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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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.

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.

Parishioners of St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace will have an opportunity to get information about the **2021 MORNING OF SERVICE** after Sunday mass this weekend, when representatives will be available to answer questions about this project.

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 25
-
October 3**

Masses at St. Joseph's

SUN 9:00 am +Sue Mitsch - *Patty Johnson*
September 26 +Mary Lou Gilgallon - *Tim & Sue Caldwell*
+William Busino - *Tom & Linda Neals*

SUN 9:00 am +Tom Gatta - *family*
October 3 +Jenae Marie Aragosa - *Joseph & Lori Lapi*
+Norman Petricca - *Rick & Margie Giaminelli*
+Angelina Servidone - *Perina Guzzo & family*

Masses at Our Lady of Grace

SUN 10:30 am +Deceased members of the parish
September 26 +Bill Walker - *Mary Jane & Grace Baumbach*
+Marcia Lupe - *Clements family*
Intentions of the OLG community

SUN 10:30 am +Catherine Fischer - *Ed & Mary Jean Neary*
October 3 +William Maglione - *Susan & Tom Collins*



We pray for those who have died, especially
+Ruth A. Constantine, mother of Patty (Joe) Gatta; and
+Ann Diodati Alfieri, mother of Carol Bartz.
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:

Jackie Lochner, David G, Stuart Staude, Meredyth Havasy, Richard & Judith Havasy, EC, CJ, AM, KA, MM, ES, SB, 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, 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 +Bill Vullo - *Manny & Barbara Salorio*
September 25 +Mark Bouchard - *Paul & Carol Heckman*
+David Joseph Tolan - *Mel & Diana Byron*
+Veronica Ferris - *Jackie Lochner*
+Filomena Welsh - *Paul Welsh*

SUN 9:00 am +Helen Smrstik - *family*
September 26 +Frank Boshier - *family*
+Theresa & +Ralph Vitolo - *Pat & Arleen*
+Mary & +Earl Carpenter - *Ron & Mary Ann Johnson*
+Stanley Lewinski - *family*
+Bill Vullo - *Barbara Brown*
+Norman Bartz - *Eloise & Cheryl*
+Frances Burnham (8th Ann) - *husband, Harold*

MON 9:00 am +Bill Vullo - *St. Vincent de Paul Society*
September 27 +James F. Heath - *Fran Szpylczyn*
+Leonard Pagano, Sr. - *Rozelma Piaskowski*

TUES 9:00 am +Gene Quattrociocchi - *wife, Helen*
September 28 +Dorothy H. Burbank - *Chris & Donna Mott*
+Shelia Schultz - *Jim & Pat Jankowski*

WED 9:00 am +Roza Matia - *family*
September 29 +Luke Preci - *family*
+Peter Cole - *Joan Bunn*

No mass Thursday and Friday

SAT 5:00 pm +Bill Vullo - *Mel & Diana Byron*
October 2 +Peter Cole - *Charles Hanna*
+David Tolan - *Val & Bob Kerker*
+Mark Bouchard - *Tom & Diane Bigos*
+Maryann Thouin - *Catherine Tommarello*
+Christina Burchhardt - *Month's Mind*

SUN 9:00 am +Helen Smrstik - *family*
October 3 +Charlotte Sauve (2nd Ann) - *Ann Oligny*
+Judith Pomato - *husband*
+Michael Fazio - *Jeanne & George Corrigan*
+Eleanor McCarron - *Marilyn Moynihan*
+Peter Brock - *Barb & Ed Durkin*



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

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 to sign-up for this important ministry, by calling the parish office at 518-346-2316.

There will be representatives from the **Morning of Service** available after today's mass (September 26) to answer questions about the project. Join us and get informed!

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).

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



*The Sanctuary Candle is lit in remembrance of
+Dr. William Busino,
at the request of Lisa and Charlie Hall.*

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 anyone would like to participate as a "living bead" by leading one of the rosary prayers, please contact me as soon as possible. Even if you participated as a bead in the past and would like to again, I need to hear from you as soon as possible. A list of participating beads will be generated from all three parishes. Social distancing between beads will be maintained.

Come and pray with us as we petition Our Lady to protect us, our diocese, our country, and the world. Prayer requests will again be collected and placed at the feet of Mary. However, you must write them out ahead of time and bring them with you.

Contact Linda Levine
518-399-6965 or BandL84@hotmail.com

EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

518-399-9210

Christine Goss, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis
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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.

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

TODAY, Sunday, during and after 9 am mass at IC! If you missed it, reach out to our office and be sure to get the first of this year's backpack prayer tag! You will want to collect them all!

Youth Ministries Mini-Courses - Check the YM page of the IC website for the current information about mini-courses. Several topics are full. We understand that scheduling can be complicated in the lives of adolescents. So, 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.

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. Reach out to Sarah at formation@icglennville.com or 518-399-9210, ext 241, for info.



"Go to the poor: you will find God."
~St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Society Membership

The Society's mission is to see God in others by helping those in need! We provide food and financial assistance to individuals who contact us. Our largest projects are providing holiday food baskets and gifts/gift cards to families in our area. We meet after 9 am mass on the third Wednesday of most months. If interested, call Joan Bunn at 518 669-6300.

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.

100th
Anniversary

Baby Bottle Boomerang returns next weekend! Pick up a baby bottle Sunday, October 3, take it home, fill it with your prayerful donations and then return it to us. Filled bottles will go to Birthright of the Capital District in Ballston Spa. *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born."*

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.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HAPPENINGS

BOY SCOUT TROOP 65 is collecting **redeemable bottles and cans for recycling** from 9 am-Noon, this next Saturday, October 2, in the IC church lot by the small white garage (south side). For inquiries, call Mike Nally at 384-1535.

WE THANK YOU! - St. Vincent de Paul Society is extremely grateful for all the food items our church families have donated. We are now 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, please contact Simone McGuinness 518-928-6954. New members are always welcome!

During the time of the pandemic many of our ministries were put on hold. The **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, led by Pat Peluso has begun again. The group meets in the Parish Center of IC Library at 10 am on the third Monday of every month. Pat invites all interested parishioners from all three communities to join her. If you have questions, please call the IC office.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY - We are moving forward with many volunteer opportunities for sharing time and talents with those who have been isolated socially, emotionally, and spiritually during the COVID pandemic. **Training for all opportunities is provided.** If interested, contact Rachel Winters, Pastoral Care Coordinator at 518-399-9168, ext 226 or at pastoralcareic@gmail.com. *Thank you to all who have already responded!*

Tri-Parish Mission Focused Pastoral Planning Initiative

As we continue to dialogue about ways to grow together as a tri-parish community, we want to shape our conversations around the central mission of our Catholic Faith to proclaim and witness to the Good News of the Gospel and to *"Go and make disciples of all nations"* (Matt 28:19).

The six Trustees of our Parish Communities have met and have charged David Wetzel, Director of Administration and Finance and Christine Goss, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis to develop a plan to move us forward in a mission focused way. We now invite all parishioners to join us at an Open Meeting to hear more about the process of information gathering and focus groups that will be used to guide us in our pastoral planning efforts.

Open Meetings will be held on

Tuesday, October 5 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Grace
Wednesday, October 6 at 7 pm at Immaculate Conception
Thursday, October 7 at 7 pm St. Joseph's

We invite all to come with an open heart and open mind to hear where we are currently and where we hope to go – together. While there are not yet many answers there will be an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns during the meeting.

Step #2 will be to create Parish Level Focus Groups that will meet to reflect on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and obstacles using the essential elements of parish life as guideposts. Specific dates for the focus group meetings will be announced in future bulletins and will require advance sign up to participate.

Questions or Comments can be directed to David Wetzel at davidwetzel@icglenville.com
or Christine Goss at christinegoss@icglenville.com

From the Pastor:

A dear friend of mine, also a priest, has a very different approach to the gospel (especially the holy mass) by embracing the Latin tradition and church garb (vestments) from years gone by. I am so much the opposite. We know our differences and we don't discuss those differences often. But he said to me one time, and I'll never forget it: "**Jerry, we have the same goal, we just go about it differently.**" Pope Francis once said that God's word is "**unruly**" (*The Joy of the Gospel*). It can be frustrating if it seems like God declines to respect our interpretation of the rules, our restrictions, and our way of discerning what is right and what is wrong. The unruliness of the Word has been a problem for God's people from their very beginnings, and today's reading show us how and why.

In the first reading from the **Book of Numbers**, two men who had not met the qualifications and obeyed all the rules became prophets. This made the others in the community unhappy; they didn't like that! In the Gospel, John informed Jesus that someone who "**does not follow us**" was driving out demons! This time it was Jesus' own disciples who did not like that! One would think that God's people would have rejoiced that someone else, anyone else, was involved in the successful struggle against the devil. God's grace is unruly and acts in unexpected ways. We need to recognize that good can be accomplished by people different from ourselves, be they of another political party, or those who adhere to a distinct theological understanding. You know - those "**people who do not follow us**" to use John's phrase. This week, let us try to invite God's grace to surpass our human limited understanding and designs. We all might find ourselves surprised!

This week, the communities of Our Lady of Grace and Immaculate Conception received some beautiful cabinetry from the estate of **+Denise Brennan**. These furnishings will enhance the library in the IC Parish Center and the sacristy of OLG. We are most grateful. Also, a special *thank-you* to **Barry Lupe** who has donated a beautiful vestment to OLG in memory of his wife, **+Marcia Lupe** and to the Gingras family who donated a vestment in memory of **+Susanne Gingras** to St. Joseph's Church.

As we continue to work together, I plan to be more present at all three parishes. To that end I will be setting up **regular office hours**: I will be at St Joe's on Tuesdays from 12-1 pm and at Our Lady of Grace on Wednesdays from 12-1 pm. Feel free to make an appointment or drop in. You are always welcome to call and make an appointment to see or speak with me at any time at any parish. I cannot be in three places at once, but my wish is to be more available.

We had given thought to perhaps changing **the mass schedule** again, as we have clearly learned of some of the challenges of the new schedule. After some thought and prayer, it is my hope that we can revisit this in January and see where the new year leads us. I know that the mass schedule is not perfect, but we are doing the best we can.

Speaking of doing the best we can, I need to let you know that Fran, Kathy, and Michele in the IC office want to let you all know that they are aware of **mistakes** and misprints along the way. During this period of transition, please know that we work to do everything well, but that sometimes things go wrong. We apologize for any errors and are working to do better. If necessary, kind corrections will be received gratefully.

A Blessing of the Animals will take place next Sunday, October 3, at 1 pm in the IC parking lot. Invite your family and friends to bring their beloved pets for a blessing in honor of St. Francis. Donations of dog food and cat food received will go to the Animal Protection Foundation. All animals are welcome!

Morning of Service is gearing up for another year of being "people for others," to borrow a phrase from St. Ignatius! Sign-ups for ministry projects are in progress on the IC website. All projects will be remote once again due to Covid. The IC family is familiar with the project, and in an attempt to bring more information to our St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace families, representatives from the Morning of Service project will be available at both churches after Sunday mass this weekend. If you have more questions, please feel free to contact Jeanne Behr at 518-495-5644 or jeannebehr@gmail.com or Marge Rizzo at 518-248-0979 or jrizzo@nycap.rr.com. 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



NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE - SUICIDE PREVENTION

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time to share resources, warning signs, and ways that we can be supportive to those affected by suicide. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is listed in the top ten leading causes for death in the U.S. The National Alliance for Mental Health Illness (NAMI) reports that every year, thousands of individuals die by suicide and leave behind family and friends to navigate the tragedy of loss. (para.2).

Becoming aware of the warning signs of suicide is first and foremost in suicide prevention. Warning signs include, but are not limited to: increased use of alcohol or drugs; aggressive behavior; withdrawal from friends, family, and/or community; decrease interest in hobbies or activities; dramatic mood swings; impulsive or reckless behaviors; or lowered grades and interest in school.

If you detect that someone you know may be suicidal, avoid being judgmental or argumentative. Rather, listen with closed lips and allow time for the person to share their feelings. Remain the calm and constant person in their life. Seek medical/mental help from a primary care physician. Do not leave the individual alone. Seek emergency help...call 911. Call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 to be connected to a crisis counselor. Remain calm and offer support.

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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 13-19

OLG: Offertory collections amounted to **\$4,868** and for the week of September 12 they amounted to **\$5,748**.

IC: The collection for parish operation amounted to **\$12,172** and for renovations **\$364**. An additional **\$1,030** was collected for Haiti.

SJ: Parish income amounted to **\$3,224**. An additional **\$30** 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!

This week's second collection is for **Catholic University of America**. Please give generously. Visit: 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 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?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4wgXGcHR8DA)

[list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4wgXGcHR8DA](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDgBXL8RT_55biUcsAofgB4wgXGcHR8DA)

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.



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

Sunday, September 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Well done, good and faithful servants

Mother's and Father's Days aren't occasions for parents to toot their own horns about how fabulously they fulfilled the tasks of child-rearing. These dates are for their children to recall and celebrate the special people who made their lives possible. Similarly, today's Priesthood Sunday isn't meant for priests to beat the drum about their vocation. It's an opportunity for the rest of us, who benefit from their fidelity, to thank the men who were present to the first moments of our life in faith and will be there at the last—plus countless moments in between.

READINGS: *Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137). "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"*

Monday, September 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

God works with us as we are

Saint Vincent de Paul is known for founding two religious orders, reforming the church, and serving the poor to such an extent that he is the patron of all works of charity. Many schools and parishes bear his name. But in his lifetime, he was also known for being irritable and quick-tempered—which his friends confirmed and he himself admitted. He said it was only God's grace that made him compassionate, humble, and generous. He's a perfect example that we don't have to be perfect to do saintly work—if we let God soften our hard-heartedness, what great things we might do.

READINGS: *Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 (455). "For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."*

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

A faith that runs in the family

Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role.

READINGS: *Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). "Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord."*

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Feast of Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

God's special care for migrants

Every minute of the day 20 people in the world leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. The archangels of the Bible represent God's special care for these migrants. Michael was the guardian of Israel during their captivity in the foreign land of Babylon. Gabriel is the patron saint of diplomats and ambassadors living in foreign countries. Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit accompanying the story's hero, Tobias, on his journey to a foreign land to find a wife. The church recognized World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday. Pray that the archangels guide and protect migrants and refugees making perilous journeys everywhere.

READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). "You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

Thursday, September 30, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Translating the faith for the ages

Where would the church be without the word? If you have ever read a verse from the Bible, thank Saint Jerome (347-419). His translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin set the standard until the mid-20th century, paving the way for scholarship that affects our contemporary translations of scripture. His pivotal writing and translating earned him the rare title of "doctor of the church." Give a nod to Saint Jerome by reading a favorite scripture passage today.

READINGS: *Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). "Say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"*

Friday, October 1, 2021

Memorial of Thérèse

of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

Graceful glances

Glances are totally underrated. They seem trivial, hurried and fleeting, even stolen! They are the smallest of gestures, barely registering a flick of the eye. It is surprising then that a glance can also be a prayer. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something." Our prayerful "glances" are significant. They register with God. A glance can communicate everything to God, especially when life leaves us wordless. Pause now for a moment and glance at God.

READINGS: *Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). "Justice is with the Lord, our God."*

Saturday, October 2, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

All night and all day

Years back, in perhaps what were more innocent times (or at least appear so to us now), Catholic schoolchildren were encouraged to leave a little space on their chairs for their guardian angels. This charming bit of nostalgia reveals a deeper article of faith. From biblical times to the present, the testimony on angels guiding us has been consistent. Saint Augustine said, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us," while Saint Bernard encouraged Christians to "Make the holy angels your friends . . . we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." Perhaps the larger truth is that although suffering and even tragedy may come our way, if we leave our hearts open, we will not be left alone. God will be at our side. Scoot over a bit!

READINGS: *Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 (460); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). "Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

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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-glennville.com> and click on "2021 Morning of Service."

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

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

CHICKEN BBQ



The East Glensville Fire Department will sponsor a **Brooks' Chicken BBQ** on **Saturday, October 2** from **3 to 6 pm** at the **Fire Station** (433 Saratoga Road). This is a "drive through-take out" only event including some static displays of fire apparatus and equipment. The cost will be **\$15.00 per meal** including a half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter, oatmeal cream cookie, and bottled water. Only full dinners will be available. See the EGFDF website (www.eastglensvillefd.com/shop) to **pre-order tickets**. Click on Brooks' BBQ square. Thank you for your support.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR BUSY HOOKS & NEEDLES!

Busy Hooks & Needles Ministry is resuming and meets at 10 am on Wednesday mornings at OLG. The creations they make will be sold at the holidays and proceeds go to the worthy Helping Hands Ministry at OLG. They always welcome new members and hope to expand their ranks! Sandy Wedge is their contact, who can be reached via the OLG office number: 518-399-5713.



This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America.

Catholic U. is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, DC.

Support of the National Collection not only provides critical support to students, but also helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

The University is responding to the most pressing needs of our Church and nation, and striving to educate our country's future Catholic leaders.

American Red Cross Blood Drive IC Parish Hall

Saturday, October 30, from 8 am to 1:30 pm

To schedule an appointment,
call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767).

Or visit redcrossblood.org and
enter sponsor code: ImmaculateConception

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.

All individuals at blood drives must wear a face mask
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You are invited to join in the **Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign** – forty days of *prayer and fasting* for an end to abortion, **Sept 22–Oct 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.40daysforlife.com/schenectady, for daily meditations, blog posts and more. If you would like to volunteer to help or need more info, contact: Sarah at sch40days@gmail.com.

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. We are looking for Knights to lead us in color guard and those to lead us in worship music. Contact Colleen Grabb at 518-930-8814 or

A message from Bishop Scharfenberger:

Beginning Wednesday, September 29, you can enter into an easy-to-follow daily prayer and reflection opportunity. It is called *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*.

For all the resources you need, visit our dedicated web page: rcda.org/JosephConsecration or email Renee at renee.morgiewicz@rcda.org.

I invite you to share this spiritual preparation with me, which will culminate in a celebration on All Saints Day, Monday, Nov 1 at 5:15 pm. The event will be available via the diocesan livestream: rcda.org/livestream and will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Joseph's open heart will remain forever one of our holy doors to the Heart of Jesus!

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.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, **October 22-24**, at the **Dominican Retreat & Conference Center** in **Niskayuna**. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register, contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160, Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 or Kathy Kelly, 802-282-2028 or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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