

Immaculate Conception Church - March 8 & 9, 2025

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days.
Luke 4:1



Parish Office:

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The Responsorial Psalm for The First Sunday of Lent:

Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

Battenkill Network of Parishes

St. Patrick's Church, Cambridge, 518-677-2757
Mass - Sun. 11:30 am; Wed. 9:00 am
Holy Cross, Salem, 518-854-7626
Mass - Sun. 8:15 am; Tues. 9:00 am

Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 10:00 am
Monday, 9:00 am (Chapel)

Other Prayer Opportunities:

Eucharistic Adoration: immediately after Mass on the first Monday of the month.

Rosary for World Peace and Unity: Thursdays, 10 am (Mercy Chapel)

The Divine Mercy Prayers: Fridays, 3 pm (Mercy Chapel)

Sacraments:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 pm; Other times by appointment. Communal celebration seasonally.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are normally celebrated at the 4 pm vigil mass. Baptismal Preparation for parents is held in the rectory on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Please call the office at least eight weeks before the desired date to make arrangements and to begin sacramental preparation.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the Parish at least six months prior to the anticipated date and before any other arrangements have been finalized to begin sacramental preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. If you are seriously ill or planning to enter the hospital, please notify the parish so that we might celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing. A communal celebration of the Sacrament takes place seasonally.

Parish Staff:

Parish Life Coordinator: Mary K. Rosmus
maryrosmus@battenkillcatholic.org, 518-409-5226

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Tkocz

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Beth Ferrannini
ICCoutreach@outlook.com

Office Manager: Sue Hyde

Trustees: Christina Angell and Christian Bradley

Finance Council:

Krissy Fauler and Mike Sanders

Pastoral Council Members:

Jerry D'Accille, Rick Ferrannini, Karen Kaufman, Ellen Scott, Tim Hayes, Nancy Laurin, Jim Shaw and Linda Billert

Music Ministry: Richard Cherry

Immaculate Conception Member Enrollment - Parish Member Update of Contact Information

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, March 8

4:00 pm Mass

Bob Benkoski

(Requested by Fund Raising Friends)

Adele Rubino

(Requested by James & Velma Brown)

Sunday, March 9

10:00 am Mass

Veronica Hoag, Hoag, Bradley & Brandalik families

(Requested by Jim Hoag)

Bruce Andrews

(Requested by Rosemary Andrews)

Manuel Custodio

(Requested by Isabel Custodio)

Monday, March 10

9:00 am Mass

Immaculate Conception, Hoosick Falls

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 am Mass

Holy Cross, Salem

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 am Mass

St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Saturday, March 15

4:00 pm Mass

Nolan Senecal

(Requested by Linda Hutchins)

Jody Rogers Akots

(Requested by Jack & Maureen Rogers)

Blanche McAuliffe

(Requested by McAuliffe family)

Sunday, March 16

10:00 am

Robert R. Hayden & James Meaney

(Requested by Hayden & Meaney families)



SANCTUARY CANDLE

3/8/22 - 3/16/22

*In honor of the Risen Christ
we remember:*

Bill & Norma O'Brien

(Requested by Mary Waytkus & Monica Wilson)

First Sunday in Lent

In today's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations, but, especially at these moments, there are four things we need to remember: Temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved. Though one may like to talk about the temptations one has in Reconciliation, we never have to "confess" them as though they are sinful actions.

When we look at our temptations they often appear as good things, but often they have a sting in the tail which is destructive. We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we do and say, and learn from our experiences.

The more we give into temptation, the more immune we become to seeing that there's anything wrong with what we are doing. We can develop whole habits in our living, deceiving ourselves that what we are doing is "not that bad."

St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, tells us in The Spiritual Exercises that the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches. This comes as a surprise to Catholics who have been told for too long that sex is number one. Ignatius says that we should be wise in how we deal with temptations: name what's going on, and attend to the pattern of the temptation quickly and consistently. As John B. Metz, says, "We can say that the three temptations in the desert are three assaults on the poverty of Jesus ... What Satan fears most is the powerlessness of God in the humanity he assumed ... so he appeals to Jesus' divinity, he wants God to remain God ... but Jesus subjected himself to our plight and opted for us as we are."

We should take great comfort from this: there is no path of temptation along which Jesus has not gone ahead of us to show us we can choose life ahead of death.

That's what Lent is always about—a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full.



Winter Weather Policy: If school in Hoosick Falls is cancelled, the parish office will be closed and all in person activities for the day and evening will be cancelled. In case of a delay, all daytime activities are cancelled and a decision about evening activities will be made by noon.

Hoosick Helpers: A ministry of care for the elderly and homebound. Some of the needs involve socialization or companionship, light housekeeping or transportation. If you are in need of assistance or have an hour to give, please call the parish office. **Volunteer helpers are needed.**

Pastoral Care: Please contact the parish office if you know of anyone who is hospitalized or homebound. We can arrange for them to receive Holy Communion and/or to be anointed.

Contacting Fr. Peter

Please call the parish office at Immaculate Conception. If it is outside of office hours, please leave a message including your name and telephone number.

Please visit the Parish Website to sign up for Flocknote notifications, prepare for Sunday Liturgy, access Adult and Family Faith Formation materials and more.

Would you like a piece of history?

If you would like a beautiful piece of history from our church, there are church pews available. Several people have inquired on obtaining one of the pews that were removed, now is your chance. A suggested donation is \$75. Please call the rectory to reserve your pew and arrange pick-up.

Cemetery Clean Up

Spring Cemetery Clean-up will take place in April. All damaged, weathered, and unseasonable items left on graves will be removed. Please remove any items you wish to keep by April 1. Thank you for your cooperation.

Family Faith Formation Program

Growing Up Catholic Faith Stories is a whole family catechetical series for adults, children, and young teens. The story-based approach focuses on the core of our Catholic faith and provides opportunities for parents to share their faith with their children. This year our theme is God Calls (Old Testament).

Families meet as a group on the first Sunday of the month, October - May, **8:45 - 9:45 am in the St. Joseph Room.**

Between these intergenerational meetings, they read stories and complete activities at home. (A Home Study program is also available.)

April 6 - The Promised Messiah

May 4 - Retreat day or service project

First Eucharist Prep

Following the 10 am mass:

Lesson 3 March 9

Lesson 4 March 16

Lesson 5 March 23

Lesson 6 March 30

Rehearsal April 27

First Eucharist celebrated on May 4, 2025

OCIA Program for Children ages 7-13

March 9 – The Way to Become Christian, Sections 1 and 2

March 16 and 23 – Celebrating the Sacraments of Christian Initiation

March 30 and April 13 – The Sunday Celebration

Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil, April 19, 8 pm.

High School Faith Formation

First Sunday of the Month

8:45-9:45 am in the Rectory

We are reading *A Well-Built Faith*

April 6 - Chapters 16-18

May 4 - Retreat day or service project

Adult Bible Study

Women in the Old Testament, Part Two

Mondays, 10 - 11:30 am in the rectory

March 10 - Lesson Four

Faith Formation Coordinator wanted! The Faith Formation Coordinator has administrative responsibility for the parish faith formation and Sacrament Prep programs. The FFC develops programs, chooses curricula, recruits and provides training for volunteers. This is a part-time paid position. Please contact Mary Rosmus for further details.

You are invited to our Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA)

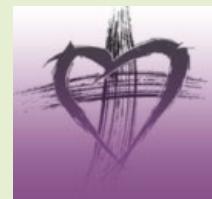
Annual Meeting, Sunday, March 23rd at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church, Hoosick Falls. Open to anyone interested in what we are doing at the Food Pantry and other HACA ministries. We do hope you will join us.

ICC is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Duties include day-to-day functions such as paying bills, recording financial transactions, and processing payroll. Four or five hours per week. \$20 - 25 per hour. Please contact the parish office.



We have many dear parishioners on our prayer list. If you would like to send them a card to show your care and support, you are welcome to drop a note or card directly to them. If you don't have their address, feel free to leave the card at the church, and we will happily forward it for you.

Take Heart !



We might think that the hope of Lent has to do with our hope that we will get through it, that we will come to the end of it. We see Lent as an obstacle course we need to navigate in order to get to the great feast of Easter. But while the Lenten season is indeed preparation for our Easter celebration, the hope of this season is that we will find our lives transformed by the many ways we encounter God's Word, by the richness of the Scripture readings chosen to encourage, to challenge, to confront, to comfort. [Find many resources on our website!](#)

A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday, 4:30-6:30, March 7th- April 11th in the church hall.

Price: \$15 for Fried Haddock, French Fries, Cole

Slaw, and Dessert.

Eat-in or Take-out.



SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

1.) To work at the Fish Fries

2.) Desserts for the Fish Fry

There are sign-up sheets at the entrance to church.

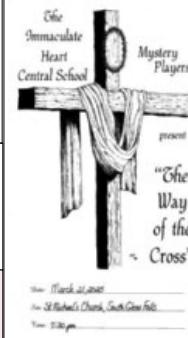
Immaculate Conception will host the **HACA Lenten Luncheon** on Wednesday, March 19. We will provide soup and sandwiches and will need helpers to serve. Please sign up at the back of the church.

Friday Free Lunches

During lent there will be lunch every Friday. The first week is March 7th, the menu is Macaroni & Cheese. Volunteers are needed, aluminum pans will be available at the entrance to church, to bring Macaroni & Cheese.



Come to lunch and bring a friend!
Every Friday from 11:30AM-1:00PM.



St. Michael's in South Glens Falls will host the presentation of 'The Way of the Cross' performed by The Mystery Players from the Immaculate Heart Central School from Watertown, NY on Friday, March 21 at 7:30 pm. It is FREE of charge. Similar to "living Stations," The Way of the Cross is presented in a reverent, creative way. The Mystery Players have presented this in most East coast states for many years.

St. Michael the Archangel is located at 80 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY 518-792-5859.

Note: due to the nature and performance effects, it is NOT recommended for small/younger children so as to not frighten them.

Lent and Holy Week 2025

Ash Wednesday – March 5th

9 am – Mass with Ashes, St. Patrick's

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

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

Reconciliation Services

March 30, 2 pm, Immaculate Conception

April 6, 2 pm, Holy Cross

April 8, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's

Anointing of the Sick:

Saturday, March 8 - Immaculate Conception, after 4 pm mass

Sunday, March 9- Holy Cross, after 8:15 am mass

Sunday, March 16 - Immaculate Conception, after 10 am mass

Sunday, March 23 - St. Patrick's, after 11:30 am mass

12 Hour Adoration – April 2 (Please sign up online or call the parish office)

9 am – 9 pm – St. Patrick's

Stations of the Cross – Immaculate Conception - Fridays at 3 pm, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons – see individual schedules

Tuesdays - St. Luke's, Cambridge, 11:30 am – St. Patrick's hosts March 18

Wednesdays- First Baptist Church, Hoosick Falls, noon - ICC Hosts March 19

Thursdays – Salem, noon – March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 (March 20 at Holy Cross)

Immaculate Conception Friday Free Luncheons

11:30 am–1 pm. March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11

St. Patrick's, 4:30-7 pm

Immaculate Conception, 4:30-6:30 pm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 16, after 11:30 am mass St. Patrick's

Pysanki Egg Decorating (Registration required – please sign up online or call the parish office)

March 23, 1-4 pm – St. Patrick's

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 17, 6 pm Mass with Potluck Dinner following at Holy Cross

Good Friday, April 18:

12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross, Salem

6 pm - Good Friday Service at St. Patrick's

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19 ,8 pm, Immaculate Conception

Easter Sunday, April 20 - Regular Sunday Schedule

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Lectors:*

This Week: Team #2 - Sat. Mary Suite/Paul Reveal
Team #2 - Sun. Gloria Shufon/Bob Shay
Next Week: Team #3- Sat. Maggie Kinney/Karen Kaufman
Team #3- Sun. Don Bradley/Christian Bradley
*Anyone interested in being a lector, please contact the parish office.

Eucharist Ministers:

This Week: Sat - Velma Brown, Sun - Pat Hayes
Next Week: Sat - Chris Merrell, Sun - Rita Bulson

Counters:

This Week: Carol Ryan & Eileen Bakaitis
Next Week: Linda Bennett & Anita Perry

~ Sacrificial Offerings & Attendance for March 1 & 2 ~

Regular Offertory.....	\$3,073.00
Faith Formation	\$160.00
Candle Sales.....	18.00
Total.....	\$3,251.00
Attendance:	
Saturday, March 1 (4:00 pm).....	60
Sunday, March 2 (10:00 am)	73
Total	133

January:

Collections & Investments for January: \$18,734.30
Budgeted for January: \$21,888.92

Average Attendance for January: 137 per weekend
(61, 4:00 PM & 76,10:00 AM)

Thank you for your contributions!

This week's special collection is for **Black and Indian Missions**. The next special collection is **March 30** for **Catholic Relief Services**.

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

 Mary Ann Anderson, Tony Baratto, Rev. Joseph Busch, Cody Colegrove, Josh Colegrove, Lisa Davendoris, Teresa Driscoll, Bill Huffman, Patty LaBombard, Artie Lane, Greg Laurin, Stephanie March, Denise Martin, Chrissy Osbourne, Cathy Peabody, Jeff Peck, Danny Peer, Beverly Perry, Linda R., Patti Ryan, Phyllis Sargood, Pat Sinacore, Kelley Sommer, Skyler Stone, Muriel Waytkus, Joyce Whalen, Kay Wright, Mary Jane Wysocki, Marty Yarborough 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 10:00 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 HACA at hacainc12090@gmail.com or call 518-686-5163 and leave a message.



Items needed this month: Stuffing mix, chicken noodle soup, dried kidney beans, dried pinto beans, dried lentils, bar soap, shampoo.

Food Pantry Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help. For information and training, contact Dianne Hosterman at 518-686-5310.

- You may leave your donations to the Food Pantry on the shelves near the entrance of church and we will transport for you. Thank you for your support.

Volunteer! Call the parish office at 518-686-5064

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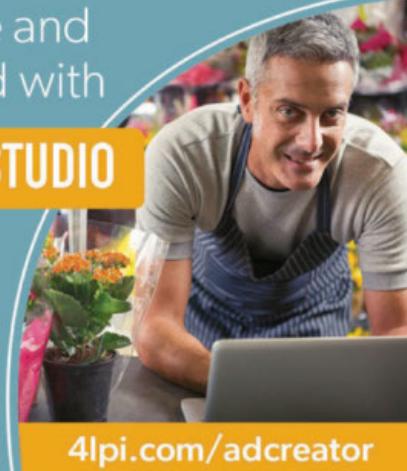
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