

# *Immaculate Conception Church - March 16 & 17, 2019*



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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:**

HELD AT FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
SATURDAY, 4 PM & SUNDAY, 9 AM

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## **We Pray Lent**

We follow the Cross of Jesus, built from the very foundation beams of our Church, as we begin our Lenten liturgies of conversion. Purples signify our yearnings for a change of heart, becoming Christ's People of reconciling love. Pussy willows remind us of a new spring-time of faith. In the name of God, we are assured of boundless mercy as we sing the ancient Greek of our early Church: "Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison." We listen intently to the living Word of God. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 103: "Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you." As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for all. Our Gospel Alleluia is silenced until its joyful strains return at Easter. We gather around the Lord's Table as our lives are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We sing this mystery: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." Our Communion unites us as a sacred people of mission. We remember that God's covenant with us beckons us to put our faith into action. We sing, "We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God." We are sent out in reflective silence, filled with faith, awe, and love as People of the Cross, Disciples of Christ.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Masses are celebrated at  
First United Church

**Saturday, March 16**

**4:00 PM Mass**  
Kay Monroe

(Req. Terry & Sue McCart  
& Families)

David Manning

(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

Blanche McAuliffe

(Req. Family)

**Sunday, March 17**

**9:00 AM Mass**

Dr. Philip Martinez

(Req. Paul & Trish Smith)

Peter Timmerman

(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

Isabel McGuire

(Req. Family)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's

**Monday, March 18**

**12:00 PM Mass**

Terri Gavin

(Req. Carol Accetta)

**Tuesday, March 19**

10:30 - Mass at the Danforth

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:30 St. Patrick's - Cambridge

**Friday, March 22**

**12:00 PM Mass**

Edward Sukuskas, Sr.

(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

**Saturday, March 23**

**4:00 PM Mass**

Robert Haynes

(Req. Noreen Haynes)

Dr. Philip Martinez

(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

Rita Downey

(Req. Carol Ryan)

**Sunday, March 24**

**9:00 AM Mass**

Herbert & Margaret Parker

(Req. Isabel Custodio)

11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick's

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

3/17/19 - 3/24/19

In Honor of the Risen Christ

We remember: Terri Galvin

(Req. Carol Accetta)

# *St. Mary's Academy Annual Spring Auction*

## *Saturday, April 13, 2019*

### *6:00 p.m. Preview*

### *Silent Auction Bidding*

### *7:00 p.m. Live Auction*

## *Ron Seifert ♦ Auctioneer*

*At St. Mary's Academy*

*4 Parsons Avenue*

*Hoosick Falls, NY*

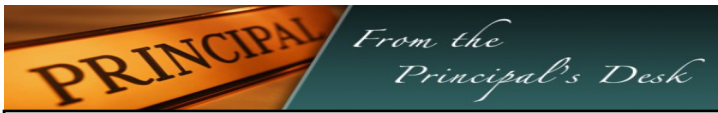
*Admission Free*

*Lite Fare Buffet*

*Cash Bar*

*Dessert & Coffee*





Dear Friends of SMA,

This week's mindset was: *Your attitude determines your direction.*

Our K-6 students celebrated Pi day on Thursday with fun activities surrounding the number 3.14 and ate some yummy pie in the process.

Have you had our fish fry dinner yet? Dinners are still just \$10.00 and included our homemade, hand dipped fish fry, french fries, cole slaw and dessert. Macaroni and cheese will be available for just \$5.00. Dinners will be sold from 5:00pm-7:00pm or until we sell out. Fish Fry Fridays will be available throughout Lent. **SMA will be closed on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are looking to preorder your fish for the 22<sup>nd</sup>, you will need to call SMA on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Save the date for our spring auction on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Once again Mr. Ron Seifert will be our auctioneer. This is always a fun night out and with this one being our last one, we are looking to go out with a bang. To reserve your table or donate items, please contact Mrs. Smith at 518-686-4314.

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

With many blessings,

-Mrs. Amanda Goyer-



**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).

### 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.

### ◆ Join our Faith ◆

**Anyone interested in joining our Catholic Church community, please contact Fr. Tom Zelker. We celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter**

### Yes, I Want to Contribute!

To sign up for church offering envelopes, call our office at 686-5064. Our church donations may also be given online; offerings are automatically shared each week or monthly. For more information and to sign up for either envelopes or E-giving, call our parish office .

## Faith Formation



We gather at Eucharist and then continue with class at SMA. Our next class is Sunday, March 24.



*Faith Formation discussion about Baptism...*

**Amy and Grace smile while they work at Empty Bowls... even with unruly customers... to help our Food Pantry**



## Prison Ministry

Next Meeting - Sunday, April 8 after the 9 am Mass.  
We meet in the Good Shepherd Room of the Rectory

From the Epistle of John: "God's commandment is this: we are to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and are to love one another as he commanded us." Our sisters and brothers, daughters and sons of God, no matter what, need you. Come for an hour and help.



*Dear adults: use your power.*

On Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, kids, teens and young adults organized a Youth Climate Strike in 100 countries around the globe. Their platform says, "We are striking because our world leaders have yet to acknowledge, prioritize, or properly address our climate crisis. We are striking because marginalized communities across our nation -- especially communities of color, disabled communities, and low-income communities -- are already disproportionately impacted by climate change."

Information about this existential threat is available from a range of sources, such as the United Nations, NASA, NY State, and major research universities including RPI, MIT, Columbia, Cornell, and Harvard.

Ask yourself, "What should we do, what can I do?" and then write a note to be opened by your grandchild in 2040 explaining what you did in 2019 to protect their future.

# Lent



## ◆ Divine Mercy Devotions ◆

Fridays at 3:00 pm

## ~ Stations of the Cross ~

Tuesdays of Lent at Noon in the Good Shepherd Room of the Rectory

### Rice Bowls

We support the ministry of our Church through Catholic Relief Services in helping the poor of our area and throughout the world. Donations are due May 5. Rice Bowls are available at Church or our office.

### Fish Fry Fridays

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays at SMA from 5-7 pm or until we are sold out. Fish fry dinners are \$10.00 and the macaroni and cheese option is \$5.00.

## Wednesday Ecumenical Prayer and Lunch 12 Noon at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church

We gather at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church for our faith-filled prayer "Conversion in Christ." Our local churches lead us in prayer and serve a delicious soup lunch.

March 20 - St. Mark's/ All Saints Episcopal

March 27 - First United Presbyterian

April 3 - West Hoosick/Hoosick Baptist

April 10 - First Baptist Hoosick Falls

## St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Social

Sunday, March 17 ◆ 5:00 - 7:00 pm at First United Church Hall



A family friendly celebration of music, sing-a-longs, sharing of limericks, sandwiches, and coleslaw. Bring cookies, brownies, or cupcakes to share. Members of our sister church at First United are invited. For information contact Chris Kurtzworth or Linda Billert.

## ~ Communal Reconciliation Services ~

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church

Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church (First United Church).

## "Sharing Insights About the Jewish Faith, Our Roots"

Rabbi Debora Gordon from Congregation Berith Sholom, Troy.  
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 pm in the First United Church Hall.

We begin with a vegetarian meal followed by our discussion.

## Bible Faith Sharing:

### "The Passionate Love of Jesus and our call to Conversion".

Discussions are held in the Good Shepherd room in the Rectory at 12:30 and 6:30 pm on the following Mondays:

March 25

April 1

April 8

Please pick up the book "A Crucified Christ in Holy Week" in our office.

## ~ Sacrament of Healing ~

Saturday, April 6 after the 4:00 pm Mass at Immaculate Conceptions (First United Church)

Sunday, April 7 after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church

## A Lent of Opportunity



Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of all light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**MARCH 16 & MARCH 17**

**This Week: March 16 & March 17, 2019**

Lay Ministers: Team 3

Counters: Linda Bennett & Jerry McAuliffe

Next Week: Judy Flynn & Peg Bakaitis

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

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE**

**March 9 & March 10**

Offertory.....	\$ 3,954.50
Faith Formation .....	\$225.00
Catholic Home Missions .....	\$126.00
Monthly E-Collection.....	\$945.00
Total.....	\$ 5,250.50

**ATTENDANCE :**

Saturday - March 9, 4:00PM..... 117

Sunday - March 10, 9:00AM..... 85

Total..... 205

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

**There is no second collection this week (March 17). The next second collection is for Catholic Relief Services (March 31).**



- ◆ 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:**

Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Patricia Culver, Hope Kjelgaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Mike Painter, Rich Turi, Sally Blinstrub, John Morizio, Sandy Harrington, 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, Ken Button, 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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