

# The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Welcome to our parish! As a Church Family, we will use the wisdom of the past to shape our thoughts, words and actions, to bring the love of Christ to the world.” (ICC Mission Statement)

**Online Opportunities in this newsletter!** Click on the words in blue! You can also find this newsletter on our website [iccgroene.com](http://iccgroene.com). From there, click on weekly bulletins. Scroll down to find the bulletin or flier you want to see, then click the words in blue to access the extra news and articles.  
To watch our Sunday Mass via livestream [click here](#) for our Youtube channel.

**Confessions are held before or after weekend Masses.**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday Mass- 10:00 AM**

To read the readings below on the USCCB website [click here](#)

**First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24*

The Lord’s mercy endures forever.

**Second Reading**

*1 John 5:1-6*

Those who love God keep his commandments.

**Gospel Reading**

*John 20:19-31*


Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.



**The Saturday Mass Intention** is for Joan Trepa requested by the Deacon Community of the Diocese of Syracuse.

**The Sunday Mass intention** is for Janet Baird requested by Bev Doughty and Sally Dailey requested by Michael Dailey.

(Per the Diocese request, we now ask for \$15 per Mass Intention to help Father with his gas and car upkeep.)

 **“Lord, hear our prayer”** ~ The ICC Prayer Chain requests your prayers for the following people: Marianne Hardy, Mia Murray, Jebediah Trepa, Kristin and Justin and their family, Dilon Dickerson, Felix, Vinny and Frank Lamanna and family, and Selena Wanjiku Wangui, our sponsored friend from Kenya.

*Reminder: If you requested prayers for someone and it has been over 2 weeks, please call Ruth Coppola, Pam McLaren or the church office if you would like them to remain as recipients of our prayer chain. Thank you~*

**Liturgy Team Schedule:**

	April 6, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass	April 7, 2024 10:00 AM Divine Mercy Sunday Mass	April 13, 2024 4:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass	April 14, 2024 10:00 AM Sunday Mass
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lori Edwards & Janet Taylor	Margaret Hanrahan	Sue Carlin	Peggy Stanton and Barb Coleman
<b>Lector</b>	Bunny Delaney	Rebecca Banas	Bunny Delaney	Donna Heisler
<b>E.M.</b>	Sue Carlin	Kelly Erickson and Joanna Tompkins	Terri Scalici	Paul King and Bev Doughty
<b>Altar</b>		Easton Dopp and Adult Server		Keaton Browning and new server
<b>Counters</b>		Jim Norton and Don Brown		Bonnie Norton and Eileen Browning

\* LITURGY TEAM MEMBERS THAT GET SUBS FOR DAYS AWAY SHOULD MARK THE INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULE IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU!



Please consider donating to the work of our parish using online giving. [Click here](#) for a direct link to WeShare, our safe online giving platform. It will take you to an option for a one time or a recurring donation.



The ICC Volunteer Thank You Luncheon will be immediately after the Sunday Mass on April 28! All volunteers at our parish are invited! Please make sure you are signed up to attend, so we can let the caterer know the right amount of food to prepare. This will be a fun gathering for our parish family!



**SUNDAY CONNECTION - A Bible Study on this week's Gospel Reading-** By Loyola Press.com

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others. Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

**Parish Council Nominations** will be taken at both Masses April 21 and 28. New members will begin at the May meeting and will serve for 2 years. This council meets 4x per year to discuss the pastoral life of the church. (May, August, November and February) We offer zoom participation for those that cannot make it to these in person meetings. Each meeting lasts 1 hour and is focused on cooperation and thoughtful discussions about the life of our parish. Start thinking of who you could nominate to represent you!



**The Bible Timeline Great Adventure Bible Study- Thursdays- 5:30-7:00 PM**

Dear friends,



I would like to thank the amazing volunteers and the staff at our parish for working together so well these past few weeks as we celebrated Holy Week and the Easter Weekend. You are the wheels that turn our Catholic Faith Community! We had uplifting music, meaningful liturgies, a delicious reception, fun times for fellowship and extended a warm welcome to family, friends and visitors. Chris and I are on a trip this weekend to visit our oldest daughter Anna who teaches music at a school in Singapore. This is definitely an adventure for us and a one-in-a-lifetime trip. We are away for two weekends. If you would like to sit in my chair in the choir and sing, or position yourself at the doors to welcome folks to Mass as my husband Chris enjoys, please do so! Everything will run as usual. Annie, Nancy and Winnie will provide music for our weekend Masses, Father Paul will be with us to celebrate the weekend Masses and Karen will be in the office on Wednesday mornings 9-11. If you should have an emergency please contact one of our Trustees Joe Henninge and Donna Heisler, or Karen in the church office. Bonnie Norton will take charge of any funeral planning needed. We wish you well and look forward to seeing you when we return. Peace my friends, Mary Wentlent



**Final Youth Mass Sunday April 21** - All children and youth in grades k-7 plus our Confirmation Students in grades 8-10 will be participating in the last youth Mass on Sunday April 21. Seminarian Cornelius Deep will assist Father Paul this day with a special message for our parish family. Following the Mass we will have a coffee hour in the social hall, and our Confirmation students will begin their Confirmation Retreat.

**Bread Sunda/First Communion-** May 5. Please keep our First Communion Children in your prayers: Ava Dunlap, Stella Gilbeau and Lucas Weiss.



**The Confirmation Mass for Our Second Year Confirmation Students** will take place in Norwich at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Thursday May 23. Please keep these High School Church Members in your prayers: Johanna Trepa, Macie Browning, Arie King and Giuseppie Sferrazza.



**Cards and Conversation-** Tuesday April 30 from 10:30-12:00. Join us for a fun game of "Golf". All are welcome!



**Garden Planning at ICC- Monday April 22, 2024 at 5:30 PM**

Do you enjoy working in the garden, trimming bushes, planting and flowers? We will meet on Wednesday morning at 10 AM to plan the care of the historic Mary Garden, the small garden by the Unborn Child Statue, the gardens near the outside Stations Walking Path, the garden around the Statue of Mary in the front circle, the new raised vegetable beds, as well as the care of the bushes in front of the church. We will not be getting our hands dirty on this day, but we will do a walk-about to see the spring growth. If you cannot join us on this date but would still like to help in some way, please contact Mary at 607-644-3883 or email [mwentlent@syrdio.org](mailto:mwentlent@syrdio.org).



*Easter Weekend at  
Our church!*





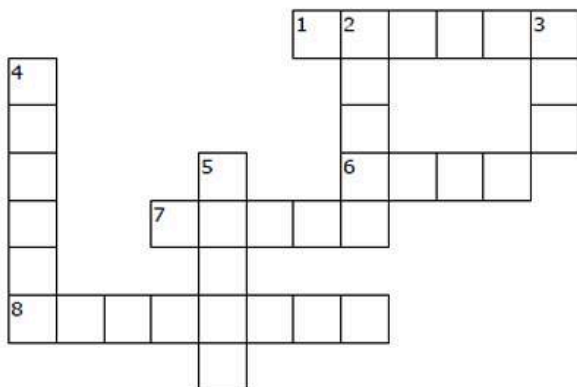
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## Seeing Is Believing

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 20:19-31.



### ACROSS

- The disciple who would not believe without seeing
- An entrance into a building or room
- A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
- Unwilling to believe that something is true

### DOWN

- The body parts at the end of the arms
- To observe with your eyes
- Not open
- To believe in something for which there is no proof

FAITH	THOMAS	CLOSED	NAILS
HANDS	SEE	DOUBTING	DOOR

## ICC Summer day trip to the Sight and Sound Theater.

### "Daniel"

ICC presents a summer excursion to the Sight and Sound Theatre! Wednesday August 7, 2024 Parish members are invited to reserve their spot on the bus for this trip by signing up in the church vestibule. This Christian theater in Lancaster PA produces inspirational musicals with biblical themes from Moses to Jonah & Noah. New this year is the story of Daniel. "Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, Daniel is a spectacular Theatrical experience for the whole family. With live animals and spectacular costumes and singing, we will witness one of the Bible's hope filled stories as it comes to life in this brand new original stage production from the Sight and Sound Theatres. The cost per person is \$75. This covers the bus, show and buffet lunch.



### Religious Education Parent Meeting ~Sunday April 21

**following the Youth Mass** All parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to a special parent meeting to wrap up our educational year for Grades K-7. We will be presenting a new program that will be offered for 2024/2025. We have a new format that will support the busy lives of families today. We are designing a unique program that listens to our families needs, supports them along their parenting journey, and offers them engaging opportunities to share their faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings. If you are new, please join us! We will gather in the social hall at the coffee hour. **The ICC Confirmation Program** - We plan to continue this 2-year program for Grades 9-10 that meets several times each month for in person classes, meaningful conversations and service projects, with teachers Chris Wentlent and Sue Carlin. Registration for all classes will take place in August 2024.

### Volunteer Opportunity at ICC

**Greene-** Our church volunteers at the local Greene Area Churches Food Pantry during the month of May. The hours they are open are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-12:00 and every other Saturday from 10-12:00 PM. If you would like to help at the Food Pantry on one of the dates needed in May, please contact Joanna Tompkins at [jtompkins@syradio.org](mailto:jtompkins@syradio.org).

### **Celebration of Life for Fred Hadlick**

All are invited on Thursday April 25 to the American Legion from 3:30-7:30 to celebrate the life of Fred Hadlick. Fred was a faithful member of our church, with his welcoming smile and handshake, and he will be greatly missed. Fred passed into the loving arms of Jesus on March 14 after a 24 year battle with multiple cancers and their side effects. Fred is survived by his wife of 43 years, Elana. The American Legion is located at 363 West Service Road in Binghamton, NY.



### **Easter Outreach!**

Many thanks to Bonnie Norton and Jean Stevens for visiting some of our senior church members during Holy Week. They were able to stay for a short visit and bring them a gift from our church family. These included palm crosses made from some of the palms that were blessed by Father Paul on Palm Sunday. They also included a “quilt square with a pocket cross” made by parish member Cheryl Sergi and a beautiful prayer card. If you know of a senior church member that doesn’t get out but would like to be remembered throughout the year with a short visit, card in the mail or phone call please call the church office and let us know. We can also mail them the weekly newsletter for a friendly hello in their mailbox. The church office phone is 607-656-9546. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

*“Alleluia! Love is Alive!  
Conquered the Grave and Defeated the Night!  
Alleluia! Love is Alive!  
The Son has Arisen for All!  
Your People Sing Alleluia!”*

[Click here to hear](#) the composers sing this vibrant contemporary Easter song!



# He is Risen