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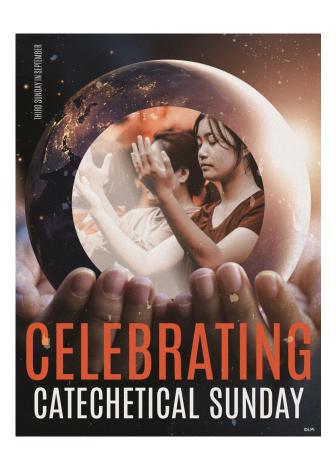


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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021



Our Vision: To love, respect, and cherish the diversity that is in our midst.

Our Mission: Together we create a community where we can both receive and share God's mercy.

2021 MORNING OF SERVICE: OUR CHURCH FAMILY SERVING TOGETHER

Representatives will be available to answer questions about this project after mass next Sunday, Sept. 26 at St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace.

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm at IC

Sunday 9 am at IC

9 am at SJ

10:30 am at OLG

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 9 am at IC

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4 pm at IC Sunday after the 10:30 liturgy at OLG Sunday at 8:15 am at SJ

or by appointment

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Mass Intentions Sept. 18-26

Masses at St. Joseph's

SUN 9:00 am September 19	+Marian Lirosi <i>- family</i> +Claudia Lull-Barber <i>- Mom & Dad</i> +Mary Lou Gilgallon <i>- Patty Johnson</i>
SUN 9:00 am September 26	+Sue Mitsch - Patty Johnson +Mary Lou Gilgallon - Tim & Sue Caldwell +William Busino - Tom & Linda Neals
Masses at Our Lady of Grace	
SUN 10:30 am September 19	+David Miranda - Frances Cappiello +Joe & +Helen Mae Kula - daughters and families
SUN 10:30 am September 26	+Deceased members of the parish Intentions of the OLG community



We pray for those who have died, especially
+Marion Gilmore, aunt of Nick Bomba;
+Charles Kana; and
+Tom Smith.

Now absent from the body; they are present with the Lord.

Remember in your prayers all who are sick or suffering in any way as well as all in hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. We pray for men and women in our armed forces, along with first responders and health care workers during this difficult time. We remember especially:

Inge, Darius, Aaron, Paula Bordeaux, Cathy Higgins, Bryan King, Ronald Kibbey, Pat, Sue, Emma, Paul L, Harold Keefner, Angie Fountain, Dylan Bazow, Jay Caffrey & daughter Meg, Doug D, Melinda C, Deb, Chris, Nicole, Ingrid, Joe Cicarelli, KC, CM, John, BC, Debbie, Pauline, LC, RC, Jennifer, Walter Causey, Patrick & Dianne DiCesare, the Gannon family, Cameron, Margerita Ndreka, Andrew W, Don Winslow, Zachary, Stuart Staude, Tracy, Bob, Adeila, Mary, Helen, Edward, Jeanne, Linda Van Antwerp, Tom, Christian B, Brian Troiano, Erin Hecker, Darlene Polsinelli, Lisa Bovino, Jeffrey, Carolyn R, Anna, James, Kathleen Brown, Owen, Connie Janack, Michael and his wife and family, Karen Rhodes, Susan Kopchik, Valerie Saenger, Douglas McKee, Joe Barnick, Tina Masterson, JoAnn Masterson, Barbara Mlodzianowski.

Names remain for two months; call the parish office for additions

Masses at Immaculate Conception

SAT 5:00 pm September 18

+John Ahearn - wife, Ceil

+Elvira Neumann - Manny & Barbara Salorio

+Lorraine Jankowy - Bob & Val Kerker

+Juliette Gingras - a friend +Bill Vullo - Norma Angelino

+Peter Cole - Pat & Arleen DiCaprio

+Rose Marie Welsh - Paul Welsh

SUN 9:00 am September 19 +Helen Smrstik - family

+Gabe Vertucci, +Jean Gabriluk, +Chester & Mary Ryba

- Theresa & Jim Markowicz

+Clem LaBrie - a friend +Michael Fazio - Szala family +George Baldwin - Al & Joanne

+Ed Grega - wife, Ann

+Bill Petersen - Rudy & Carole Capparella +Bill Vullo - Mary & Walt Crawford

+Stephanie Smith - Rudy & Carole Capparella

+Shelia Schultz - Month's Mind

MON 9:00 am September 20

+Regina Trzaska - Fran Szpylczyn

+Agnes Halabuda - Maryann & Roger Haskell

+Lydia Luhs - Lucille Dintrone

Intentions of Inge Peyron - Blanche & Michael Payne

TUES 9:00 am September 21 +Jim Vincent - Ann & Marie Sliva +Mark Bouchard - Sara Hamilton

+Peter Cole - Sandy & Christine Heitkamp

WED 9:00 am September 22 +Bill Vullo - Angie Fountain

+Marianne Koslowski - Fran Szpylczyn +Shelia Schultz - Harriet Howard

THUR, September 23 FRI, September 24 No mass No mass

SAT 5:00 pm September 25 +Bill Vullo - Manny & Barbara Salorio

+Mark Bouchard - Paul & Carol Heckman +David Joseph Tolan - Mel & Diana Byron +Veronica Ferris - Jackie Lochner

+Filomena Welsh - Paul Welsh

SUN 9:00 am September 26 +Helen Smrstik - family +Frank Bosher - family

+Theresa &+Ralph Vitolo - Pat & Arleen

+Mary & +Earl Carpenter - Ron & Mary Ann Johnson

+Stanley Lewinski - family
+Bill Vullo - Barbara Brown

+Norman Bartz - Eloise & Cheryl











All are welcome—bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

Blessing of Animals Sunday, October 3
All animals, big and small, alive or stuffed, can receive this annual blessing in honor of St. Francis, the lover of animals!

Donations of dog food and cat food for the Animal Protection Foundation will be greatly appreciated! Join us in the IC church parking lot at 1:00 pm.

St. Joseph Happenings

The **Social Concerns Committee** is collecting personal hygiene items for guests of Bethesda House in Schenectady this month as these items are not covered by Food Stamps. Pick up a bag from the box in Holy Family Hall, fill it, and return it by September 26. Thank you!

The next order for **Hannaford gift cards & reloads** is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 21. Contact Deb Griffith (518-810-8911) by Monday, Sept. 20 to have your gift card reloaded or to inquire about participating in this ongoing fundraiser for St. Joseph's. Participation makes you eligible for a quarterly \$25 Hannaford gift card.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our School Supply Collection. City Mission, SiCM and Scotia Food Pantry are extremely grateful for all the supplies. There is a complete list of what was collected on the bulletin board in Holy Family Hall.

St. Joseph's is once again selling passes for the annual **Boscov's** *"Friends Helping Friends"* shopping day, held in-store only on Wednesday, October 20. The \$5 shopping pass is available to purchase at the Parish Office as well as before & after mass on Sunday. This pass entitles you to a 25% discount on most items. St. Joseph's receives 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the passes. Questions? Contact Deb Griffith (518-810-8911).

We are still collecting handmade or store bought scarves, mittens, and hats for the homeless. Drop off your donations in the bin in Holy Family Hall. Thank you to all who have donated; the winters can be cold and keeping people warm is important. The Social Concerns Committee

The Social Concerns Committee will be having a "Mission of the Month" throughout next year, highlighting organizations and our plan to aid them. The flyer in today's bulletin gives a brief idea of those collections. It is our hope that this will give everyone a chance to prepare ahead and take advantage of store sales as they appear. We thank you for your generosity.

The SJ September Pastoral Council meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 21 at 7 pm** in the library of the Parish Center.

The Sanctuary Candle is lit in remembrance of +Paul and +Grace Ann Russman, at the request of their daughter, Patty.



EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS 518-399-9210

Christine Goss, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis christinegoss@icglenville.com

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. Parishes across the nation are praying for and blessing those who have stepped forward to volunteer as catechists to share the faith. We know that not everyone feels the call to serve as a catechist – but we do want EVERYONE in our PARISHES to be a part of our Faith Formation and Youth Ministries Catechetical team! How? We are inviting parishioners to be matched as prayer intercessors – to pray throughout the year – for a specific catechist and participants. If you are interested in participating, please email Christine Goss. We have about 45 catechists so we need at least that many prayer warriors to pray for us!

Did you miss enrollment? No worries! Contact our office to discuss available options. Evangelization and Catechesis Office Hours are Monday—Friday from 8:30 am—4 pm. We will also be available this Sunday, September 19 from 10 am—noon.

Faith Formation Gathered Sessions Options

Sundays 10:15–11:30 am (Grades Pre-K/K–5) Mondays 4:00–5:15 pm (Grades 1–5) Tuesdays 6:00–7:15 pm (Grades 1–5)

Faith Formation Kick-Off and Backpack Blessing ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please join us for 9 am Mass at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 26 for the kick-off to our Faith Formation year! Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to Mass for a blessing as we start a new school year! All children will receive a little surprise after Mass! We hope to see you there!

Youth Ministries Mini-Courses - Be sure to check the YM page of the IC website for the most current information about mini-course availability. Several topics (especially on Sundays) are full. We understand that scheduling can be complicated in the lives of adolescents; contact our office if the available options are not possible for your family's schedule.

Confirmation Preparation will be held on Monday evenings Candidate/Parent Informational Session – Monday, October 4 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. All candidates are expected to attend with a parent to go over important information about the year.

Prayer Intercessors Wanted - to be matched with our catechists to pray for them throughout the year. Contact our office.

You are invited to join in the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign – forty days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, September 22–October 31. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street, Sch'dy, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Go to www.4odaysforlife.com/schenectady, for daily meditations, blog posts and more. If you would like to volunteer to help or need more info, contact: Sarah at sch4odays@gmail.com. Events are listed here:

Saturday, October 9 at Noon -*Fr. Nathaniel Resila*, from Our Lady of Victory in Troy, will lead a **Jericho March** around Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schdy!

Mondays 9-10 am: Pro Life Rosary

Tuesdays 12-1 pm: Hour of praise, thanksgiving and supplication

Wednesdays 3-3:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet Fridays 5 pm: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow

Sunday, Sep 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Let the Good News resound

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love.

READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."

Monday, Sep 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS Sound the depths of your faith

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you.

READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."

Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST Let peace begin with me

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "are at the heart of Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to.

READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Wednesday, Sep 22, 2021

Share the wealth

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did.

READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). "He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Thursday, Sep 23, 2021

MEMORIÁL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST Be an everyday mystic

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you.

READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). "Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"

Friday, Sep 24, 2021

Grounded in a sense of belonging

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si':* "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways?

READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). "In this place I will give you peace."

Saturday, Sep 25, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Ripe with possibilities

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time!

READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). "Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."

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2021 MORNING OF SERVICE: OUR CHURCH FAMILY SERVING TOGETHER November 6 - Sign-up now!

Project lists are available on the IC parish website.

To sign up, go to https://www.ic-glenville.com and click on "2021 Morning of Service."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne Behr at 518-495-5644 or Marge Rizzo at 518-248-0979.

CHICKEN BBQ - Glenville Knights of Columbus will hold a drive-thru chicken barbecue at the Church of The Immaculate Conception on Friday September 24, from 4 to 7 pm or until sold out. \$15 for half chicken, baked potato, slaw & roll. No Advance Sales. CURB SIDE order/pickup. Proceeds go to local charities & food banks. For information, call 518-884-0597.

From the Pastor:

Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Someone (I wish I could remember who) once said, "faith should be caught and not just taught." This witnessing, and "catching" if you will, happens not only in the church, but primarily at home.

As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, it is important to take a moment to distinguish between *catechesis* and *religious education*. Perhaps we can all take a moment to consider this matter. Catechesis is the work of preparing a person for a full and sincere confession of faith in Jesus Christ. Religious education, refers to the more general instruction in our religious tradition and practice. It is the difference between *knowing* Jesus Christ, and *knowing about* him. A subtle difference, but an important one.

While religious education is a process most frequently associated with children and youth, *catechesis applies to people of all ages*, and significantly involves adults and adult discernment. We see this in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). If you or someone you know wants to become Catholic or finish their sacraments, this is the time for interactive inquiry.

The **Evangelization and Catechesis** team held registration on September 12 and 13. They were happy to greet families old and new as they registered for classes. If you did not get here, simply contact the Evangelization and Catechesis office to get started! Also, as our newly combined Faith Formation and Youth Ministries programs welcome the children and youth from all three parishes to come together to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus, how wonderful it would be for adult volunteers from all three communities to be visibly involved. Today you will see those whose vocation it is to serve as catechist as they are called forth to be commissioned for their ministry during mass today. Please pray for them and consider joining them! We stillneed of additional catechists.

We had our first week with the new schedule, and there was a noticeable increase attendance at the 5 pm Saturday Vigil mass at Immaculate Conception. Many of those present offered feedback on our **new bulletin format**, with many nice things said! Thank you all, and a thank you to Kathy Friscic for coordinating with Lisa Hall at St. Joseph's and Donna Mayer at Our Lady of Grace in order to publish our first communal bulletin!

Church vessels, vestments and all things related to liturgy should be of the finest quality because, "The vestments worn by ministers symbolize the ministers' functions and add to the beauty of the rite." (From the US Catholic Bishops document, "Built With Living Stones.") Over the years, when I felt it was necessary to improve liturgical items, such as chalices, vestments, Holy Oil containers, altar linens, and anything associated with the liturgy, I always invited the parishioners who might like to donate a specific item in honor of or in memory of someone. Oftentimes there would be multiple donors for the item or items. I would like to enhance the vestments at St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace, at the same time, I do not want to burden the parish finances. If you have questions or are interested in helping to procure any of these items, please contact me. Thank you!

Since last October, our parish Trustees have given so much of their time forming a new model of parish life for our three communities. I extend a great thank you to John Lorenc, Polly Van Nostrand, Tom Neals, Carol Reynolds, Maryann Haskell, and Frank Zilinskas, for their generous gifts of time and talent. I am especially indebted to John Lorenc from OLG as he extended his term in order to offer his knowledge and support of the community. John has offered his resignation as Trustee, effective, the first day of Advent, the Church New Year, on November 28. We will be looking for a new Trustee for OLG. If you would like to suggest a male member of the community, as parish trustees are typically one male and one female, or would be interested in the ministry yourself, please let me know.

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.

OUR LADY OF GRACE HAPPENINGS

Our Lady of Grace has a VERY special anniversary next year! The parish will be celebrating 100 years of service to the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake community! We are looking for four parishioners who would be excited to plan a Centennial Celebration. If you would like to be part of this committee, contact Steve Zarelli at: stevezarelli@gmail.com.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser is being held Wednesday, October 20 from 8 am-11 pm at the Clifton Park store. \$5 shopping passes will be available at OLG every Sunday. Pass entitles you to 25% off the lowest sale prices and entitles you to register for a \$100 gift card drawing. OLG keeps 100% of the \$5 pass proceeds. Contact Joyce Martucci at 518-312-2291 for inquiries.

Volunteers are still welcome for the DeCluttering Project. Leave your name and number on the office phone: 518-399-5713.

Regional Food Bank Volunteers are Needed on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 5-6:30 pm. To volunteer, call Mary Salm, 518-882-9313.

From Our Lady of Grace's Music Ministry: There will be no rehearsals scheduled for our Liturgical Ensemble and Choirs until further notice. Cantors are asked to attend the five Cantor workshops scheduled throughout the 2021-22 school year. Watch the bulletin for details about future rehearsals for our Liturgical Ensemble and for the Adult and Youth Choirs. For more information and questions about our music ministry, email Patty Neumann: lvmusik@nycap.rr.com.

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Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings, by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted us.

Stewardship Report for September 6-12

OLG: Offertory collections will be reported next week.

IC: The collection for parish operation amounted to **\$11,687** and for renovations **\$359.** An additional **\$525** was collected for Haiti.

SJ: Parish income amounted to **\$3,591**. An additional **\$190** was collected for Relief for Haiti.

NOTE: The parish recorded on your donation envelope will receive that donation, regardless of where you are attending mass. Mark your envelope accordingly!

Next week's second collection is for **Catholic University of America.** Please give generously. For more information go to *collection.catholic.edu*.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

We welcome visitors to our community with great joy!

All Catholics who regularly worship at our churches, as well as those living in the greater Scotia/Glenville/Ballston Lake area, are invited to become a part of our parish communities.

To register, contact the parish office by phone or email. Or drop in!

Our churches are equipped with audio devices for the hearing impaired and are handicapped accessible. Please see the ushers for assistance.

The Sacraments

Reconciliation The opportunity for Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4-4:30 pm at IC, after the 10:30 am Sunday mass at OLG, and at 8:15 am on Sundays at SJ. The Sacrament is also available by appointment.

Baptism The celebration of Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation which begins our journey of following Christ. Infant baptisms take place throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent. Baptism for children and adults is arranged as needed. For information, contact the parish office.

Confirmation Those wishing to be included in the annual parish celebration of Confirmation are asked to call Christine Goss at 518-399-9210.

Marriage A registered parishioner who wishes to celebrate their marriage in the church is asked to contact the parish office to begin sacramental preparation at least six months prior to the anticipated date and before any other arrangements have been finalized.

Anointing of the Sick The Sacrament of the Sick is available for those who are ill or infirm. Parishioners planning to enter the hospital are encouraged to receive this sacrament prior to admission by calling the parish office. The hospital cannot inform us of admissions.

Holy Orders Men interested in the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, and those men and women interested in Religious Life or Lay Ministry are encouraged to contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 518-312-9297 or www.albanyvocations.org.

Mass Streaming ...

All masses at IC are live-streamed. Visit the IC website and click on the Facebook live mass image.

St. Joseph's live streams **9 am mass** on Sunday mornings.

The link to connect with the live stream is:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4w9XGcHR8DA

In light of current Covid 19 concerns, we require that masks be worn in all buildings on the campus at Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's and in the IC Parish Center. Masks are recommended in the church building at IC.