

# Immaculate Conception Church - January 21 & 22, 2023



**"Follow me and I will  
make you fishers of men."**

Matthew 4:19

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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 request-  
ed 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

Bishop of Albany Diocese:  
Edward B. Scharfenberger

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PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

**Liturgy Schedule:**

**Gospel Reflection**

**Saturday, January 21**

4:00 pm Mass  
John McAuliffe  
(Requested by Louise Ciuk)  
Betty Peer  
(Requested by Mary Waytkus)

**Sunday, January 22**

10:00 am Mass  
Joan & James Rogers  
(Requested by the Rogers family)  
Manuel Custodio  
(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

**Monday, January 23**

9:00 am Mass  
Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, January 24**

9:00 am Mass  
Holy Cross, Salem

**Wednesday, January 25**

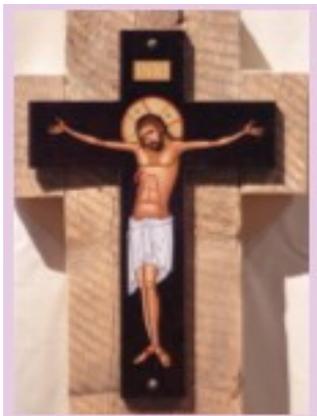
9:00 am Mass  
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

**Saturday, January 28**

4:00 pm Mass  
Neil Waytkus  
(Requested by Peter & Karen Hewson)  
Michael Rodak  
(Requested by Linda Hutchins)

**Sunday, January 29**

10:00 am Mass



A key part of discipleship is conversion and sacrifice. The disciple gives up old relationships and ideas. Levi, when called by Jesus, responded to the command "Follow me" by leaving everything. This commitment suggests openness to new ideas and behaviors. Jesus invites his disciples into a startling new relationship with God. This relationship requires a radical understanding of God and will result in a new dynamism between the individual and the Lord.

Our response to the call to discipleship is often colored by my own shortcomings. Fear of ostracism, concerns about financial security and the weakness of my faith all get in the way of a full response to the call. Perseverance in everyday life pales in comparison to the amount of trust in the Lord ultimately needed to accept the invitation to discipleship.

The tribulations of discipleship are not confined to the modern era. Jesus cautioned His disciples about the potential hardships His new way of life required. In Luke, Jesus warns his followers of the dangers of becoming homeless and of becoming the source of community dissension. Today, the Christian Right has stolen the name Christian resulting in a backlash against those who profess belief in Christ. It is therefore easier to remain an "underground believer" who follows the call until it asks a public response. The commercialism of the modern era also starkly contrasts with a call to a life which is focused on a relationship with a loving God rather than with things.

The reward of authentic discipleship is enlightenment and ultimately victory. The more we respond to the call to this way of life, the more we learn about the Lord, ourselves, and others. Each time I open myself, the relationship renews itself. The apostles were opened to the Risen Christ.

The German minister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer killed by the Nazis, wrote that "Discipleship means adherence to Christ..." Adherence can mean obedience but it can also mean to bind. The call of Christ to us through the apostles in the Gospels and Acts asks for obedience but also for devotion. It requires sacrifice but, in the end, gives victory. As disciples we willingly bind ourselves to Jesus.

**Winter Weather Policy**

If school in Hoosick Falls is cancelled or delayed, the parish office will be closed and all in-person activities for the day and evening will be cancelled.

**Thanks again** to all the people who helped with our beautifully decorated church for the Christmas season, especially Teresa Driscoll, whose name was inadvertently left out of the Jan. 8 bulletin.

**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.**

### Faith Formation

Great News! It is not too late to join the Faith Formation Program at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The Faith Formation program is designed to fit into your busy life. There are only four meetings from January 2023 through May 2023.

**When:** The next Faith Formation class is January 29th from 11AM until 12:15PM

**Where:** Immaculate Conception Church, in the St. Joseph's room located in the Church Hall

**Who:** All children in grades kindergarten and higher

#### What to do next?

You may register online, <https://icchoosickfalls.com>, click on the Faith Formation link, then click on Under Construction: Building Faith Together and you will find - [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

OR

Register during class on January 29th.

**Pastoral Council Meeting.** The Pastoral Council will meet in the rectory on Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00 pm to discuss ways to move our parish back into mission and ministry as we emerge from the pandemic.

### CONFIRMATION - VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!



Confirmation Preparation will begin in the Spring and continues through Summer and into Fall.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST NOTIFY THE ICC OFFICE BY MARCH 15TH, AT 518-686-5064 if they plan on being confirmed in 2023. ICC staff will then reach out to each candidate with more information.

Please share this with family and friends, we want to make sure that everyone is reached. Thank you

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Would you like to have your taxes prepared at no cost? HACA will assist taxpayers for the 18th year with free income tax preparation and e-filing through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA is a free, IRS sponsored program to help low and middle-income workers have their federal and state personal income taxes prepared and filed electronically at no cost.

After January 17<sup>th</sup>, appointments are easy to make simply by calling 2-1-1 from New York or 888-366-3211 from any area. Choose a convenient time on either a Thursday evening or Saturday from February 4<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup> at the HACA Center at 26 John Street, Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.

**Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Website - Our Church Family.** The 32nd issue of the *C21 Resources* magazine, **Catholic Parishes: Grace at Work**, focuses on the national Catholic parish landscape and the sharing of ideas that are shaping parishes for the better. This week, we are reading the overview article: "God at Work Among Us." "No matter what changes, every parish can be a place of prayer, of proclamation, of service, and of encounter with the living God still at work among us."



**Fr. Tom's Birthday** - Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Middleburgh will host a birthday party for Fr. Tom Zelker on February 5 at 1 pm. All are welcome. You may send a birthday card to Father Tom at:

Our Lady of the Valley  
P.O. Box 311  
Middleburgh, New York 12122

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.** On Monday, January 23, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Please join us in the St. Joseph Room on January 21 at noon to pray A Rosary for Life.

### Parish Ministry Opportunities

We are renewing and expanding our Bereavement Ministry, and all of our ministries welcome new members. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, reader, Eucharistic minister, altar server, counter, bulletin editor or would like to help with fundraising or hospitality, please contact the office. We welcome your ideas and participation!

### Hoosick Helpers

Hoosick Helpers is a ministry of care to the Community members. We all need help in our lives for a variety of reasons. This group functions in the belief that every person deserves affordable or free services to help with daily life. Services offered are in the areas of companionship, transportation, small household repairs and socialization.

Examples of what may be needed and can be offered are:

- \* transportation to appointments/church
- \* time with someone over a cup of tea or coffee
- \* play cards (games)
- \* changing a light bulb or some other small household chore
- \* snow removal
- \* leaf removal
- \* pick up groceries
- \* making phone calls periodically

This is a brief list of examples. The plan is to match up needs with volunteers or services.

Do you want help with daily chores, transportation, etc.?

Can you help community members as part of Hoosick Helpers?

Whichever applies to you (or maybe both) please call the Parish Office at 518-686-5064 and we will be in touch.

### 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 22

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Readings for Sunday, January 29

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
2nd Reading: Corinthians 1:26-31  
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Here is this week's YouTube video that you can share and discuss with your family.

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Saying Goodbye, Starting Over, Transitioning**

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 #4 - Sun. Marie Slattery

Next Week: Team #4 - Sat. Lisa Adrion/Linda Hutchins  
Team #2 - Sun. Gloria Shufon//Bob Shay

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Noreen Stevens, Sun - Mike Bromm

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

Counters:

This Week: Ellen McMartin & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Andrea White & Eileen Bakaitis

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

January 14 & 15

Regular Offertory .....\$1,265.00

Total .....\$1,265.00

Attendance:

Saturday, January 14 (10:00 am).....50

Saturday, January 15 (4:00 pm).....56

Total .....106

**WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Ayla Fauler, Billy Desmarais, Crystal Waytkus, Donny Hayden,  
Dr. Marcus Martinez, Ed & Margaret LaFortune, Edna Aulisio,  
Hope Kjelgaard, Jeff Babson, Marie O'Neil, Mike Allard,  
Nicole Herrador, Robert Downing, Sally Williams, Sara Senecal,  
Sarah Bienkowski, Stan Urbon, Sue Ouellette, Sully Jansen, William Bushner 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.