

Immaculate Conception Church - October 22 & 23, 2022

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18:14

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

Bishop of Albany Diocese:
Edward B. Scharfenberger

Bishop Emeritus: Howard Hubbard

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Busch

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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.

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, October 22

4:00 pm Mass

Ed Ruditis

(Requested by Tom & Ellen Scott)

Sunday, October 23

10:00 am Mass

Jim & Mary Hoag

(Requested by family)

Veronica Hoag & Bruce Andrews

(Requested by family)

Monday, October 24

9:00 am Mass

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, October 25

No 9:00 am Mass

Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, October 26

9:00 am Mass

St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, October 29

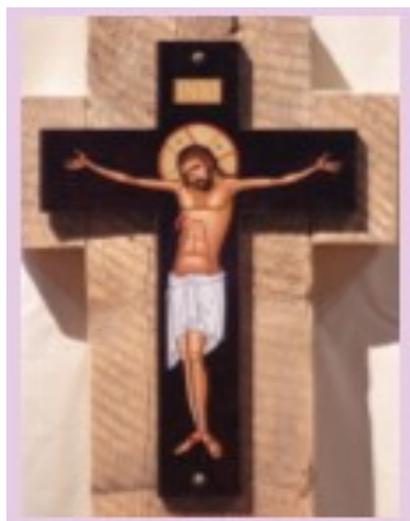
4:00 pm Mass

Beverly James

(Requested by Jesse & Noreen Stevens)

Sunday, October 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.

Dear Friends,

A multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered, he was interviewed about his experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, "Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?" The multi-millionaire exclaimed, "I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!" In his case, of course, there might not be anything there.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognizing the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behavior.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimize our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honor others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning "close to the earth." The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground. I pray that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom.

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

Please join us Saturday, October 22, after the 4PM Mass for a chance to wish Jeff Peck well. Jeff will be leaving his ministry with the Parishes at the end of October. There will be sandwiches and beverages to celebrate and a basket to collect cards for Jeff. Jeff will leave a huge hole in our parish. His dedication, knowledge, Pastoral care, and so much more will be missed. Jeff has truly been a great addition to our parish.

WE WILL MISS YOU!

Dear Friends,

St. Augustine wrote something like "if you can't be good, be brief." I will do my best to follow that advice. This weekend marks the end of my work in parish ministry. After retirement as a political scientist and a brief stint in Haiti, I began work as a parish life director in 2009. I am grateful for the confidence Bishop Hubbard placed in me when he entrusted in me the spiritual well-being of part of his Diocese. There are so many people who served as role models or in Church language "wisdom people" for me that it is impossible to list them all.

I know this event is supposed to be about me but you have done the work, a labor that is not ending, I have tried to be useful and not be in the way unnecessarily. Although it is insufficient, I want to thank the community for its acceptance of my meager efforts, its kind support, and constructive criticism. The experience has been a confirmation for me of the generous spirit of our community and even more importantly of the love of God for all of us. You are my friends...

In Christ,

Jeff Peck

A Well-Built Faith Discussion Group

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

In person in the ICC Rectory - 67 Main St.

or email maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org for a Zoom link

October 19

Chapters 12-15

October 26

Chapters 16-18, Conclusion

You may also join our discussion on our Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Facebook page.

A Well-Built Faith teen group is now forming! Please follow the website or email maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org for updates.

Videos and other supplemental materials can be found [on our website](#). New resources added weekly!

ALL ARE WELCOME - A reception for Jeff Peck will be held in the Parish House on Sunday, October 23rd, after the 11:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's, Cambridge. Please plan to join us in sending Jeff off on his next journey with prayers and blessings from all of us.



First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation has begun. [See the website](#) for information and to register. Information and registration forms are also available in the church.

Building Blocks of Faith

Our faith formation program for families with children in grades K-8, began on October 16, with a session entitled "Who is Jesus?." **In 2022-23, our focus is 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. **Our next gathered session, "Friends of Jesus," will be held on November 6.** In our gathered sessions, we will explore faith stories in a hands-on way, using Lego® building blocks. **See the website for information and to register.** A home study program is also available. Information and Registration forms are also available in the church.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study: *The Gospel According to Matthew, Part One.* This Gospel introduces us to Jesus as the Master Teacher. Part One covers Matthew 1:1-16:28, from the birth of Jesus through much of his public teaching life, to the first prediction of his passion. **Mondays, 6:30 - 8 pm, St. Patrick's; Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8 pm, Immaculate Conception; Thursdays, 9 - 10:30 am, Holy Cross beginning November 3.** **Participants have the option to attend discussions in person or virtually (on Zoom).** **More information and online registration can be found on the parish website.** Or sign up near the door of the church.

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.

Birthright Baby Bottle Boomerang

Birthright would like to remind parishioners that the baby bottles distributed for Respect Life Saturday are due back. Please return them to the designated Birthright box at church. 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, October 23

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Readings for Sunday, October 30

1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Here is this week's YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family.
Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Do You Present Your True Self to Others?**

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/Marie Slattery
Next Week: Team #2 - Sat. Mary Suite/Pat Kjelgaard
Team #2 - Sun. Gloria Shufon/ Bob Shay

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: Andrea White & Eileen Bakaitis

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

October 15 & 16

Regular Offertory\$1,566.10
Monthly E-Transfer\$2,286.00
Candles.....\$3.00
Total\$3,855.10

Attendance:

Saturday, October 15 (4:00 pm).....53
Sunday, October 16 (10:00 am).....67
Total120

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:



Billy Desmarais, Crystal Waytkus, Dave Hanselman, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Ed & Margaret LaFortune, Edna Aulasio, Hope Kjelgaard, Jeff Babson, Neil Waytkus, Nicole Herrador, Pat Sinacore, Robert Downing, Sally Williams, Sara Senecal, Sarah Bienkowski, Stan Urbon, Sue Ouellette, Tony Turi 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.