

# *Immaculate Conception Parish*



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:**

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH

SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

**TRUSTEES:** Ed Gorman & Ellen Scott

**FINANCE COUNCIL:**

Krissy Fauler, Dave Stagnitti, Mike Sanders & Linda Billert

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Richard Cherry

**WORSHIP AND ENVIRONMENT:** Lynne Mango

**We Pray Christmas**

Our worship space is decorated with flowers, candles, trees, colorful banners, and a beautiful Nativity scene. The Lord's Table becomes today's manger where God's people are fed with Bread and Wine of Heaven. As we gather for Mass, we sing "Glory to God; peace to all people," echoing the song of Bethlehem's angels. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 96 and the canticle "Today our Savior is born, this is the Day, Christ our Savior is born." We live in the eternal today of God! We join together with all Creation rejoicing for beauty, wonder, and life surrounding us. The Gospel acclamation, shouts, "Alleluia!" When we gather around the Table of the Lord, we proclaim with new born faith "you have set us free by Jesus' Cross and Resurrection." We are sent forth, caught up in the love of God, unseen and beyond us, yet now born as one in us. May Christmas' song resound in us every day.



Church Update

We are waiting for the structural engineering report from Goldstone Engineers. They are evaluating the ceiling and roof and beams of the Immaculate Conception Church building. We'll share the information as soon as we get it. Our Diocese will be given all the results.

Most Appreciated...

All the Christmas cards, wishes, prayer, and gifts are astounding...thank you so much - Fr. Tom Zelker. Also added thanks to all who made this season so faith-filled: decorators and cleaners; musicians; ministers at Mass; money counters; and all who swelled our assemblies with song, joy and love.

Parking for Mass

Please be sensitive to our neighbors who live on Estabrook Avenue. This street is very narrow and emergency vehicles and resident cannot drive through with parking on both sides of the street. Please park ONLY on the north side of the street (opposite the church). Thank you. And always a heartfelt thanks for the whole congregation of First United Church. Their graciousness and hospitality are continuously inspirational. And thank you to your Rev. Donna Elia!

Change our World

Our change collecting box is back in church. Any loose change may be put in the box. We, with our sisters and brothers of First United Church who do "Pocket Change Sunday" will use these donations for local and worldwide charities.



"For I was \_\_\_\_\_, and you cared for me"

We recently received several letters from people who are incarcerated. Our prison ministry group has written letters and Christmas cards to people in jail. I'm reminded of others who have been imprisoned: Jesus; St. Paul; St. Peter; St. Joan of Arc; Gandhi, Maximilian Kolbe; Martin Luther King, Jr. From the letters: "I want you to know something as small as a note can mean the world to us. Our church is in the hearts and minds of those who believe in Christ, regardless of where they may meet to sit and be together." "Thank you for taking the time to write me. Your simple card showed the human behind the letter. It helped me keep my head up, even just a little bit."

Battenkill Chorale

"Children of the Holocaust - Immigrants of Hope."

Music that inspires even in the face of the unthinkable these are voices of resistance and courage.

January 19 & January 20 - 3:00 PM

Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College

Call 518-692-7458 for information

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at First United Church due to ceiling problems at ICC

Saturday, January 12

4:00 PM Mass

Marie Godfrey

(Req. Nina & Ed Leffler)

Wesley Brownell

(Req. Nina & Ed Leffler)

Peggy Pine

(Req. Bruce & Carol Patire)

Sunday, January 13

9:00 AM Mass

Marge & Rocky Patire

(Req. Bruce & Carol Patire)

Monday, January 14

12:00PM Mass

For Goodwill in our Parish

Wednesday, January 15

8:30 AM Mass

St. Patrick's, Cambridge

Friday, January 18

12:00 PM Mass

For Unity in the Christian Family

Saturday, January 19

4:00 PM Mass

Mary Oberg

(Req. Helen Kennedy)

Barbara Maleady

(Req. Family)

Sunday, January 20

9:00 AM Mass

For All Our People

SANCTUARY LAMP

1/19/19 - 1/26/19

In Honor of the Risen Christ

We remember: Dani Walker

(Req. Bruce & Carol Patire)

## New Horizons of Faith

### Beatitudes of Christian Living

#### Third Annual Women's March: January 19, 2019

On Saturday 1/19 the third annual Women's March will take place in Washington DC, with companion marches around the globe including in Albany and Saratoga Springs, with full details at [www.womensmarch.com](http://www.womensmarch.com).

The 2017 Women's March inspired hundreds of women to run, millions more to vote, and dozens to win elected office. The marches continue to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities and to create transformative social change, building inclusive structures guided by self-determination, dignity and respect.



**THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR: soap, toothpaste and brushes, and feminine hygiene items.**

**Please bring any type of the following items:** tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, canned goods, cookie/cake mixes or toiletry items to our donation box in church. There is always a need for old bags to be reused.

**Food Pantry Volunteers...** We are looking for volunteers to help. (Dianne Hosterman, 686-5310).

#### Bennington Coalition for the Homeless

Bennington Coalition for the Homeless is offering shelter at Thatcher House, 966 Main St. while seeking solutions for stable housing and support for families. Needs today: cleaning supplies; new socks and underwear; pillows; Home Depot gift cards; and toilet paper. Donations may be brought to our parish office.

## Faith Formation

We gather at Eucharist and then continue with class at SMA. We have class today, January 13, 2019. We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Living out our own commitment, we are making stone soup this Sunday to serve our neighbors at the Food Pantry, Wood Bridge, and Wood Park. Bring carrots, celery, tomatoes, parsley, onions, chicken broth, noodles, etc. to class. This is what stone soup is all about! Our next class is Sunday, February 3, 2019.



#### Stone Soup Group

Make a pot of soup and share with our neighbors. Any kind of soup (except creamy soups) is wonderful. Containers are available at our parish office. Soup can be delivered to the Food Pantry (Mondays and Fridays at 10:00 AM; Wednesday at 6:30 PM), Woodbridge/Wood Park or left at our office. Have a soup party, stir the pot, and share the warmth.



### Yes, I Want to Contribute!

To sign up for church offering envelopes call our office at 686-5064 or fill out the for below and put it in the collection basket. You keep the ministry of Christ alive in our parish.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Giving made easy...

Our church donations may be given online. Offerings are automatically shared each week or monthly. For more information and to sign up for E-giving call our office or fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Friends of SMA,

We are getting ready for Catholic Schools Week coming up on January 26<sup>th</sup>-February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see the pages of the bulletin for information on our Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show and our list of events for the week. We hope you will be able to join us for some fun as we celebrate Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed!

To end Catholic schools' week, the Harlem Wizards will be in town playing against the A+ plus team. This game will take place on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm at Catholic Central High School in Troy. \$2.00 from every ticket sold benefits SMA. To purchase tickets, visit [www.harlemwizards.com](http://www.harlemwizards.com). We hope to see you there!

As always, I encourage you to stop by and visit your parish school.

With many blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-



**ST. MARY'S ACADEMY**

**ANNUAL**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**&**

**TALENT SHOW**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019**

**AT 5:15 P.M.**

Dinner & Talent Show  
will be held at St. Mary's Academy

Dinner includes:

Spaghetti, sauce with or without  
meatballs, salad, bread & dessert

Many thanks to Fabian Dominquez  
Hoosac School's world renowned  
chef for cooking

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance  
limited tickets available  
at the door. Please contact

Mrs. Smith @j 686-4314 for your tickets  
\$10.00 Adults ♦ \$5.00 Children Age 10 & under



***Catholic Schools Week Calendar***

Saturday 1/26	Sunday 1/27	Monday 1/28	Tuesday 1/29	Wednesday 1/30	Thursday 1/31	Friday 2/1	Saturday 2/2
<b>Celebrating Our Parish</b>	<b>Celebrating Our Parish</b>	<b>Celebrating Our Community</b>	<b>Celebrating Our Students</b>	<b>Celebrating Our Nation</b>	<b>Celebrating our Faculty, Staff, Volunteers and Family</b>	<b>Celebrating Vocations</b>	<b>Celebrating Families</b>
<b>Mass at 1st United Presbyterian Church at 4:00pm</b>  <b>Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show 5:15pm at SMA</b>	<b>Catholic Schools Mass at 2pm at Cathedral in Albany</b>  <b>Art Show Exhibit at Empire State Plaza ater Mass</b>	<b>Community Outreach Day</b>  <b>*We will be out visiting businesses in the community and saying thank you for their support of SMA.</b>	<b>Ocean Learning Fair 6pm-7pm</b>  <b>*Come and see our ocean and seas themed classrooms</b>	<b>Otto the Auto visits PreK-1st grade at 10am</b>  <b>Math Magician show at the Egg for grades 2-6 at 10:15am</b>  <b>Game Show at 1:00pm in gym</b>	<b>School Spirit Day</b>  <b>Festivities begin at 12:30pm</b>  <b>Fruit of the Spirit Awards</b>  <b>5th/6th grade basketball game vs. Faculty/Parents</b>	<b>Vicariate Catholic School Mass at Catholic Central High School at 10:00am</b>  <b>Wildlife Expo 1pm</b>	<b>Harlem Wizards basketball game at Catholic Central High School at 6:00pm.</b>

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**JANUARY 12 & JANUARY 13**

**This Week: January 12 & January 13, 2019**

Lay Ministers: Team 2

Counters: Heather Hassett & Eileen Bakaitis

Next Week: Linda Bennett & Jerry McAuliffe

**(It is your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.)**

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**January 5 & January 6:**

Offertory.....	\$3,320.00
SMA.....	\$293.00
Faith Formation.....	\$10.00
Christmas.....	\$175.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$75.00
Weekly E-Collection.....	\$60.00
Total.....	\$3,933.00

**ATTENDANCE :**

Tuesday - January 1, 10:00 AM.....55

Saturday - January 5, 4:00PM.....158

Sunday - January 6, 9:00AM.....170

Total.....383

\*In order for your contribution to be counted, please be sure to include your full name and/or envelope # if using a plain envelope.



- ♦ Wednesday mornings at 10 AM: Bulletin proofreaders. **Call the office.**
- ♦ Sunday morning: Collection Counters. **Call the office.**
- ♦ Lectors (readers) at Mass: **See Mary Merriam, Gloria Shufon, or call the office , 686-5064**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Our automatic withdrawal system is working well. This may be an easy way for you to support our parish. Please contact our office for more information.

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

Sue Hickey, Sandy Harrington, Bob Culver, Mary Dailey, Andy Beaty, Bud Barber, Kathy Shender, Nick Waytkus, Anezia Said Clemons, Joe Spiak, Joseph Morrissey, Peter Kane, Mary McCaffrey, Mary Carter, David Martin, Rosemary O'Malley, Judy Quackenbush, Kay Monroe, Ken Button, Anne Eberle, Jane Davis, Sally Williams, Jesse Stevens, Deanna Aldrich, Noreen Stevens, Mary Wrubleski 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 686-7835.

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