

From the Pastor:

Back in November 1967, "**All You Need Is Love**" was included on the American LP version of **Magical Mystery Tour** by the **Beatles**. It's just another one of their hits that will live on for a long, long time. This song mirrors the teaching of Jesus today from the Gospel of St. John where Jesus tells us: ***This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.*** This commandment is not always easy and may require us to swallow our pride, ask forgiveness, and offer forgiveness. Jesus invites us to live a life of joy and peace, secure in the love of our Father and Creator. He wishes for us to remain in his love and delight in his friendship. We are chosen to live abundant lives as friends of Jesus our Savior. Learning to love as Jesus loved is the task of a lifetime. There is a priest I know who married hundreds of couples during his life as a parish priest. In his wedding homily he would always say: ***"I beg you, I beg you, I beg you, every day and every night of your life, get down on your knees and ask the Lord to teach you how to love!"*** No matter our vocation, no matter our state in life, this should be our constant prayer. I think the Beatles were on to something!



Today is Mother's Day. So many of us learned about love at the hands our mothers and grandmothers. Our Lady of Grace sold carnations to benefit Birthright of Ballston Spa. The IC Bethlehem Ministry, under the leadership of Vivian Swank, is collecting gift cards from local stores to benefit Birthright. Let us remember to honor and remember all the women of our lives.

We celebrated **First Reconciliation** for the children of Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's on May 1. I am grateful to Roberta Quinn and all of her catechists who brought us to this moment. **First Eucharist** was celebrated this Saturday, May 8, for the children of Immaculate Conception. Again, I extend my thanks to Madeline Fretto and Michele DeLorenzo who are at the heart of the program, along with catechists Rachel Winters, Mau Piel, and Amy Moore. What beautiful moments in the sacramental life of our families and the Church!

Over these past few months, Our Lady of Grace, St. Joseph's, and Immaculate Conception have been blessed with the presence of **Fr. Joe O'Brien**, who has assisted with weekend masses and weekday mass at IC. It is time to wish him goodbye and to show our gratitude for being an integral part of our communities. He will soon be assigned another parish of his own and we send him off with every blessing and prayer! Thank you, Fr Joe!

We have the final **Rice Bowl** tally from Our Lady of Grace parish. Their collection amounted to **\$123.13**. Thank you to all who made Lenten sacrifices to help serve others.

This week we celebrate the **Ascension** of Our Lord into heaven. Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception on Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Thursday at 9 am. Sign up through the IC website www.icglenville.com or call the parish office (518-399-9168) by end of day Monday, May 10.

Until next week, be well, do good deeds, and say your prayers.

Fr. Jerry

OUR PRAYER: Loving God, be present to us and grant us wisdom, so that we, who may feel anxious about change, might trust in Your love and rest in the Changelessness that is You.