14:13**

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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.*

## 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”  
Fridays, 3 PM - The Divine Mercy Prayers will be  
celebrated in the St. Joseph Room.

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

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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry

**Liturgy Schedule:**

**Saturday, August 27**

4:00 pm Mass  
Bruce Andrews  
(Requested by Margaret & Ed LaFortune)

**Sunday, August 28**

10:00 am Mass  
Stephen Colvin  
(Requested by friends & teammates)

**Monday, August 29**

9:00 am Mass  
Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, August 30**

9:00 am Mass  
Holy Cross, Salem

**Wednesday, August 31**

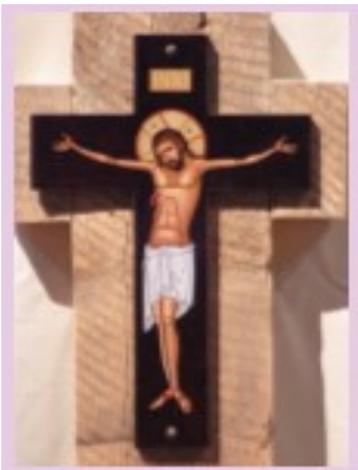
9:00 am Mass  
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

**Saturday, September 3**

4:00 pm Mass  
William Flynn  
(Requested by family)  
Bruce Andrews  
(Requested by Mary Ellen & Chuck Kinney)

**Sunday, September 4**

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,

Hospitality is a key theme of Luke's Gospel. Our Gospel this weekend is a prime example of what we can learn from hospitality and manners. This parable is really not about looking good or getting a reward.

Throughout time, every society has devised ways to separate social classes. The materials made into clothing and color were used to separate the elite from everyone else. The expression "royal purple" was coined to describe a color reserved for kings. Gold jewelry was also permitted only the upper nobility. Even today there are signs of the rich, expensive wristwatches, exotic automobiles, ostentatious houses delineate the line between the rich and the rest of us.

We also make others aware of our status in subtle ways. We refuse help even when we need it (a personal attribute), we seek praise, we disparage others, and compare ourselves to others. Basically, we keep an eye on the best seats.

Is Jesus suggesting a false modesty in hopes of receiving a reward? I don't think so. Jesus' teaching doesn't consider the status of his listeners. He is simply describing the way experienced, worldly people would act. The wisdom of this is that if this is the way wise people in the world act, how much truer in the Kingdom of God. Jesus is pointing out that there is a parallel between the material world and the Reign of God.

The parable tells us that God determines each one's worth. As the Kingdom unfolds, we no longer need to jockey for position, status, or fame. There are new table manners in the Kingdom. We no longer be concerned about seating arrangements. As the new life unfolds under the rule of God, we no longer need to hide our weaknesses because it is obvious that all are weak. We are the lame, the blind, the poor, and the disabled spoken of in the Gospels. We can show our wounds because all wounds are healed. If we all lived in this way our world would be unrecognizable.

Jesus put an end to the idea of status, of master and slave. He did this by living not for Himself but fully and completely for God's cause and therefore entirely for others. His death gave us a new companionship at one table. It is at this table that community in which those who serve and those who are served rejoice equally at God's banquet.

It is a difficult message. It goes beyond showing empathy or being a bit more humble. Rather we have been given new life in the City of God. We did not deserve to be invited but we were. In the realization of this, it does not matter where we are seated.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

There will be a fundraising committee meeting on September 6th at 6:30 pm at the rectory. All are welcome.

### Basket Bingo



Basket Bingo will be Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church hall.

Tickets will be on sale at the rectory, Thorpe's and church after the Masses. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door.

We still need about 10 more baskets. Please consider doing one with a friend or other family members.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen 518-686-4737 or Ellen 518-686-5075. Thank you.



**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.

The Divine Mercy Prayers will be celebrated every Friday afternoon at 3 pm in the St. Joseph Room.

### Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

The **50th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held **Saturday, October 29th, 2022 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.** Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries** are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

If you wish to receive **Flocknotes** please contact Jeff Peck at [jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:jeffreypeck@battenkillcatholic.org) or call/text at 518-683-6461

Please join us Thursdays at 10am in the church hall to pray the Rosary for "World Peace and Unity."



### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation

We invite you and your child to prepare with us during the coming months for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. First Reconciliation Prep begins in September and First Reconciliation will be celebrated at the parish Advent Reconciliation Service. First Eucharist Prep will follow with First Eucharist tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 30, 2023.

For more information and to register, pick up information in the church, [check the parish website](#), contact [maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org), or call the parish office.



During the week, our **Confirmation Candidates** will be reflecting on how the Eucharist changes us and the Holy Spirit helps us live out our mission. Join them by reflecting on your experience of living out the mission of your Baptism. Pray that our candidates may be strengthened to go forth and live as disciples.

### Attention Business Owners, Professionals and Self Employed

We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad and thereby continuing their support of our parish. **For those interested in placing a new ad, this is your opportunity to platform your business! All ads are full color and have an online presence!**

To obtain information about advertising for the new publication year, please contact the parish office or call **Clare Colamaria with LPi** (our bulletin publisher) directly at 518-424-2527. **Keep in mind; our advertising sponsors make your bulletin possible! Thank You!**

### 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, August 28

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
2nd Reading: Hebrews: 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Readings for Sunday, September 4

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18a  
2nd Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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 It's Important to Laugh at Yourself**

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



## The Building Block of Faith Program for Families

• Adults, children, and young teens are invited to participate in a story-based program that focuses on the core of our Catholic faith with their children. *Growing Up Catholic Faith Stories (Creecer en la Fe Catolica: Historias de Fe)* is organized into three years - *God Calls*, *Jesus Lives*, and *Spirit with Us*. Each year is focused on a different set of stories. **In 2022-23, we will focus on the gospel story - the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.**

We will host six parish-based whole family introductory sessions. Nine story-based sessions will be sent home for families to complete in between the introductory sessions.

• In our gathered sessions, we will explore faith stories in a hands-on way, using **Lego® building blocks**. Inspired by the author of *Building Faith Brick by Brick*, we will dig deep into the well of creativity and an enormous bin of little plastic building bricks to meld together a new way of teaching the stories of God.

• **A home study program is also available.** Fifteen story-based sessions will be sent home for families to complete together in English or in Spanish. The Faith Formation Office will provide support for you to successfully complete the lessons. This is a wonderful way for the family to learn together and grow in faith.

• **Adult Bible Study: The Gospel According to Matthew, Part One**

• Bible study is an opportunity to encounter God as well as learn about who we are as a Church. When people study God's Word together in groups, they have an opportunity to know each other on a deeper level than is usually possible. It becomes an opportunity to build community and to extend that community in care for others. For more information and to register for any of our programs, pick up information in the church, [check the parish website](#), contact [maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org](mailto:maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org), or call the parish office.



## GIFT: Growing in Faith Together

**We are excited to begin a new year of Faith Formation!**

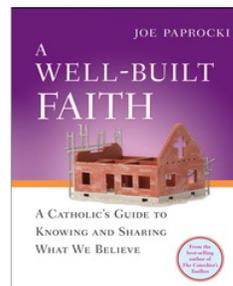
We are calling our Faith Formation Initiative: **Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.)** which reminds us that faith is a gift in which we must always continue to grow, and that we do this together as a household and as a community.

**Throughout the year, we will provide opportunities for parishioners of all ages to grow in the knowledge of and love for God**

We have structured our year around seasonal themes:

Fall: Building our Faith Together  
Advent: The Gift of Jesus  
Lent: Water, Light, and Life  
Easter: From Mass to Mission

Watch the bulletin and website for more information



**Free Book, Spiritual Renewal, and Fellowship.** This year Immaculate Conception is giving you an inspirational book to enliven your faith and energize our parish as part of the One Book, One Parish program from Loyola Press. After Mass this weekend and next, we will be handing out **FREE** copies of *A Well-Built Faith* by Joe Paprocki. Cleverly developed around a construction theme, *A Well-Built Faith* makes it easy and flat-out fun for any Catholic to know what they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs with others. For those who want to explore the meaning of this book in a deeper way, we will be hosting a weekly book discussion group starting on September 13 at 6:30 pm and an online discussion. For those who want to explore the meaning of this book in a deeper way, we will be hosting a weekly book discussion group and an online discussion beginning during the week of September 11. Please see the parish website or the sign-up sheet in the church if you would like to receive more information and participate.

**Looking for Legos.** In our family faith formation sessions, we will explore faith stories in a hands-on way, using Lego® building blocks. If your children or grandchildren have outgrown their Legos, please consider donating them to us! We appreciate your help in building our supply.



**August 27 & 28, 2022**

**Lectors:**

This Week: Team #4 - Sat. Lisa Adrion/Linda Hutchins  
Team #4 - Sun. Bob Melesky/Marie Slattery

Next Week: Team #1 - Sat. Ellen Scott/Beth Keegan  
Team #1 - Sun. Dave Stagnitti/Riley Hayes

**Eucharist Ministers:**

This Week: Sat - Helen Kennedy, Sun - Joy Wright  
Next Week: Sat - Noreen Stevens, Sun - Pat Hayes

**Counters:**

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

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE  
August 20 & 21**

**Regular Offertory .....\$1,892.00**  
**Assumption of Mary ..... \$164.00**  
**Faith Formation .....\$40.00**  
**Candles .....\$2.00**  
**Total .....\$2,098.00**

**Attendance:**

**Saturday, August 20 (4:00 pm).....48**  
**Sunday, August 21 (10:00 am).....49**  
**Total .....97**

**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,  
Jeff Babson, Judy Brownell, Margaret Eddy, Mary Brier,

Megan Casey, Neil Waytkus, Nicole Herrador, Paulette Sukuskas,  
Robert Downing, Sara Senecal, 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](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.