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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

RESPECT SELIFE SUNDAY

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.

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.

October 3, 2021



St. Francis welcomes all creatures, great and small, to come and be blessed this Sunday at 1 pm in the IC parking lot.

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 October 2-10

Masses at St. Joseph's

SUN 9:00 am +Tom Gatta - family October 3 +Jenae Marie Aragosa - Joseph & Lori Lαpi +Norman Petricca - Rick & Margie Giaminelli +Angelina Servidone - Perina Guzzo & family SUN 9:00 am +Grant Dennin - Patty Johnson October 10 +Norman Petricca - Mary Joyce & Bob Dieterich ++George Gatta, Jr - family Masses at Our Lady of Grace SUN 10:30 am +Catherine Fischer - Mary Jean & Neary October 3 +William Maglione - Susan & Tom Collins SUN 10:30 am +Anita O'Brien - Mary Jean & Ed Neary October 10 +Raymond Stanton - Frances Cappiello



We pray for those who have died, especially
+Ed Kremzler, father of Christopher (Juliana) Kremzler;
+Douglas McKee, husband of Rita McKee; and
+Donald Parry, husband of Carmel Parry.
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 at this time. We remember especially:

Jackie Lochner, David G, Stuart Staude, Meredyth Havasy, Richard & Judith Havasy, EC, CJ, AM, KA, MM, ES, SB, Inge, Darius, Aaron, 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, Joe Barnick, Connie Janack, Patrick & Dianne DiCesare, the Gannon family, Cameron, Tom, Christian B, Brian Troiano, Erin Hecker, Darlene Polsinelli, Lisa Bovino, Jeffrey, Carolyn R, Anna, James, Kathleen Brown, Owen, Michael and his wife and family, Karen Rhodes, Susan Kopchik, Valerie Saenger, 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 *October 2*

+Bill Vullo - Mel & Diana Byron +Peter Cole - Charles Hanna +David Tolan - Val & Bob Kerker +Mark Bouchard - Tom & Diane Bigos +Maryann Thouin - Catherine Tommarello

+Jerry Mossey - wife, Linda +Kasia Kiljanska - Beata Babiuch +Christina Burchhardt - Month's Mind

SUN 9:00 am October 3

+Helen Smrstik - family

+Charlotte Sauve (2nd Ann) - Ann Oligny

+Judith Pomato - husband

+Michael Fazio - Jeanne & George Corrigan +Eleanor McCarron - Marilyn Moynihan

+Peter Brock - Barb & Ed Durkin

MON 9:00 am October 4

+Frances Naccarato - family

+Peter Cole - St. Vincent de Paul Society +Stella DeWitt - Mark & Fran Szpylczyn

+Frank Jankowski - family

TUES 9:00 am October 5

+Henry Florkiewicz (1st Ann) - family +Laurie Dickinson - Chris & Donna Mott

+Douglas Walker - Ann Walker

WED 9:00 am October 6

+Shelia Schultz - Jim & Susan Schultz

+Arthur Monaco - family +Scott Walker - Ann Walker +Jean Manocchi - Month's Mind

No mass Thursday and Friday

SAT 5:00 pm *October 9*

+Dan Friscic - family

+Peter Cole - Mel & Diana Byron +Bill Vullo - Bob & Val Kerker +Mark Bouchard - Fran Szpylczyn

+Maryann Thouin - Catherine Tommarello

SUN 9:00 am *October 10*

+Helen Smrstik - family

+Stanley & Theresa Ostrowski - family +Paul Argay - Pat & Marv Schorr

+Gilda & +Charles Rizzo - family

+Shirley Zimmermann - Theresa Markiewicz +Ed Grega & +Sue Linderman - wife and mother

+Dorothy Lewinski - family Intentions of Barb & John Opar on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Jericho March 2021 Planned Parenthood in Schenectady Saturday, October 9 at Noon

Please join us for Praise and Worship while marching around Planned Parenthood. The march is approximately 5 miles. March with us or pray in front of Planned Parenthood. Participate the way God calls you. Fr. Nathaniel Resila will lead the Jericho March. We are looking for the Knights of Columbus Color Guard to lead us. We are looking for those to lead us in worship music. Contact Colleen Grabb at 518-930-8814 or mgrabb@nycap.rr.com if you are interested in helping.

40 Days for Life Campaign – forty days of *prayer and fasting* for an end to abortion, through Oct 31. Go to www.4odaysforlife.com/schenectady, for daily meditations, blog posts and more.

St. Joseph Happenings

Deacon Stephen will hold an **Altar Server training** after the 9 am mass on October 10 for all interested young people. You must have made your First Communion to be eligible. We encourage all who are interested in this important ministry to sign-up by calling the parish office at 518-346-2316.

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 Sundays. 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).

The Social Concerns Committee is collecting adult socks for Catholic Charities of Schenectady. Socks are one item that is often requested by the homeless and other clients. Place donations in the box in Holy Family Hall near the Social Concerns bulletin board. Thank you!

We are still collecting handmade or store bought scarves, mittens, and hats for the homeless in the bin in Holy Family Hall. Winters are cold and keeping people warm is important. The Social Concerns Committee

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School Golden Gallup will be held Friday, October 8! On this, the biggest fundraiser of its year; the entire student body will walk a 5K (3.1 miles) as a community. Students in attendance here achieve a 100% graduation rate and the class of 2020 received over \$7 million in scholarships! Please consider donating to a Catholic education. You may pick up a donation form in Holy Family Hall, donate at: https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/fCi2ih4xz, or contact Diana Beatty, ND-BG School Board & PTO member, at 518-368-5893.

The next order for Hannaford gift cards & reloads is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5. Contact Deb Griffith (518-810-8911) by Monday, Oct. 4 to have your gift card reloaded or to inquire about participating in this ongoing fundraiser for St. Joseph's. Congratulations to Pat Renaci, our quarterly winer of a bonus \$25 Hannaford Gift Card!

The Living Rosary - prayed by the parish families of St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Grace and Immaculate Conception Monday, October 25 at 7 pm

All are invited to attend this year's prayer service in the church at Immaculate Conception. If you would like to participate as a "living bead" and lead one of the rosary prayers, contact me as soon as possible, even if you participated in the past. A list of participating beads will be generated from all three parishes. Social distancing between beads will be maintained.

We will petition Our Lady to protect us, our diocese, our country, and the world. Bring your prayer requests written out and they will be collected and placed at the feet of Mary. Linda Levine at 518-399-6965 or BandL84@hotmail.com

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS 518-399-9210

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Office Hours: Mon–Fri from 8:30 am-4 pm or by appointment

Faith Formation Sessions begin the week of October 17. It would be most helpful to us, if families could complete enrollment no later than October 10. If you have guestions about availability, please give us a call.

Faith Formation Gathered Sessions Options

Note: some grades have reached capacity on some days 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)

Youth Ministries Mini-Courses begin Wed, 10/13 & Sun, 10/17 Check the YM page of the IC website for the current information. Several topics are full. We understand scheduling can be complicated in the lives of adolescents. So, contact our office if the available options are not possible for you.

Confirmation Preparation will be held on Monday evenings

★ Families should have received a complete calendar for the year; if you do not have it, please contact Caitie or Christine. IMPORTANT first gathering for Confirmation Candidates is an Informational Session on Monday, October 4 at 7 pm in the IC Parish Hall. All candidates are expected to attend with a parent to get important information. If you have not submitted your enrollment form, be sure to bring it with you to the meeting.

CATECHISTS NEEDED - We are still looking for a few catechists for the upcoming year. Do you love Jesus and your Catholic faith? Do you like children and teens and want to help them grow in relationship to God? If you answered "YES," then you are exactly who we are looking for! You don't have to have experience or be a teacher or have a theology degree! We will provide training and support you on your journey as a catechist.

Save the Date for Trunk or Treat!

We will host an afternoon of Trunk or Treat fun in the IC parking lot on Sunday, October 31 from 1-3 pm. Invite your friends, neighbors, classmates, teammates! All are welcome. For a successful event we need people who are willing to decorate their trunks and hand out goodies. Please reach out to Sarah at formation@icglenville.com or 518-399-9210, ext 241, for info.

"Let's Talk About It Now"

Join Kathleen A, Sanvidge, licensed funeral director and owner of Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home for a presentation about the advantages of taking charge of your final arrangements. Light snack included.

When: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6 pm

Where: Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, 475 Moe Rd, 12065 RSVP: Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home (518)-399-5022.



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

Sunday, Oct 3, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME To live the gospel of life

At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting, knows the simplicity of childhood and the complex politicized life of an adult. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us.

READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (140). "Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Monday, Oct 4, 2021 Memorial of Francis of Assisi For all creatures great and small

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Tuesday, Oct 5, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST Open your heart to those left behind

The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States—and soon became a Redemptorist priest. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them.

READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). "You are anxious and worried about many things."

Wednesday, Oct 6, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER Stand with those who hold the fire line

With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was reportedly saved from a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that seem stronger and more widespread by the year.

READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). "[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your

Thursday, Oct 7, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Count on the Rosary

Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?

READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). "How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Friday, Oct 8, 2021

God points toward hope

On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles.

READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). "But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."

Saturday, Oct 9, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR Keep your head about you!

Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a *cephalophore*, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the saint over the centuries struggled with the question, "Where do you put the halo? Over his head, or where his head used to be?" Though we smile, a nugget of truth comes through the legend. When we give all we have to God, our life is memorable and our story ends well

READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). "[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.' "

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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." Sign-up deadline is Nov. 1.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne Behr at 518-495-5644 or jeannebehr@gmail.com

Marge Rizzo at 518-248-0979 or jrizzo@nycap.rr.com.

or

From the Pastor:

"They are no longer two but one flesh; therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." This affirmation of the intent and sanctity of marriage is first set forth in the Book of Genesis, and it is then repeated by Jesus in today's Gospel from St. Mark. This may appear to be a beautiful but impossible ideal, but Jesus was not referring to the impossible. Rather, his teachings put before us a vision of what God's people can be with the help of God's grace. If we keep our hearts and minds focused on the Kingdom of God, we can go farther than we imagined.

At the same time, we need to be sensitive as we read this lesson from Jesus about marriage. While upholding the sanctity of marriage, we are to be merciful and sympathetic to the reality of divorce and to the devastating consequences for all involved. Like Jesus, we are to be supporters who listen, pray, console, and befriend the broken, the lonely, the immigrant and the alienated. It is not ours to judge or take sides or cast blame. To all and in all things, we are called to be companions on the journey - offering support, encouragement, and hope. Let us embrace this duty this week -and beyond.

We have received a generous gift from the Sliva family in memory of +Dan Sliva. +Dan was a faithful servant, longtime trustee, treasured adviser, and great friend to many of us at Immaculate and beyond. His memory is like a blessing that goes on forever, and we extend our gratitude to his wife Ann and daughter Marie, along with our ongoing prayers for his rest and their consolation.

Last year, in the midst of the pandemic the Bishop's Appeal was relaunched as the Diocesan Appeal. The diocese took over its handling and solicitation, and the parish no longer had to make up the difference during a shortfall. This year, changes have been made again and each or our three parishes will have an assessment to meet and fulfill. If it cannot be met, each parish will have to make up the shortfall. You will be receiving information soon. Thank you in advance for your generosity which keeps our parishes and the diocese alive!

I cannot be grateful enough for all of our advertising sponsors in the bulletin. Your ongoing support has been a gift and your support going forward continues to help our parishes. And we hope it helps your business! If you have a business or know someone who does, please consider an ad!

Sign-ups for Morning of Service projects are in progress on the IC website, along with descriptions of the projects. Contacts and deadlines are elsewhere in the bulletin. We hope many more will sign up to be a part of this special project.

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

Fr. Jerry

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.

This is Respect Life Sunday and Birthright will be conducting their **Baby Bottle**

Boomerang Fundraiser. Baby bottles will be distributed for you to take home and fill with coins, cash, or a check. Bring the bottle back to church next weekend and place it in the Birthright box. Your ongoing support of pregnant women in difficult situations is appreciated.

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 are 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.

Busy Hooks & Needles Ministry meets at 10 am Wednesdays at OLG. Creations made are sold at the holidays and proceeds go to Helping Hands Ministry at OLG. New members welcome! Contact Sandy Wedge can be reached via the OLG office.



A heartfelt "Thank-you" note from Stevens Elementary School was received by the OLG Helping Hands Committee for the donation of school supplies for the children.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HAPPENINGS

St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas drives. We need the following items: canned fruits, canned vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, canned or mashed potatoes, stuffing, paper towels and napkins, tea, coffee, and juice.

Book Club will meet Wednesday October 6 from 7-8:30 pm in the library. We will discuss The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Questions, contact Simone McGuinness 518-928-6954. New members are always welcome!

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 11 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday. There will be no morning mass.

The next edition of the **PARISH PIPELINE** will come out the weekend of October 16-17. Send in your news by October 7. The PIPELINE is one of way to keep parishioners informed of what is going on throughout the parish. Send your articles to jrizzo@nycap.rr.com. Attach your Word file or simply type out your information in an e-mail.

For inquiries, call Marge Rizzo at 518-399-8910.

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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 20-26

OLG: Offertory collections will be reported next week. **IC:** The collection for parish operation amounted to **\$11,255** and for renovations **\$549.** An additional **\$270** was collected for Haiti.

SJ: Parish income amounted to \$2,750.

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

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

We welcome visitors to our community with great joy!

All Catholics who regularly worship at our churches or are interested in doing so 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 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 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. Your friendly neighborhood garden center & gift store



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