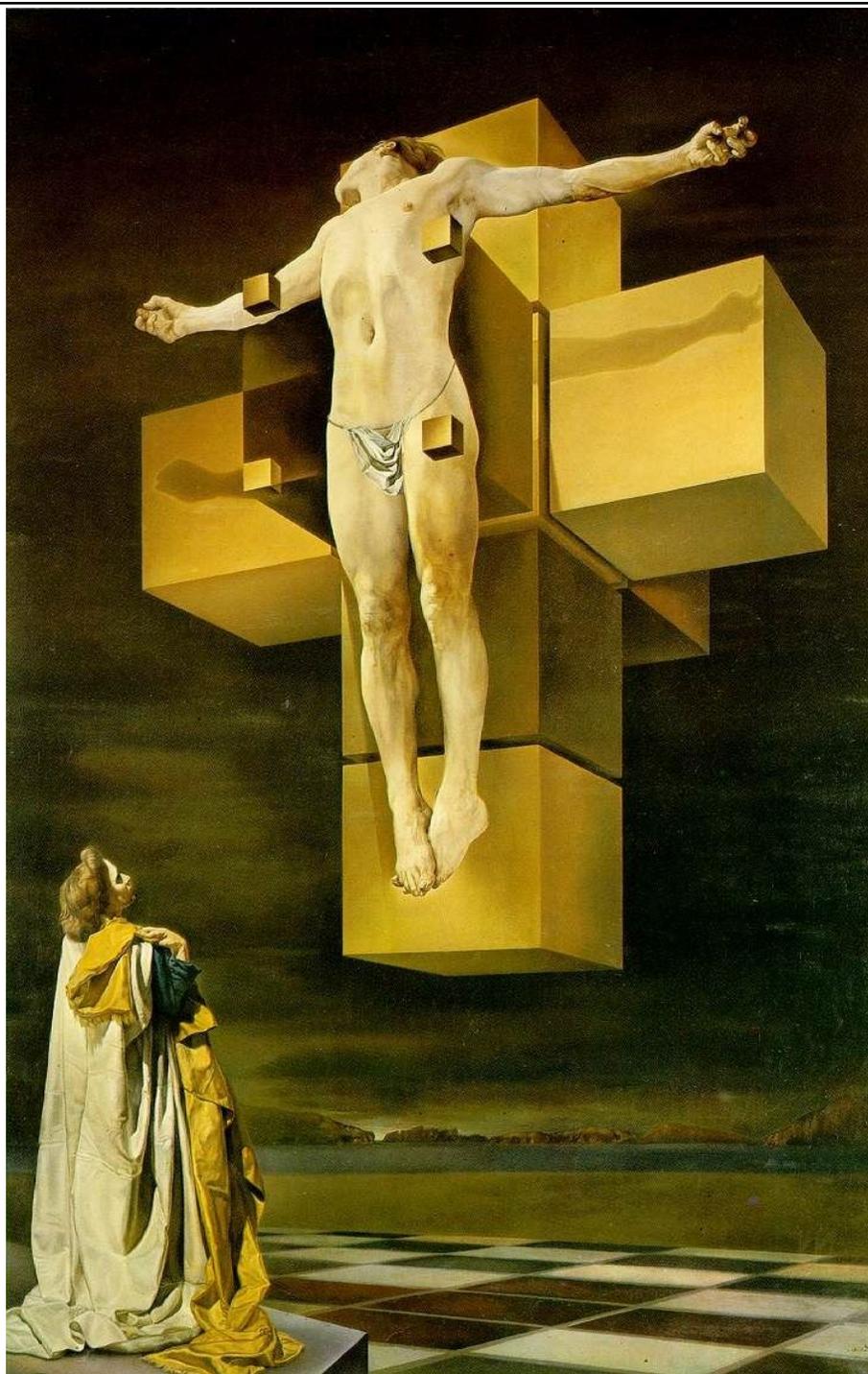


Immaculate Conception Church - April 13 & 14, 2019



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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Holy Week

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Masses are celebrated at
First United Church

Saturday, April 13

4:00 PM Mass

Sean Casey

(Req. Comfort & Hope Group)

Theresa Guile Bugbee

(Req. Linda Hutchins)

Sunday, April 14

9:00 AM Mass

John Burdick

(Req. Lori & Family)

The victims of Sandy Hook,

Parkland, and

Columbine shootings

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

Monday, April 15

12:00 PM Mass

For Gospel Conversion

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 18

5:00 PM Mass - ICC

Followed by a soup dinner

7:00 PM - St. Patrick's

Friday, April 19

12:00 PM - Ecumenical Walk

5:00 PM - Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 20

7:30 PM - Easter Vigil Mass -

ICC

Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass - St. Patrick's

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

APRIL 14, 2019



Scripture Insights

◆ Isaiah: This passage depicts a servant whom God called to strengthen the weary. Like many prophets, he encounters rejection, insult, and violence. Confident that God will ultimately vindicate him, the servant sets his face “like flint” in endurance. Although this song comes from the time of the Babylonian Exile, it gave the early Church a way of speaking about Christ’s suffering. The Servant Songs are not direct predictions about Jesus but a means for his followers to understand his suffering and death.

◆ St. Paul: This early creedal hymn, which Paul quotes, provides Christians with a framework for understanding the life, death, and exaltation of Jesus Christ. Like Isaiah’s prophet, Jesus is seen as God’s servant - one who did not regard being made in God’s image as something about which to boast. Rather, Jesus chose the path of self-emptying as the way to remain faithful to his calling. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.” The early Christians who sang this hymn knew that the agony and disgrace of Jesus’ Crucifixion were to be understood only in light of his vindication by God through the Resurrection. For Paul this creed is all one needs to know about Jesus’ life. Paul, however, is not only concerned that the Philippians intellectually know this passionate way, but he also wants them, and us, to know it in our hearts. We are to be imitators of the passionate Christ just as Paul is.

◆ The Passion: From Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples to his final breath on the Cross, the picture of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel is of one who is a servant faithful to God in the face of evil. The power of darkness, which left Jesus after the temptations “until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13), now returns to attack Jesus. Yet throughout the story we encounter Jesus’ deep compassion as he experiences Judas’ betrayal, his arrest by armed soldiers, Peter’s denial, his followers’ abandonment, his opponents’ mockery, and the crowd’s vilification. When one of the slaves in the arresting party has his ear cut off, Jesus heals him. When he is shuttled back and forth from the Sanhedrin to Herod to Pilate, his faithful obedience to the demands of the moment does not waiver. When one of the criminals being crucified with him asks to be remembered, Jesus offers him the blessing of paradise. Never does he betray his understanding of himself as “one who serves,” whose life is being “given” and “poured out” for his disciples. The cry of the soldier at the Cross, “Certainly this man was innocent,” completes the picture of Jesus’ innocence in the midst of evil. While his murder was a political act that satisfied military and religious leaders whose authority he challenged, Jesus’ revolutionary work for God’s reign had just begun.



Dear Friends of SMA,

This week's mindset was: ***Don't wish for it to work. Work for it.***

If you ordered from our New Skete cheesecake fundraiser, pick up will be on Monday, April 15th at SMA from 2:30pm-4:30pm.

SMA will be closed from **April 18th-April 27th in observance of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter break.**

SMA will be holding Grandparents Day/Special Persons Day coming up on Friday, May 10th from 8:30am-11:00am. We look forward to spending some time with these special people in our students' lives.

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).



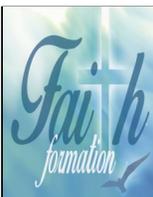
**New Horizons of Faith - Beatitudes of Christian Living
"We Remember"**

During Spring, our Easter Season, we join with people of good will throughout our world to "remember humanity at its worst as we are inspired to remember humanity at its best." Our remembrances of past atrocities transform us into people of active remembrance today. We will call to mind the victims of genocide, atrocities, bigotry, and hate as well as those who had the courage to save lives despite the risk to themselves or families. Do you know of anyone you wish to honor? A victim of the Nazis, Communists, American lynchings? Or someone who sought justice and helped?

Battenkill Chorale



April 27 - 7:00 pm & April 28 - 4:00 pm
at Cambridge United Presbyterian Church
"American Songs of Nature and Praise"



Faith Formation

We gather at Eucharist today, April 14, and continue with class at SMA. Our next class is Sunday, May 5 - Family Mass grades 2, & 10-12.

A Circle of Prayer

Each person had a prayer intention that was put in the middle of the group. Another kid chose the prayer request and promised to join in that spiritual bond.



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 .

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. Our offerings go to project Heifer to buy animals for farmers throughout the world.

We're part of each other

...and we miss you when you're not praying with us, so we're beginning a group to reach out and contact parishioners whom we miss at Mass...just to say hello and we care. So if you notice someone - neighbor, friend, classmate, or fellow parishioner - not present in our assembly, please let one of our ushers/greeters and Fr. Tom Zelker know. The love of Christ compels us to embrace each other with joy.

Easter Decorating Help Needed...

Everyone is welcome to join us in decorating the church in preparation for the Easter Sunday Mass at First United Church. We will meet on Holy Saturday, April 13, at 9:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Mango at 518-686-1796.

~ HOLY WEEK ~

~ Stations of the Cross ~

This Tuesday 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.

A Holy Week Prayer

O God of all worshippers,
I offer you a Lenten prayer.
Ordained in my mother's womb,
anointed by the Spirit
before the sun burned bright,
I am a priest as was your son Jesus,
according to the order of old Melchizedek
upon whom no one laid hands.

"This is my body, this is my blood."
I silently say these words with a priestly heart.
in each act of holy sacrifice
poured forth with love this day
for family and friends,
for stranger and foreigner.

Awaken me during this Lent
to my sacred calling to the priesthood,
that by sacrificial gift,
I have the power to lift up a fallen world
and to bring to fullness your divine dream
of a whole, united and healed cosmos.

Like precious jewels upon a cord,
I link my crosses this day,
my sufferings and self-denials,
with those of your countless other lovers, O God.

And I join these millions of gifts of love
with the one great sacrifice
of the holy priest of Nazareth
who surrendered upon his timeless tree of the cross
that our old and beloved world
might be healed and cleansed of sin and division,
might come to wholeness and oneness in you.

*Easter Flower donations
are due by April 14*

Holy Week...

*Please think about your ministry at our Holy Week
Masses and prayer. Sign up at our office...*

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday, April 13th, 4PM

Sunday, April 14th, 9AM

Sunday, April 14th, 11AM - St. Patrick's

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

Thursday, April 18th, 5 PM

Followed by a soup dinner with
the people of First United Church
(Soups and rolls will be provided; come and enjoy)

Thursday, April 18th, 7 PM - St. Patrick's

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th

Ecumenical Walk, 12 Noon

Stations of the Cross - Main Street

The Lord's Passion & Communion, 5 PM

This day we have the Collection for the Holy Land - the
work of our Church in Palestine, Israel, and Jordan

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 PM

(No 4 PM Mass this day)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, 9 AM MASS

11 AM - ST. PATRICK'S

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

APRIL 13 & APRIL 14

This Week: April 13 & April 14, 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

April 6 & April 7

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| Offertory..... | \$ 3,549.00 |
| St. Mary's Academy..... | \$297.00 |
| Monthly E-Collection..... | \$60.00 |
| Total..... | \$ 3,906.00 |

ATTENDANCE :

Saturday - April 6, 4:00PM..... 115

Sunday - April 7, 9:00AM..... 150

Total..... 265

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

This week's second collection is for Parish Faith Formation (April 14). The next second collections are on Good Friday for Holy Land (April 19) and Easter (April 21).



- ◆ 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:

Sandy McCart, Jack Ellis, Dawn Myers, Andy Jones, Patricia Culver, Hope Kjellgaard, Dr. Marcus Martinez, Lorraine Kalinowski, Nancy Hathaway Mahoney, Mike Painter, Rich Turi, Sally Blinstrub, 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, 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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