

holding † Schedule of Mass Intentions †
 We welcome the return of weekday masses and weekday mass intentions.



St. Joseph's Saturday June 24 th , 2017	4:00 PM	Helen I Feeney requested by Family
Immaculate Conception Sunday June 25 th , 2017	8:30 AM	Dorothy Ryan request by Charles Whitehead Harry Keefe requested by Georgette Tefoe.
Monday	11:30 AM	No Intension Requested
Tuesday	9:30 AM	(No Mass at ICC) Mass at St. Mary's Nassau
Wednesday	11:30 AM	No Intension Requested
Thursday	9:30 AM	(No Mass at ICC) Mass at St. Mary's Nassau
Friday	No Mass	No Intentions Requested
Next Weekend		
St. Joseph's Saturday July 1 st , 2017	4:00 PM	St. Joseph Rosary Altar Society for Living & Deceased Members Requested by the Society
Immaculate Conception Sunday July 2 nd , 2017	8:30 AM	James B. Hanson & Joseph V. Hanson Requested by Family Deceased Members of the Solimene & Dignum Family requested by Bill and Nancy Solimene

Sunday 6/25	Jer 20:10-13	Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35, R. v.14c	Mt 10:26-33
Monday	Gen 12:1-9	Ps 33, 12-13, 18-19, 20, 22, R. v.12	Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	Gen 13:2, 5-18	Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5, R v.1b	Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, R. v.8a	Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	Acts 12:1-11	Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R. v.5	Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, R. v.4	Mt 8:1-4
Saturday 7/1	Gen 18:1-15	Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55, R. see v.54b	Mt 8:5-17
Sunday 7/2	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a	Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, R. v.2a	Mt 10:37-42

Parish Weekly Income	Immaculate Conception	St. Joseph's
Regular Collection	\$861.00	\$668.00
Shrine Collection	\$834.00	N/A
Monthly Make Up	N/A	N/A
Hall Rental	\$10.00	N/A
Donations	\$29.00	N/A

Volunteer Hours Contributors: Thanks to all the liturgical ministers and ushers for their continuing support.

St. Henry's in Averill Park Saturdays 4:00 PM Sundays 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Weekday Mass at 8:30 AM Saturdays 3:00 PM Reconciliation	St. Mary's in Nassau Saturdays 5:30 PM Sunday 10:00 AM Weekdays Tues, Wed, Thurs. 9:30 AM M & F 9:00 AM Communion Service
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	St. Joseph's Church Stephentown	Immaculate Conception Church New Lebanon	
June 25th 2017		Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday	
Mass Schedule Weekends	St. Joseph's Stephentown Saturday 4:00 PM	Immaculate Conception, New Lebanon Sunday 8:30 AM	
Holy Day Schedule	Vigil Mass 6:30 PM	Holy Day 7:00 AM	
Week Day Mass: 8:30 AM (Mon) at St. Henry's 9:30 AM (Tues to Thurs) at St. Mary's			
Rectory	Mailing address	Phone Numbers	
732 US 20 New Lebanon NY 12125	PO Box 218 New Lebanon NY 12125 E-Mail: icandsj@taconic.net	794-7651 or Fax 766-5651	
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Immaculate-Conception/144589758919250			

Pastor: Fr. John L. Close E-Mail: frjohnc@taconic.net Deacon: Peter Quinn
 Office Manager: Elizabeth Keefner, Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM
 Parish Council Members: Fr. John Close, Deacon Peter Quinn, Georgette Tefoe, Paula Beckwith, Rosalie Kolonics, Yvonne Meekins (Presider), Frankie Zwack

Parish Nurse: Mary Linton – 733-0469
 Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Jack Lancto
 Organist/Choir Director: Keith Dezieck
 Building/Grounds Coordinator-David Schwartz 518-755-4739
Sick, Hospitalized or Housebound: Please call the rectory to inform father of a sick or hospitalized parishioner.
 Privacy laws make it very difficult to identify parishioners who are hospitalized.

Our Mission Statement

We are a community of believers who are grateful for our diversity & mindful of our unity in Christ. Our lives are based on faith, hope & charity through the outpouring of the Spirit, nourished by the Eucharist.

Our mission is to be communicators of God's grace and Christ's message to help people achieve salvation. We seek to build a Faith Community by enriching ourselves through Word and Sacrament. Our aim is to share our faith by teaching, personal witness and works of charity. Because we see in all people the image of God, we seek to relieve their physical, spiritual and emotional needs by involving all age groups within our parish.

Parish Committees and Groups

Pastoral Council meets first Tuesday of every month. (except July & December). Next meeting: 9/5/2017	Choir Rehearsal: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. (except summer months). Next Rehearsal 9/5/2017
Knights of Columbus meets 3 rd . Wednesday of every month (except December). Next meeting: 7/19/2017	Exercise Group: The exercise group meets Mondays and Thursdays in the Parish Hall from 9:00-10:00 AM. For more info, call Mary Linton at 733-0469.
Senior Ministry Program Luncheon is on 4 th Friday of the Month. Next Event: 7/28/2017 Parish Picnic 5:30	Charlie's Pantry: Hours for Charlie's Pantry are Tuesdays 3 PM to 6 PM, Saturdays 10:30 AM-1:00 PM or by appointment.
Liturgy Committee meets on 2 nd Monday of each month (except June, July & August). Next Meeting: September 2017	
Finance Committee meets on 3 rd Thursday each month: Next meeting: 06/22/2017	

Rent Our Parish Hall: Contact the rectory to schedule an event, party or meeting. 518-794-7651

This Week's Collection
Regular Collection
Next Week's Collection
Regular Collection
Monthly Make Collection

CHURCH NOTES

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism Prep class first Monday of the Month.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples considering marriage are asked to contact the parish 6 months in advance of the date they wish to be married.

Mass Request Intentions to be scheduled two months in advance.

Blood Pressure Clinic held Third Weekend of the month (except May) following the masses.

Next Clinic: 7/15 & 7/16, 2017

Please Pray for The Sick, Homebound and the Needs of the Community:

Alfred Barbara, Rhonda Thompson Beckwith, Mary Birch, Martha Burns, Paul Church, Sydney Davey, Christopher Devaney, Jimmy Dillis, Ray Godfrey, Maureen Hammel, Cheryl Hattat, Louis Kolonics Jr., Janet Kroboth, Pat Leavenworth, Mary Linton, Arlene Longo, Joey Longo, John Maggio, Melissa Murray, Beth Quinn, Brian Quinn, Ramsey Raymond, Barbara Schwartz, Linda Schwartz, Marie Sharkey, Roland (Peanny) Springer, Theresa and Larry Sweener, Ron Thompson, Brenda Trainor, Frank and Mary Volpi,

Military Personnel: Sgt. William DeFreest, Rear Admiral James Downey, USN, PFC Andrew Madison, SPC Tom Madison, Maj Brian Meekins, Major Ryan Morgan,

Please Pray for the Deceased: John & Leila Del Cogliano, Joan Darcy, Harry Downey Jr., Frank Gondar, Bob Gorman, Dick Griffin, Ralph Hermann, Natalie Huggins, Larry, Todd & Tracy Hagan, Bob Mitnacht, Stewart Mosher, Helen and John Mullaly, Muro family, Madonna O'Brien, Dorothy Ryan, Roman Family, Sr., Buddy Sharkey, Joey Slaver Leavenworth, Wagstaff, Ravizza families,

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If you would like more information about our parish, please mail to the address on the front of the bulletin or call 518-794-7651

For Your INFORMATION...

SAVE THE DATE

07/04 Rectory Closed for July 4th
07/05 Spider's Web at Theater Barn
07/08 Health Care Workers' Retreat
07/28 Parish Picnic ICC 5:30PM

Bishop's Appeal Update

To date we have pledges totaling **\$17,205.00**, just a reminder that forever amount that we go over our goal, the Bishop's Appeal will send a portion of the difference back to the parish.

Senior Prayer Group

Senior Prayer Group will meet the first Friday (July 7th) of each month to pray for parishioners who are housebound. If you know someone that would benefit from this, please fill out a prayer request form place in the box in the back of the church

Last chance to purchase

Dollhouse Raffle; \$5 ticket!
 St. Mary's has a three story, six room dollhouse, with wood and tile floors. Proceeds will be used for repair of the church. Tickets are \$5 each and raffle will be on July 2.



Anyone interested can contact the rectory and we can arrange for tickets. Great gift idea!

Special Announcement from Bishop Scharfenberger

Health Care Workers' Retreat. Physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, pharmacists, PA's, NP's, physical therapists, technicians, respiratory therapists, and all other health care workers are invited to a retreat at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville on July 8, 2017. Come join Bishop Scharfenberger and the Marian Fathers from Stockbridge as we discuss how to implement the message of Divine Mercy into our lives and our profession. For more information, contact Dr. Matthew Lynch at info@albanycma.org or 518-649-2307.



Picnic is Coming

Please remember to mark you calendars. July 28 will be our Parish Picnic. All are welcome to attend.

The Theater Barn – Spider's Web

Agatha Christie's Spider's Web will be presented at the Theater Barn on July 5 at 7pm. This is to benefit the New Lebanon Library.

Plot summary: Clarissa is adept at spinning tales of adventure until a murder takes place in her drawing room! Clarissa's fast-talking places her in some hair-raising experiences, as she comes to learn that the facts are much more terrifying than fiction. This is one of Christie's best with thrills and comedy that is sure to offer shocks and laughs.

Air Conditioners in the Parish

For some time now our parish hall has suffered for lack of adequate air conditioning in the hot summer months. With the help of Mary Linton we were able to find a source of money to allow us to purchase new units to take care of this problem. We now have at the hall three portable units that have been sized to provide cooling of the hall throughout the hot days of summer. At the same time and from the same source we were able buy two similar units for St. Joseph's which should relieve those coming to the Vigil mass on Saturday. We are still refining the location of the units in St. Joseph's and may still use fans to circulate the cool air throughout the church.

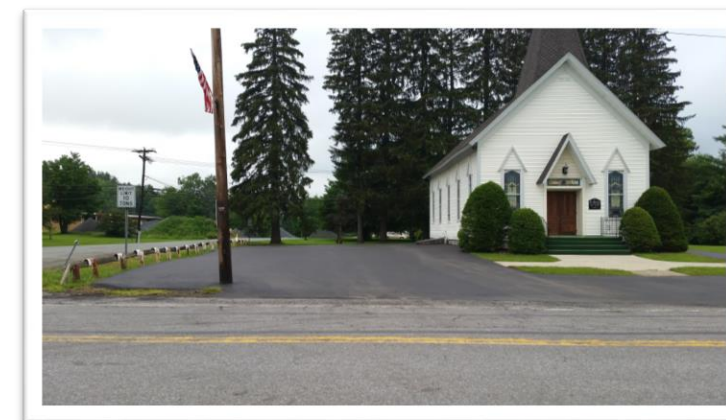
St. Joseph's Parking

Early in the morning of last Monday St. Joseph's was a bustle with activity. This was due to our parking lot being leveled and repaved. They had first layer down before 7am and finished the project before the rains came in that afternoon. The result is very plainly seen with a beautiful new smooth surface free of cracks and potholes. The crew from L. Browe did an outstanding job and were very accommodating to our schedule.



We would like to thank our benefactors for underwriting this much needed project. As well

we would thank members of our maintenance committee and especially Frankie Zwack and Tim Kelly who worked on selecting the paving company for us.



Immaculate Conception resurfacing

With the work at St. Joseph's having been seen by some people the question has been raised as to the condition of the parking lot at Immaculate Conception. This lot is not in need of the extensive rework that St. Joseph's was but is in need of being resurfaced. We have members of our parish who are looking into doing just that.

Gospel Translation Pitfall

Our Gospel reads: "...not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing."

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says "not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father." Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to—does—enter into the moment of death, *our* moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does "Do not be afraid" really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining. *By Fr. Michael Tate*