

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



St. Joseph's Saturday August 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	4:00 PM	Richard Griffin requested by Family Ralph and Benjamin Hermann requested by Family
Immaculate Conception Sunday August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	8:30 AM	Reginald Sherman requested his loving Family Harry Dezieck requested by Keith, Christian, and Jack Dezieck
Monday August 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Mass at ICC / No Intentions Requested
Tuesday August 15	9:30am	Mass at St. Mary's in Nassau
Wednesday	11:30am	Mass at ICC / No Intentions Requested
Thursday	9:30am	Mass at St. Mary's in Nassau
Friday	No Mass	No Intentions Requested
Next Weekend		
St. Joseph's Saturday August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	4:00 PM	Helen I. Feeney & Family requested by Family
Immaculate Conception Sunday August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	8:30 AM	James Redcross requested by Thomas & Ginette Rivard

Sunday 8/20	Is 56:1, 6-7	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8, R. v.4	Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19	Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44, R. v.4a	Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a	Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14, R. see v.9b	Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15	Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, R. v.2a	Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14	Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18, R v.12	Jn 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10, R. v.1b	Mt 22:34-40
Saturday 8/26	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5, R. v.4	Mt 23:1-12
Sunday 8/27	Is 22:19-23	Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8, R. v.8bc	Mt 16:13-20

Parish Weekly Income	Immaculate Conception	St. Joseph's
Regular Collection	\$860.00	\$833.00.00
Shrine Collection	\$1,122.00	N/A
Monthly Make Up	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hall Rental	\$10.00	N/A
Donations (Cookbook)	\$10.00	N/A
Assumption	\$503.00	\$187.00

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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	<b>St. Joseph's Church</b> Stephentown	<b>Immaculate Conception Church</b> New Lebanon	
<b>August 20, 2017</b>		<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday</b>	
<b>Mass Schedule Weekends</b>	St. Joseph's Stepentown Saturday 4:00 PM	Immaculate Conception, New Lebanon Sunday 8:30 AM	
<b>Holy Day Schedule</b>	Vigil Mass 6:30 PM	Holy Day 7:00 AM	
<b>Week Day Mass:</b>	8:30 AM (Mon) at St. Henry's 9:30 AM (Tues to Thurs) at St. Mary's		
<b>Rectory</b>	<b>Mailing address</b>	<b>Phone Numbers</b>	
732 US 20 New Lebanon NY 12125	PO Box 218 New Lebanon NY 12125 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:icandsj@taconic.net">icandsj@taconic.net</a>	794-7651 or Fax 766-5651	
<b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Immaculate-Conception/144589758919250">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Immaculate-Conception/144589758919250</a>			

Pastor: Fr. John L. Close E-Mail: [frjohnc@taconic.net](mailto:frjohnc@taconic.net) Deacon: Peter Quinn  
 Office Manager: Elizabeth Keefner, Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 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 R.N. – 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**

<b>Pastoral Council</b> meets first Tuesday of every month. (except July & December). <b>Next meeting: 9/5/2017</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal:</b> Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. (except summer months). <b>Next Rehearsal 9/5/2017</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Wednesday of every month (except December). <b>Next meeting: 9/20/2017</b>	<b>Exercise Group:</b> 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.
<b>Senior Ministry Program</b> Luncheon is on 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month. <b>Next Event: 9/8/2017 Parish Picnic 5:30</b>	<b>Charlie's Pantry:</b> Hours for Charlie's Pantry are Tuesdays 3 PM to 6 PM, Saturdays 10:30 AM-1:00 PM or by appointment.
<b>Liturgy Committee</b> meets on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (except June, July & August). <b>Next Meeting: September 2017</b>	
<b>Finance Committee</b> meets on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month: <b>Next meeting: 09/15/2017</b>	

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

**Next Week's Collection**  
**Regular Collection**  
**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

## 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: 09/15 & 09/16, 2017**

**Please Pray for The Sick, Homebound and the Needs of the Community:** Rose Alfonso, Ken Alywood, Alfred Barbara, Rhonda Thompson Beckwith, Mary Birch, Martha Burns, Baby Denny Chalecie, Travis Chuck, Paul Church, Sydney Davey, Christopher Devaney, Jimmy Dillis, Lynn Essex, Maureen Hammel, Cheryl Hattat, Louis Kolonics Jr., Janet Kroboth, Pat Leavenworth, Mary Linton, Arlene Longo, Joey Longo, John Maggio, Tony Maguffin, Melissa Murray, Paul Rizzo, Barbara Schwartz, Linda Schwartz, Marie Sharkey, Roland (Penny) Springer, Theresa and Larry Sweeney, 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 & Raymond Briggs, John & Leila Del Cogliano, Joan Darcy Harry Downey Jr., Frank Gondar, Bob Gorman, Dick Griffin, Ralph Hermann, Natalie Huggins, Larry Hagan, Todd, and Tracy Hagen, Bob Mitnacht, Helen and John Mullaly, Muro Family, Madonna O'Brien, James Redcross Sr., Dorothy Ryan, Roman Family, Sr., Buddy Sharkey, Charlene Slattery, 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**

**09/ 04 Rectory Closed**  
**09/08 Parish Picnic ICC 5:30PM**  
**09/18 Opioid Awareness & Emergency Care**  
**10/01 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration**  
**10/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pig Roast Fundraiser**

#### **Bishop's Appeal Update**

To date we have pledges totaling **\$17,905.00**, just a reminder that for every amount that we go over our goal, the Bishop's Appeal will send a portion of the difference back to the parish.

#### **Diocesan Marriage Jubilee**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Lay Ministry Formation will be held Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Eagle St. and Madison Ave., Albany, New York. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Liturgy at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office

#### **All-Levels Yoga**

Tuesdays 9:00am – 10:00am Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. – 8:30am in the Hall Join us for a pre-work workout that will release tension, boost energy, and help you feel more relaxed and creative throughout the day! Join certified Hatha yoga instructor Robin Catalano for a mix of beginner and intermediate postures and vinyasas, plus some more advanced poses, breath work, and a wrap-up meditation. Bring your mat and a friend...and leave your stress behind. \$10 per person, cash only

#### **Rectory Office**

The rectory will be closed on **Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will reopen on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> with normal business hours. If you would like anything added to the bulletin, please email to Elizabeth at [icandsj@fairpoint.net](mailto:icandsj@fairpoint.net)

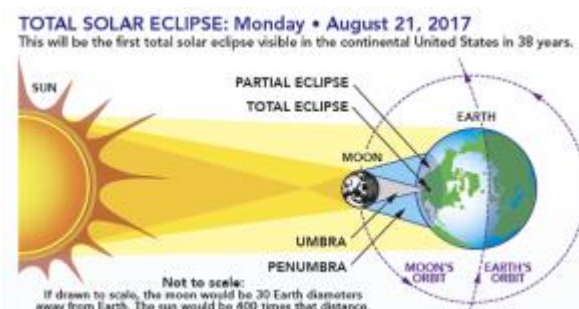
#### **Senior Prayer Group**

Senior Prayer Group contact one another on the first Friday of every month to pray for parishioners who have special intentions. If you know someone that would benefit from prayers, please fill out the request form and place it in the foil box at the back of each church.

#### **From the New Lebanon Town Hall**

The New Lebanon Town Hall, at 14755 State Route 22, New Lebanon, NY, 12125 will be hosting Flu Shots on October 11th from 1:45 – 2:45. Must be at least 19 years old. Accepting most Primary Insurance plans: Blue Shield, CDPHP, MVP, Medicare B, or cash or check accepted. No debit or charge cards. Bring Insurance Cards for verification. For more information, please contact the town hall at 518-794-8888.

#### **Watch The Solar Eclipse with Us at SML**



There's a total solar eclipse coming!

Why not watch it with us at our viewing party featuring a program to help kids and parents alike understand what the eclipse is all about? We'll have special viewing glasses, funded by a grant from the National Center for Interactive Learning Space Science Institute, and refreshments will be served. Please contact the Stephentown Memorial Library to registration and for more information.

**CAUTION: DO NOT VIEW WITH NAKED EYES**  
You need much more than regular sun glasses to view the eclipse. Eclipse glasses are available from any sources. You can find safe viewing information at <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety>.

#### **Parish Health Ministry**

Did you know that every day, more than 90 Americans die after overdosing on opioids? Our area has seen a large increase in the number of opioid users and overdoses, with that being said we would like to encourage all to take part in this event, you never know you could save a life. The Parish Health Ministry will be hosting a "**Opioid Awareness and Emergency Care**" Information night on Monday September 14, 2017 at 6:30 at Immaculate Conception Hall. Light refreshments will be served. More Information to follow.

Saturday October 14 the Parish Health Ministry will be hosting "**CPR Course**" at the Immaculate Conception Church from 9am until 12pm. More information to follow about this great program.

#### **Gospel Reflection**

This week's gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has traveled to the area of Tyre and Sidon—part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. He tells her simply that his ministry is to the house of Israel—the Jews—and is not for her. But the woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt and tells her that it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs. Through this use of metaphor, Jesus refers to the children of Israel (the Jews) and to the gentiles and pagans—sometimes referred to as "dogs" to reflect their lowly status in the eyes of the Jewish tradition. Still the woman persists and turns Jesus' metaphor back on him, saying that even the dogs get to eat the scraps that fall from the table.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's gospel. This gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes. by Greg Sunter