



† Schedule of Mass Intentions †			
St. Joseph's Saturday March 14 th	4:00pm	Special Healing Intention for Levi Giumarra requested by Family and Friends	
Immaculate Conception Sunday March 15 th	8:30am	Tony Demos requested Charles and Linda Hytell	
Monday March 16 th	9:30am	No intentions at this time	
Tuesday March 17 th	9:30am	Mass at St. Mary's	
Wednesday March 18 th	9:30am	Special Intentions for Lincoln Schwartz	
Thursday March 19 th	9:30am	Mass at St. Mary's	
Friday March 20 th		No Mass	
Next Weekend			
St. Joseph's Saturday March 21 st	4:00pm	Mary Gorman requested by Ronnie Demick	
Immaculate Conception Sunday March 22 nd	8:30am	Baby Lucas Christopher Vaughan requested by Friends and Family	
Sunday 3/15	Ex 17:3-7	Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. R. v.8	Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday 3/16	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Pss 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, R. see Ps 42:3	Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday 3/17	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, R. v.6a	Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday 3/18	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, R. v.12a	Mt 5:17-19
Thursday 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, R. v.37	Lk 2:41-51a
Friday 3/20	Hos 14:2-10	Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, R. see vv. 11 and 9a	Mk 12:28-34
Saturday 3/21	Hos 6:1-6	Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, R. see Hos 6:6	Lk 18:9-14
Sunday 3/22	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. R. v.1	Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Parish Weekly Income			
		Immaculate Conception	St. Joseph's
Regular Collection		\$738.00	\$559.00
Shrine Collection		\$546.00	N/A
Hall Rental		\$	N/A
Propagation of the Faith Collection		\$	\$
Monthly Make Up		\$105.00	\$154.00
Easter Flowers		\$30.00	N/A
Volunteer Hours Contributors	Thanks to all the liturgical ministers and ushers for their continuing support.		
Other Churches in our LCC (Local Catholic Community)			
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, and Thurs. 9:30 AM M & F 9:00 AM Communion Service		

 St. Joseph's Church Stephentown		Immaculate Conception Church New Lebanon 	
March 14 th , 2020		Third Sunday of Lent	
Mass Schedule Weekends	St. Joseph's Stepentown 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: 9:30 AM (Mon and Wed) at Immaculate Conception 9:30 AM (Tues and Thurs) at St. Mary's			
Rectory	Mailing address	Phone Numbers	
732 US Route 20 New Lebanon NY 12125	PO Box 218 New Lebanon NY 12125 E-Mail: icandsj@fairpoint.net	518-794-7651 or Fax 518-766-5651	
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-Thursday 8:00AM - 1:00 PM
 Parish Council Members: Fr. John Close, Deacon Peter Quinn, Georgette Tefoe, Paula Beckwith, Yvonne Meekins, Frankie Zwack
 Parish Nurse: Mary Linton R.N. 518-733-0469
 Knights of Columbus Grand Knight: Jack Lancto
 Organist/Choir Director: Keith Dezieck
 Building/Grounds Coordinator: David Schwartz 518-755-4739

Sick, Hospitalized or Homebound: 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: TBD	Choir Rehearsal Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church (except summer months) Next Rehearsal: 03/17/2020
Knights of Columbus meets on 3 rd Wednesday of every month (except December) Next meeting: 3/18/2020	Exercise Group Exercise Classes have been postponed until April 2, 2020. Please feel free to contact Mary Linton at 518-733-0469
Senior Ministry Program Luncheon is on 4 th Friday of the Month Next Event: 3/27/2020	Charlie's Pantry Hours for Charlie's Pantry are Tuesdays 3 PM-6 PM, Saturdays 10:30 AM-1:00 PM or by appointment.
Finance Committee meets on 3 rd Thursday each month Next Meeting: 3/19/2020	

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

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: It is a wonderful way to remember your deceased loved ones on their birthday or anniversary of death. Please contact the rectory to schedule a mass at 518-794-7651

Blood Pressure Clinic: Held the third Weekend of the month (except May) following the masses.

Next Clinic: 03/21 & 03/22

Please Pray for The Sick, Homebound and the

Needs of the Community: Sharon Banks, Christopher Beckwith, Mary Birch, Thomas Brutting, Michael Castellano, Janet Castellano, Ed Counsell, Paul Church, Michael Cnassen, Heather Darcy, Nancy Despres, Sydney Davey, Dom, Ann & Christopher Devaney, Jimmy Dillis, William R. Donald, Katie Dolan, Tom Foody, Levi Giumarra, Susan & Scott Luhrmann, Chad Herman, Larry Holder, Phyllis Hulbert, Aaron Jewett, Kenneth Keehnle, Kathy Klein, Louis Kolonics Jr., Janet Kroboth, Scott Larabee, Matthew LaRacco, Pat Leavenworth, Betty Maguffin, Deb McLaughlin, Michel & Celine Polacinski, Deacon & Nancy Quinn, Kevin Quinn, Al Rosolli, Charles Rubert, Robert Rizzo, Bruce Sargeant, Lincoln Schwartz, Bernadette Schimansky, Marie Sharkey, Evelyn Struss, Theresa and Larry Sweener, Brenda Trainor, Mary Volpi, Erich Wagner

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: Jack Calderwood, Betty Chuldzinski, June Baumli, John & Dan Blake, Joan & Raymond Briggs, Carol Clements, Fran Church, Alice & Theresa Counsell, John & Leila Del Cogliano, Joan Darcy, Jeanne Demick, Harry Downey Jr., Ethel Downey-Frost, Bob Dwyer, Emerson "Russ" Gardner, Margaret Geibel, Bob & Mary Gorman, Ralph Hermann, Shirley Jacobsen William & Natalie Huggins, Larry Hagan, Todd & Tracy Hagan, Thomas Laier, Morgan Lawless, Flora Lowe, Ethel Memole, Bob Mittnight, Helen and John Mullaly, Melissa Murray, Muro Family, Peter Nichols, Madonna O'Brien, Carol Roman, Donny Russo, Mary Tomchick, Joey Slaver, Leavenworth, Wagstaff and Ravizza Families, Ida Mohos Wiese, Frank Zwack, Sr

For Your INFORMATION...


SAVE THE DATE

3/18 Knights of Columbus Meeting
 3/19 Finance Meeting
 3/21 & 03/22 Blood Pressure Clinic
 3/27 Stations of the Cross, 11:30 am, ICC church, lunch to follow
 4/04 Easter Egg Hunt more info to follow
 4/05 Palm Sunday
 4/09 Holy Thursday
 4/10 Good Friday
 4/12 Easter Sunday

March Collection Schedule

03/15	Regular Collection
03/22	Regular Collection Catholic Relief Collection
03/29	Regular Collection

Easter Flower Envelopes

 For the memory of deceased loved ones envelopes are available at the back of the Churches. They can be dropped in the collection basket

OPERATION RICE BOWL

This Lent our Parish will participate in a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds will help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in our Diocese and around the world. Please be sure to pick up a rice bowl at the back of the church.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The next weekends are March 27-29, 2020 in Albany, New York and July 10-12 in East Windsor, Ct. For more information, call Pat and Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

REGISTERED NURSES NEEDED

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet's Provincial House is in need Nurses for their Faith-based nursing team. Interested individuals can submit their resume via e-mail at hr@csjalbany.org or reaching out to Tracy Needham, director of human resources at 518-783-3683

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. The three readings

address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today's passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World.

The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?" In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behavior. As the man had been born blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man's affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God.

Although the man's physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule, and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

2nd ANNUAL HARD AS NAILS PASSION

CONFERENCE: Saturday, April 25, 2020 at The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, Auriesville from 9AM until 5 PM. Doors open at 8:30 AM. The conference features preaching by Justin Fatica and others, personal testimonies, audience interaction, storytelling music Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger of Albany, small groups and prayer. Ticket prices \$45 per person-\$35 each for groups of 15+ <https://hn-passion-conference-2020.eventbrite.com>

Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

3/24	7:00pm	ICC
3/25	7:00pm	St. Henry's, Averill Park
3/26	7:00pm	St. Mary's

Palm Sunday

4/5	8:30am	ICC
4/5	10:00am	St. Mary's

Lord's Supper

4/9	7:00pm	ICC – Father Bourgeois
4/9	7:00pm	St. Mary's Father John

Good Friday Schedule

4/10	7:00pm	St. Mary's Father John
4/10	7:00pm	St. Joseph's Deacon Quinn

Easter Vigil Mass Schedule

04/11	7:00pm	ICC Father Close
04/11	7:00pm	St. Mary's Father Bourgeois

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule

04/12	8:30am	St. Joseph's
04/12	10:00am	St. Mary's
04/12	12pm	ICC

Keeping Identities of Seniors Safe

We have another KISS program at the New Lebanon Town Hall from March 16th, through March 27th, 2020. It is a free shredding program open to seniors in Columbia County sponsored by Holly Tanner, the Columbia County Clerk. You can bring documents for safe and secure shredding to the town hall on Mon, Wed, Thur. and Fri from 9-5. Please be sure to come into the Town Clerk's office to sign a form authorizing the shredding of your documents.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Tuesday March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, the day we honor the man who brought Christianity to Ireland. (Legend says that he drove the "snakes" out of the country). In the "auld sod" March 17th is a Holy Day and National Holiday. Although emphasis is placed on attendance at church there is nonetheless a parade in Dublin and the pubs are crowded with revelers. In the US, because of the large number of immigrants who flooded our shores following the Potato Famine and beyond we celebrate St. Patrick's Day by honoring the Irish culture. It was the physical strength of the Irish who contributed to the building of our railroads, many buildings in NYC, and the Brooklyn Bridge. The Irish were the backbone of the Police Force and Fire Departments in the late 1800's to early 1900's. So, whether you are of Irish ancestry or not tip your hat to the Irish and the contributions they made to our country. **Written by Linda Walsh in 2017**