

Immaculate Conception Church - March 4 & 5, 2023

“He was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun.”

Matthew 17:2



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

CELEBRATED IN IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL
Saturday, 4 PM & Sunday, 10 AM
Monday, 9 AM

Celebrated in the St. Joseph Room:
Thursdays, 10AM - Rosary for World Peace and Unity
Fridays, 3 PM - The Divine Mercy Prayers

The St. Joseph's room is available during the day for
silent prayer and reflection.

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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MUSIC MINISTRY: Richard Cherry



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 can-

*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, 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)

Monday, March 6

9:00 am Mass
Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 am Mass
Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, March 8

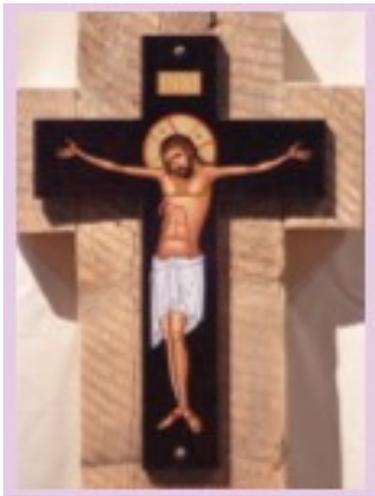
9:00 am Mass
St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, March 11

4:00 pm Mass
Blanche McAuliffe & John McAuliffe
(Requested by Family)

Sunday, March 12

10:00 am Mass
Veronica Hoag,
Hoag, Bradley & Brandalik Families
(Requested by Jim Hoag)



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.

Second Sunday of Lent

God of wisdom,
you offer words of loving guidance
to all ready to listen.
Help us follow the example of our Lord
and create time and space in our lives
for quiet prayer in your loving presence.
Speak your words of wisdom
to our hearts,
offer us the guidance
we need for our lives
and help us hear your voice today.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, March 5, 2023 - Listen to Him

Today's readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9. Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we remember the transfiguration of Jesus. Placing ourselves in the narrative on that high mountain, new details might be noticed that draw us into deeper layers of meaning. The readings leave three details for contemplation this week. First, whenever Jesus retreats to a mountain or quiet place in the Scriptures, he seeks prayer time with his Father. Second, this particular time of prayer between Jesus and his Father results in a theophany, an intense manifestation of God in visible form recognizable to the human eye. Jesus reveals his full divinity to Peter, James, and John, and subsequently to all of us through the written account. Finally, God boldly breaks into the encounter and speaks words of confirmation to the disciples and to us, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). During Lent the Church invites us to be even more intentional about stepping away from our normal activities to meet God in prayer. Our response to this invitation will not disappoint because prayer never leaves us unchanged. When we follow the example of Jesus, make time and space for prayer, and quiet ourselves into a listening posture, we give God the opportunity to speak the words we most need to hear. How does God speak with love to you today through Matthew's portrayal of this pinnacle moment in Jesus' life?

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.

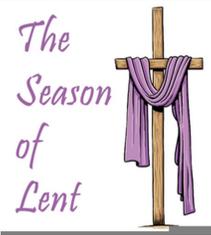
The schedule is: 2/22 - West Hoosick leading
 3/1 - Hoosick Falls Baptist Church leading
 3/8 - St. Mark's Church leading
 3/15 - Community Alliance Church leading
 3/22 - TBA
 3/29 - Immaculate Conception Church leading

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.

Bakers! - Desserts for the Fish Fry

Feel free to donate homemade desserts for the weekly fish fry. They should be limited to cookies or brownies, individually wrapped. Desserts may be dropped at the church kitchen on Thursdays or Fridays.

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.

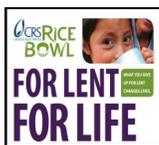
Examples of what may be needed and can be offered are:

- * 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.

SOCCER AND A BROKEN RESERVOIR. In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change causes persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams?

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, March 5

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

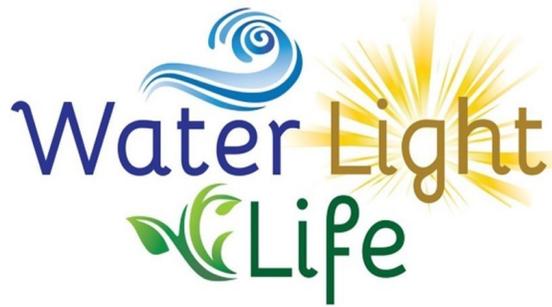
Readings for Sunday, March 12

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

Go to YouTube and search for the following: **If Lent Doesn't Make You Feel Good...**

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



A Lenten Parish Mission

Water, Light, and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission

Session Two

The Woman at the Well: Give Us Living Water

For those of us who are baptized, Lent is a time to examine our lives for evidence of our ongoing conversion and turning toward God. How have we lived out the promises of our baptism? Even as the elect come face to face with those things that hold them back from accepting the living water, we who have gone through the font must continue our journey toward the source of living water, the Christ, the Son of God. Session 2 is based on the story of the woman at the well from John's Gospel. This familiar story illustrates ones coming to faith and coming to realize that Jesus is the one who gives life.

If you find yourself thirsting for more, then come join us! Please contact the parish office if you have questions and/or to RSVP,

Come join us!

- * **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 #1 - Sat. Ellen Scott/Beth Keegan
Team #1 - Sun. Dave Stagnitti/Riley Hayes
Next Week: Team #2 - Sat. Mary Suite/Pat Kjelgaard
Team #2 - Sun. Gloria Shufon/Bob Shay

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Velma Brown, Sun - Bob Melesky
Next Week: Sat - Marie Slattery, Sun - Gloria Shufon

Counters:

This Week: Mike Shea & Andrea White
Next Week: Ellen McMartin & Eileen Bakaitis

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
February 25 & 26

Regular Offertory.....	\$1,210.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$36.50
Candle Sales.....	\$5.75
Total.....	\$1,252.25
Attendance:	
Ash Wednesday, February 22 (6:00 pm).....	.66
Saturday, February 25 (10:00 am).....	.47
Sunday, February 26 (4:00 pm).....	.49
Total	1.62

Note: Today's special collection is for **Faith Formation**. The *next* special collection is on **March 19** for **Catholic Relief Services**.

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 Aulio, Hope Kjelgaard, Jeff Babson, Kathleen Coon, Marie O'Neil, Mike Allard, Nicole Herrador, 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 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.

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.