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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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.

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 September 11-19

Masses at St. Joseph's

SUN 9:00 am September 12 +Bernard Mascarnahas - Juliana & Christopher Kremzier +Karen DeMarco - family +Maryann & Diamond Romano - Tina Grasso +Lillian Nichols - Tina Grasso +Antonio Lauria (5th Ann) - Remo & Isabella Schiavone

SUN 9:00 am September 19 +Marian Liroso - family +Claudia Lull-Barber - Mom & Dad +Mary Lou Gilgallon - Patty Johnson

Masses at Our Lady of Grace

SUN 10:30 am September 12 +Agnes Ward - Robert Ward & family +John & +Lillian Fleres - Frances Capiello

SUN 10:30 am September 19 +David Miranda - Frances Capiello +Joe & +Helen Mae Kula - daughters and families



We pray for those who have died, especially +Sandra Ann "Sandy" Bishop, wife of Robert Bishop; +Dr. William Busino, husband of Cheryl; +Susanne Gingras, wife of Daniel Gingras and sister-in-law of Fr. Jerry Gingras; +Jean Manocchi, wife of Ron Manocchi and mother of Rick (Patty) Manocchi; and +Norman Petricca.

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:

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, Brian Troiano, Erin Hecker, Darlene Polsinelli, Christian B, Lisa Bovino, Jeffrey, Carolyn R, Anna, James, Kathleen Brown, Michael and his wife and family, Karen Rhodes, Susan Kopchik, Valerie Saenger, Connie Janack, Owen, 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 11 +John Douglas - wife, Diane +James Patrick - Mom & Dad +Maryann Thouin - Fr. Hunter & Mary Agnes Dame +Thomas Robb - family +Bill Vullo - Kim Klementowski +Donald Vachon - Norma Angelino +Mark Bouchard - Albany Chapter of Magnificat +Eleanor McCarron - Fran Szpylczyn

SUN 9:00 am September 12 +Helen Smrstik - family +Frances Naccarato - family +Frank Winters, Sr. - Pat & Marv Schorr +H. Michael LaFlamme on his birthday - wife, Francine +Ed Grega & Sue Linderman - wife & mother +Charlie Brown - his wife +Wieslaw Prelewicz - family +Joan Cooper - Bond family

MON 9:00 am September 13 +Grace Van Denburgh - Holly & Joe DeBiase +Alexander Gattman - Fran Szpylczyn +Marianne Koslowski +James Heath IV - Month's Mind

TUES 9:00 am September 14 +Lorraine Jankowy - husband, John +Michael Fazio - Augusta family +Kayleigh Heinmiller

WED 9:00 am September 15 +Sue Linderman (13th Ann) - mother, Ann Grega +Daniel Kline, Sr. - family +Louis Marshall - Ronnie Quinn

THUR, September 16 No mass FRI, September 17 No mass

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 - Theresa & Jim Markowicz +Clem LaBrie - a friend +Michael Fazio - Szala family +Chester & Mary Ryba - Theresa & Jim Markowicz +Jean Gabriluk - Theresa & Jim Markowicz +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

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.

OLG Happenings

The OLG parish office will be closed this week. For immediate assistance, call the IC Office at 518-399-9168.

Bible Study group will start up on September 13 at 9 am. Call Diane Simpson at 518-399-9322 for inquiries.

Life Line Screening will be back at OLG on Friday, Sept. 17. Call 800-897-9177 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

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 starting next week. 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 if you have any questions.

A dumpster will be on-site from September 24–October 10. If you signed up to help with a **DeCluttering Project**, you will be contacted soon by John Lorenc regarding upcoming projects. Volunteers still welcome! Leave your name and number on the office phone: 518-399-5713.

Regional Food Bank Volunteers are Needed on Tuesday, September 28, from 5-6:30 pm. For information or to volunteer, call Mary Salm at 518-882-9313.

Music at OLG! Think about joining the choir, to help us celebrate the liturgy. *There's something for everyone!!*

YOUTH CHOIR: (Grades 6-12) We welcome all singers and instrumentalists! Rehearsals begin in October. **It's not a weekly commitment**, and is a special way to serve the OLG community! Email Patty Neumann: lvmusik@nycap.rr.com.

ADULT CHOIR/ENSEMBLE: (Grades 9-Adult) Rehearsals are Thursdays, beginning September 16 at 7 pm with the Ensemble joined by the Choir at 7:30 pm! All are welcome!

CANTOR WORKSHOP: (Grades 9-Adult) All interested parishioners and choir members are encouraged to consider cantoring as part of their ministry. Cantoring provides an opportunity to develop vocal skills and experience leadership through sung prayer. **The fall season workshop will be held Wednesday, September 15 from 7-8:30 pm.**

We are praying for all parishioners who have a love for singing God's praises, to say "yes" to participating in this special ministry.

"Let's Talk About It Now"

Join Kathleen A. Sanvidge, licensed funeral director and owner of Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home in Ballston Lake for a complimentary luncheon and informative presentation and about the advantages of taking charge of your final arrangements.

The event takes place Wednesday, September 15 at Immaculate Conception Parish Center with lunch from 11:30 am-12 pm and discussion from 12–1 pm.

RSVP Required: Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home (518)-399-5022.

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

518-399-9210

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

Enrollment for Faith Formation and Youth Ministries BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

We invite you to enroll your child(ren) in-person at the Parish Center at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, September 12 from 9 am–12 pm or on Monday, September 13 from 8 am–10 am and 6 pm–8 pm. Enrollment will continue during regular office hours and you may also enroll by mail (be sure to include 1st and 2nd choices for sessions).

Faith Formation Gathered Sessions

Sundays 10:15–11:30 am (Grades Pre-K/K–5)

Meet twice a month beginning October 17

Mondays 4–5:15 pm (Grades 1–5)

Meet twice a month beginning October 18

Tuesdays 6–7:15 pm (Grades 1–5)

Meet twice a month beginning October 19

Wednesdays 4–5:15 pm (Grades 1–5)

Meet twice a month beginning October 20

Note: The ability to offer all grades on all days will depend on enrollment numbers, family preferences and availability of volunteers.

Important dates/details for FF

- First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent Meeting will be held November 8 at 7 pm.
- Family Formation Evenings will be offered once a month on Sunday evenings beginning November 21.
- Monthly at-home family enrichment experiences will be provided each month beginning in October.
- **Youth Ministries Mini-Courses and Confirmation Preparation meeting dates were included in the informational mailing.**

Catechists Needed!

We are looking for elementary Faith Formation Catechists on Mondays and for Mini-Course Catechists (especially needed for 6th Grade). If you would like to learn more about joining this important ministry for our parishes, please contact Christine.

Catechetical Sunday is next week. A blessing for catechists will be offered at all Masses. Catechists are invited to an open house to meet the new Evangelization and Catechesis Team on Sunday, September 19 from 10 am–12 pm at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Catechists are asked to RSVP by September 15.

Prayer Intercessors Wanted - We are looking for people who would like to be matched with our catechists and their sessions to pray for them throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact our office.

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 advised in the church building at IC.



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

Sunday, Sep 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From generation to generation

Loving grandparenting is a special gift to those children who receive it. Some of us were raised by generous elders. Others recognize our grandparents as the folks who cherished us just for showing up—something our parents couldn't always manage to do! Nine-year-old Russell Capper first wrote President Nixon in 1969 with the idea of honoring grandparents with their own day. It would take another decade and another president, Jimmy Carter, to make Grandparents Day official on the Sunday after Labor Day. Reach across the generations today and close the gap of understanding by listening to each other's stories, dreams, and hopes.

READINGS: *Isaiah 50:5-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35 (131). "See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?"*

Monday, Sep 13, 2021

Memorial of John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Preach often—use words when necessary

Glossophobia—fear of public speaking—is one of the most common forms of anxiety, affecting a sizeable portion of the population. Saint John Chrysostom was not a sufferer. His name means "golden-mouthed"—and was he ever. Renowned as a preacher, his sermons could last up to two hours. (Think about that the next time your pastor runs a bit long!) Few of us are that eloquent as speakers, but all of us are called to be witnesses to our faith in words *and* deeds. There's no need to impress—let your actions speak for you. Never fear living your discipleship humbly and sharing what's in your heart. The truth always speaks volumes.

READINGS: *1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10 (443). "Say the word and let my servant be healed."*

Tuesday, Sep 14, 2021

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Lift high the cross

After ending Christian persecutions in 313, Constantine sent his mother, Helena, to the Holy Land where her team is said to have unearthed Christ's tomb. Here, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built. Excavations also reportedly unearthed the three crosses of Mount Calvary, the wood of the "True Cross" being the instrument of Jesus' Crucifixion and associated with miraculous healings. Whether it's the crucifix, the Jerusalem cross, Maltese cross, Celtic cross—or countless others—no other symbol represents Christian faith better. And so we pray: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

READINGS: *Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). "He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."*

Wednesday, Sep 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

She's with him

Being a strong companion or having great compassion is essential for discipleship. Mary had both. Notice the "com-" prefix of those qualities, which means "with." Under the title Our Lady of Sorrows, Mary is the first witness of the church and stood with Jesus through his pain and glory—his life, death, and Resurrection. The church uses "sorrows" here not so that we would be sad and weighed down but to lift up what it means to really be "with" another person and to share deeply their joy and sorrow. Mary continues to stand alongside us. How do you experience Mary's companionship and compassion in your own life?

READINGS: *1 Timothy 3:14-16 (445); John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (639). "Woman, behold, your son."*

Thursday, Sep 16, 2021

Memorial of Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
The cost of discipleship can be high

Saints Cornelius and Cyprian were friends during the 200s, a period when Christians were persecuted by the Roman Empire. Today a number of countries continue to oppress, harass, and even kill Christians. There is pressure today, as there was in the era of the early martyrs, to deny the faith in order to survive. With Cornelius and Cyprian in mind, stand in solidarity with courageous Christians everywhere. Learn what their needs are and how the worldwide church can help.

READINGS: *1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50 (446). "[Jesus] said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'"*

Friday, Sep 17, 2021

Memorials of Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church and Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church
Listen to your doctors

Jesus' ministry was simple: He went from town to town telling people that they were loved. The mantle, picked up by the doctors of the church, including those we honor today, was to interpret Jesus' message for subsequent generations. Saint Robert Bellarmine's *Catechism* clarified the Catholic understanding of faith and reason, and Saint Hildegard of Bingen's songs, such as "O *virtus sapientie*," helped unlock the mysteries of Divine Love and the Trinity. The Good News is meant for you. Find a way to hear it.

READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3 (447). "Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."*

Saturday, Sep 18, 2021

Take the lesson to heart

On the eve of Catechetical Sunday, it's good to reflect on our task of teaching the next generation matters of the Spirit. One comment heard too often when bad things happen is that "God must have a reason for doing this." Or, "It must be God's will." Looking at the biblical testimony, however, leads to the realization that most of the bad things that happen are not God's will at all but the work of sinful people. God says, "Feed the hungry" and children starve. God says, "Do not kill" and people murder. Let's teach our kids what's on God, and what's on us.

READINGS: *1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15 (448). "[T]he Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts."*

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**2021 MORNING OF SERVICE:
OUR CHURCH FAMILY SERVING TOGETHER
Sign-ups begin September 18**

Off-site projects include past favorites like the town parks in Ballston and Glenville, the local nursing homes, Joan Nicole Prince Home, and Jack's Place. We are excited to add Umbrella of the Capital District.

On-site projects will be prepared in "kits" and completed at home by our volunteers. These include old favorites like holiday cards for the military and scarves and hats for the homeless, and new projects like lap blankets for Glendale Home and notes & cards for campers at Double H Ranch.

The listing of projects will be available on the parish websites on September 9, 2021.

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 us: Jeanne Behr at 518-495-5644 or Marge Rizzo at 518-248-0979.

From the Pastor:

This week's readings are almost overwhelming in their directness. **"My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting"** (Isaiah, first reading); **"If (faith) does not have works, it is dead"** (James, second reading); **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."** (Gospel of Mark).

We cannot minimize the demands of the Scriptures and make faith something feel-good, counterfeit of the real things, but on the other hand, we cannot distort the message with shaming and guilt. This weeks' texts are starkly simple and factual, bearing this message - "Discipleship is difficult." Words are easy; deeds are hard. The path of a disciple always points to Calvary. Most of us know in our hearts these difficult truths and hearing them spoken despite a climate of feel-good chatter and cheap grace might actually be refreshing.

Our **new mass schedule** begins this weekend and I pray that we can all make the necessary adjustments. If we could remain stationary without change, our faith would have no meaning. Please know we are all doing the best we can to adapt to current circumstances.

Faith Formation Registration also begins this weekend. If you did not get a chance to do it in person at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, there will be time available on Monday. Beyond that, please reach out to the Faith Formation Office at 518-399-9210! Please keep our students, our catechists, and our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry team in your prayers as we begin a new chapter for our three parishes.

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.

"Diocesan Day of Prayer and Celebration"

Saturday, September 25 from 9 am to 2 pm

St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park, 12065

There is NO cost for this event. To register, call 518-453-6670 or visit <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation>

by September 15.

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Sept. 23 at St. Clement's, Saratoga Springs from 7-9:30 pm

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Tickets are \$25, and are available online at SARATOGASPRINGSNY.EVENTBRITE.COM.

For info, contact Denise Salage at 518-450-3955 or backtothegardens@yahoo.com.

EGFD Garage Sale

Saturday, September 18 from 10 am-2 pm

behind the station house of the East Glenville Fire Department.

Sponsored by the EGFD Ladies Auxiliary.

All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund.



St. Joseph's Happenings

The **Social Concerns Committee** is collecting personal hygiene items for guests of Bethesda House in Schenectady during the month of September. These items are not covered by the Food Stamp program and are costly. There is a box on the table in Holy Family Hall with large plastic storage bags that have the list of items that are needed for males and females. After you have filled the bag please return it by September 26 to the collection box near the bulletin board in Holy Family Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Help yourself to the **Breaking Bread** books in the Family Hall. They are yours to keep; take them with you-do not return them.

Mass intentions previously scheduled for Saturday at SJ have been moved to the following Sunday 9 am mass.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin again in the fall for anyone in need of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation).

If you or a family member or friend desire the Sacraments, we encourage you to begin this important journey of faith. Those who are simply inquiring about the Catholic faith are welcome also. Contact Christine Goss, at christinegoss@icglenville.com or 518-399-9203, or Carol Heckman at dhyheck@gmail.com.



The 49th Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30 at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate Mass at 2 pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area immediately following. Register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

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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 August 30-September 5

OLG: Offertory collections amounted to **\$4,394**.

IC: The collection for parish operation amounted to **\$13,124** and for renovations **\$1,312**. The collection for Home Missions amounted to **\$1,087**. **\$2,446** was collected for Haiti Relief.

SJ: Parish income amounted to **\$4,688**. **\$605** was collected for Relief for Haiti - thank you! This week's second collection is for Building Maintenance.

NOTE: The parish 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, 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.

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 ...

9 am mass Sunday through Wednesday at IC is live-streamed. Visit the IC website and click on the Facebook live mass image.

St. Joseph's continues to live stream **9 am mass** on Sunday mornings. The link to connect with the live stream is: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4wgXGcHR8DA

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