

Immaculate Conception Church - February 18 & 19, 2023



Let us pray together for the victims and all suffering from the earthquakes that devastated **Turkey and Syria.**

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

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Busch

+OUR PARISH OFFICE & MAILING ADDRESS

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Facebook page: Immaculate Conception Hoosick Falls



Sign up for Flocknote, our parish notification system, to receive the bulletins and other news by email:

<https://battenkillcluster.flocknote.com/ImmaculateConcep>

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.

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.

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

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Peter Tkocz

Pastoral Associate: Beth Ferrannini

Office Manager: Sue Hyde

TRUSTEES: Christina Angell & Ellen Scott

FINANCE COUNCIL:

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, & Linda Billert

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, February 18

4:00 pm Mass
John McAuliffe
(Requested by the Derby Club)

Sunday, February 19

10:00 am Mass
William E. Buckley
(Requested by Buckley Estate)

Monday, February 20

Immaculate Conception
*No 9:00 am Mass - President's Day
Rectory Closed*

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 am Mass
Holy Cross, Salem

Ash Wednesday, February 22

9 am - Mass, St. Patrick's, Cambridge

12 noon - Liturgy of the Word Service with Ashes,
Holy Cross, Salem

6 pm - Liturgy of the Word Service with Ashes,
Immaculate Conception

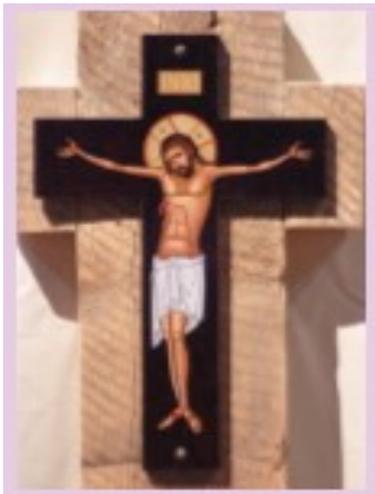
6 pm - Liturgy of the Word Service with Ashes,
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, February 25

4:00 pm Mass
John Hickey
(Requested by Sue Hickey & family)

Sunday, February 26

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.

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel seems to be calling us to be passive in the face of unethical or unjust treatment. However, the three examples, used by Jesus in the context of His historical times, suggest something different.

The person struck on the right cheek has endured the humiliation of a backhanded slap in the face. The blow is as demeaning as it is physically painful. A person who turns the other cheek isn't meekly waiting to be hit again but is, instead, refusing to be humiliated, demonstrating that they possess the same dignity as the assailant.

When a poor person needed money, in Jesus' time, it was possible to use one's tunic as collateral for a loan. The Book of Exodus required those who held a tunic as collateral to return it at night since it was used as a blanket. The lender could also assemble a court to judge the debtor and gain permanent ownership of the cloak. The handing of the tunic to the lender, before the court is assembled, is a dramatic illustration of how the justice of the rich leaves the poor naked.

Roman soldiers had the power to press citizens into forced labor for the length of a mile. Typically soldiers used these temporary conscripts to carry their personal gear. A person who then labored for an additional mile was doing so with free will. They were asserting their own freedom and putting the soldier in the awkward position of asking for a return of his burden.

The call to love our neighbor and our enemies is not a command to "grin and bear it." It is a call to respond to injustice without returning it in kind. Just as the person who had been struck, the poor person giving up his clothing, and the citizen pressed into unwilling labor, we are to counter by being witnesses of God's love. We are God's temple, not the world's doormat.

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.

Information is available on the parish website and a brochure is available in the church. Register by Easter for a fall 2023 Confirmation.

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

Offertory Envelopes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the company that prints our Offertory Envelopes was unable to print them for the last mailing (February 11 - March 26). They sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. In the meantime, envelopes will be available in the church hall and the rectory, or you may use your own. Please be sure to include the date, your name, and envelope # if you have it. Any special collections will be noted on the last page of the bulletin. Please call the rectory if you have any questions.

**Wondering what to do during Winter Break?
Thursday, February 23rd, ICC will host snow tubing FUN at
Willard Mountain, Greenwich, NY**

* We will leave Hoosick Falls at 1:00 pm and should return around 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

* The time on the mountain is 2 pm - 4 pm

* There is NO COST for children.

* Children in 6th grade and under need a parent or adult guardian with them.

* Permission slips will be required if a guardian is not present

Contact Beth Ferrannini at bethferr@aol.com, call or text 518-207-7727 for additional information or to register.

Snow Tubing Sponsors. We are accepting donations from parishioners who would like to sponsor a child so that all children can participate free of charge. Please make donations to Immaculate Conception Church and put in an envelope marked "Snow Tubing." Thank you for your generosity!

**HACA Lenten Lunches to Resume after 3 Year Hiatus
Due to COVID**

The Hoosick Area Church Association is once again sponsoring Lenten Luncheons at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church, 80 Main Street, every Wednesday from noon to 1:00 pm throughout Lent. Lunch consisting of soup, sandwiches and beverages are provided by each church. An Easter themed meditation will be provided each week. We look forward to once again joining together for food and fellowship.

The schedule is: 2/22 - West Hoosick leading
3/1 - Hoosick Falls Baptist Church leading
3/8 - St. Mark's Church leading
3/15 - Community Alliance Church leading
3/22 - TBA
3/29 - Immaculate Conception Church leading

We need volunteers to make soup and sandwiches and volunteers for sign up at church,. Sign up sheets will be available soon or call the parish offices.



Battenkill Catholic Lifelong Faith Website.

What is Lent all about? Why do Christians receive ashes on Ash Wednesday? Why 40 days? In a three minute video, Busted Halo explains the significance of this season of prayer, fasting, and giving, and how you can make the most of this time of repentance and renewal. This and many other free Lenten resources are now available on our website.



Volunteers Needed for Lenten Fish Fry

Please sign up to help on Thursdays and/or Fridays from February 23rd-March 31st. Will you sign up for one week or more? Sign up sheets are on the table near the entry in the church hall or you may call the rectory at 518-686-5064.

Thursdays from 5 pm - 7 pm

*Make and package coleslaw (4-6 people needed)

Fridays

*Cashiers

*Runners

*Cooks

*Utility staff

You may also contact Bob Benkoski, Jerry McAuliffe, Terri Burdick, Ellen McMartin, Karen Kaufman, Linda Billert and Rick or Beth Ferrannini.

Hoosick Helpers

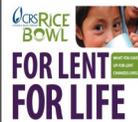
Hoosick Helpers is a ministry of care for Community members. We all need help in our lives for a variety of reasons. This group functions in the belief that every person deserves affordable or free services to help with daily life. Services offered are in the areas of companionship, transportation, small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

CRS Rice Bowl. LENT IS COMING! Join our faith community and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at church or the rectory. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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, February 19

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

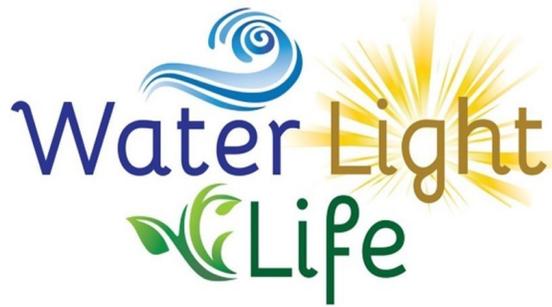
Readings for Sunday, February 26

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **A Theology of Working Out**

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



A Lenten Parish Mission

Registration Is Open! **Water, Light, and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission**

As we accompany those preparing for the sacraments of initiation, our upcoming parish mission—*Water, Light, and Life*—helps us remember our own baptism and what that commitment means in our own lives, for our own actions and relationships. How do we continue our conversion toward Christ? With this mission we can shift the Lenten focus from solely “giving things up” to doing more to live out our baptism more fully. Through this mission and its focus on the scrutiny rites, we will reflect on the penitential nature of the season and the demands it can place on us to respond in action to our own baptism.

Come join us!

- St. Patrick’s, Monday Evenings, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 6:30 – 8 pm
- Holy Cross, Tuesday Afternoons, February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2-3:30 pm
- Immaculate Conception, Wednesday Evenings, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 6:30 – 8 pm

Registration deadline is Ash Wednesday, February 22!

To register:

Call the parish office at 518-686-5064

Email immconcept@roadrunner.com

Visit www.icchoosickfalls.com

Please contact the parish office if you have questions or would like more information.

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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. Marie Slattery

Eucharist Ministers:

This: Sat - Margaret Merwin, Sun - Joy Wright
Next Week: Sat - Beth Ferrannini, Sun - Pat Hayes

Counters:

This Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry
Next Week: Carol Ryan & Mike Shea

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 11 & 12

Regular Offertory.....	\$2,454.00
Monthly E-Collection.....	\$2,346.00
Candle Sales.....	\$1.00
Total.....	\$4,801.00
Attendance:	
Saturday, February 11 (10:00 am).....	75
Sunday, February 12 (4:00 pm).....	58
Total	133

Note: The next special collections will be February 26 for Black, Native American & Latin American Mission and Fuel.

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, Kathleen Coon, Marie O’Neil, Mike Allard, Nicole Herrador, Robert Downing, Sally Williams, Sandra Koehler, 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 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.

For free, IRS sponsored income tax preparation, contact the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program by calling 2-1-1 from NYS or 888-366-3211 from anywhere else.

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.