

Immaculate Conception Church - February 25 & 26, 2023

“Taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour.”

Matthew 4:8

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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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.

Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday, February 25

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

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am Mass

Monday, February 27

9:00 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 am Mass
Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, March 1

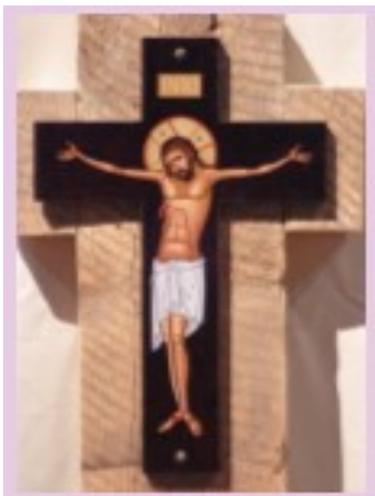
9:00 am Mass
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, March 4

4:00 pm Mass
Sandra Eddy Carelli & John McAuliffe
(Requested by Linda Hutchins)

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am Mass
Manuel Custodio
(Requested by Isabel Custodio)
Margaret & George Spitler,
William Harnett & Parents
(Requested by family)



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.

First Sunday of Lent

The Lord Alone

Faithful God,
from the very beginning you have called your people
to worship you
with single-minded focus.
You are the one true God,
source of all goodness and mercy.
Grant us the strength
to resist earthly temptations,
the will to turn from distractions,
and the desire to orient our lives toward loving you first.
We ask for your patience
as we seek to grow in holiness this Lent
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, February 26, 2023 - God First

Today's readings: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11. Jesus gets the last word when the devil tries to lure him with earthly temptations. He quotes the Shema from Deuteronomy, chapter 6: "Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (6:4-5). This most fundamental expression of faith orients our spiritual focus for the season of Lent. It is a clear invitation from the Scriptures to turn our hearts toward God. A simple pie chart of how the majority of our time is spent during any week will reveal the priorities around which our lives are ordered and what or whom we worship. Do we seek the accumulation of possessions or power; do we worship celebrities or ideologies; do we serve egocentric goals or addictions? Lent offers us the opportunity for metanoia, the profound transformation of mind and heart. Now is the time to take a self-inventory and make deliberate choices that place God first in our heart and mind. These choices are expressed in the activities and gestures of our daily living. Sketch out your pie chart and take an honest look at it. Then write a love letter back to God, telling him your plan for how you intend to place God at the center of your life this Lent.

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.

**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.

Fundraiser for the Building Fund.

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:

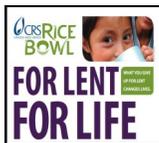
- * transportation to appointments/church
- * time with someone over a cup of tea or coffee
- * play cards (games)
- * changing a light bulb or some other small household chore
- * snow removal
- * leaf removal
- * pick up groceries
- *making phone calls periodically

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.

A SEASON FOR SLOWING DOWN. During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world?

Visit csrricebowl.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.

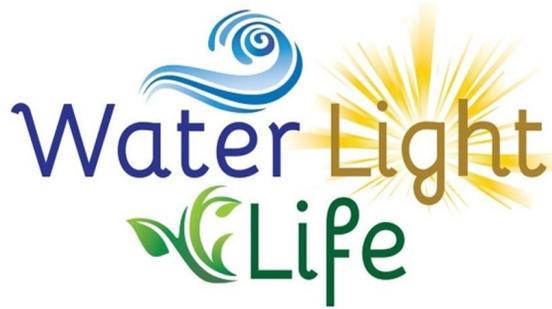
Readings for Sunday, February 26
 1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7
 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Readings for Sunday, March 5
 1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Gospel: 17:1-9

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **Preparing for Lent**

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



A Lenten Parish Mission

Water, Light, and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission **Session One**

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving: A Call to Conversion

The first session of this parish mission situates the community of faith right at the beginning of the Lenten journey (Ash Wednesday), which is one of conversion and renewal. Every year on Ash Wednesday, we heed the prophet Joel's message to "call an assembly" (Joel 2:15) as we gather to receive ashes. As the ashes are imposed, we are reminded of our mortality and are urged to repent and return to God. This is the message we ponder throughout our Lenten journey. Receiving ashes is a unique and intentional way that the baptized draw closer to the waters of rebirth at Easter; ashes also remind us that, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we seek forgiveness, healing, and renewal.

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

Please contact the parish office at (518) 686-5064 if you have questions or would like more information.

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Lectors:

This Week: Team #4 - Sat. Lisa Adrion/Linda Hutchins
Team #4 - Sun. Marie Slattery
Next Week: Team #1 - Sat. Ellen Scott/Beth Keegan
Team #1 - Sun. Dave Stagnitti/Riley Hayes

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Beth Ferrannini, Sun - Pat Hayes
Next Week: Sat - Velma Brown, Sun - Bob Melesky

Counters:

This Week: Carol Ryan & Mike Shea
Next Week: Mike Shea & Andrea White

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

February 18 & 19

Regular Offertory.....	\$2,472.00
Candle Sales.....	\$7.50
Total.....	\$2,479.50
Attendance:	
Saturday, February 18 (10:00 am).....	65
Sunday, February 19 (4:00 pm).....	66
Total	131

Note: Today’s special collection is for **Black, Native American & Latin American Mission and Fuel**. The *next* special collection is **March 5 for Faith Formation**.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Ayla Fauler, Billy Desmarais, Carolyn Bachorz, Crystal Waytkus, Donny Hayden, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Ed & Margaret LaFortune, Edna Aulizio, 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.