



Morning of Service – Saturday, November 3, 2018

“Serve Christ and the Community with mercy, compassion and humility”

Planning is underway for our third annual Morning of Service on November 3. All ages and abilities are welcome. Last year almost 400 Immaculate Conception parishioners participated, including young families with toddlers, elementary, high school and college youth, millennials, families, seniors, and clergy. Over 800 hours of community service were provided by the people of Immaculate Conception. Your feedback to us indicated that serving as Christ’s hands and feet in our community was a joyous, compassionate and humble experience for you.

This year’s format will be similar. There will be a variety of service opportunities at local agencies and in the parish center. You can volunteer for 2-3 hours at one of the many off-site locations or you can volunteer for a 90-minute session at one of the on-site projects located in the parish center. Each service project will have a team leader who will be your contact person and coordinator.

The morning begins about 8:30 a.m. with registration in the church, a group picture, and a prayerful sendoff from Fr. Jerry. Then we drive or walk to our service locations, depending on which project you selected. After the conclusion of your service, you are invited for a light lunch, in the parish center hall starting at 12:30pm for some fellowship and sharing of your experiences.

Project selections are being made taking careful consideration of Christian service through the

Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Beatitudes. The off-site locations being scheduled are: the City Mission, Glendale, Baptist and Heritage Homes, Habitat for Humanity, Jack’s Place, Joan Nicole Prince Home, Things of My Very Own, Town of Glenville, Regional Food Bank and the YWCA. The recipients for on-site projects scheduled to date are: Bethesda House, the military, Jack’s Place, Saratoga County Animal Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Northeast Parent and Child, and Booth Home. *We encourage you, if you are physically able, to consider selecting an off-site project.*

By mid-August, more information will be available about all the projects in your personal emails, the weekly bulletins, the parish web site, Facebook and the parish App.

On-line signups are scheduled to begin the weekend of the parish picnic, September 8-9 and run through mid-October or until projects reach capacity. Most parishioners will receive an email invitation from *Sign Up Genius* with a link to the sign up site. That link will also be available through the parish web site. Members of the planning committee will be on hand at the picnic to provide information and to assist you.

Reach out to your friends and family to sign up with you. All are welcome.

Contact: Co-chairs Jeanne or MaryAnn:
icservicechair@gmail.com



Ministry Updates

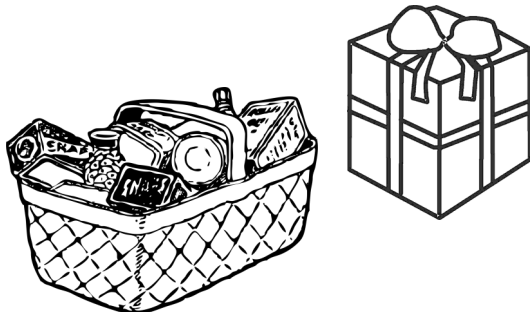
St. Vincent de Paul Society Assists the Poor and Less Fortunate

The St. Vincent DePaul Society volunteers continue to assist the poor and less fortunate members of our community without regard to religious beliefs. This charitable response to those in need is made possible by contributions made to the poor boxes at the doors of the church, direct monetary gifts from parishioners and parish ministries and generous food donations. The Society is also graciously supported by Father Jerry and the wonderful rectory staff who handle telephone and walk-in requests for assistance.

The Society strives to respond, in a timely manner, to all requests for help, especially those involving children. For monetary requests for rent and utility bills which are greater than the Society's resources can handle, other charitable organizations team up to meet the need.

On average, 20 to 25 requests for assistance are received each month. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, more than 100 families are given food baskets and Christmas gifts. This is accomplished with the help of additional volunteers and the youth organizations of our cluster parishes.

Anyone interested in joining this ministry as a full time member or part time volunteer or would like more information, should contact Joe Aglio by phone at 518-399-5395 or by e-mail at mlouaglio@aol.com.



Respect for Life Ministry by Larry Smith

Our mission is to promote respect for life from conception to natural death.

Religious Freedom Week

Religious freedom is for everyone. Religious freedom is rooted in human nature, and therefore it is a fundamental human right. When we speak up for religious freedom, we do so not only for ourselves, but because we are called to defend the dignity of every individual and community that seeks the truth about God, including Muslims, Jews, and others who do not share our Catholic Christian faith. – USCCB

On June 28, we gathered to pray a patriotic rosary as part of this U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' annual Religious Freedom Week (formerly Fortnight for Freedom). This year's theme was "Serving Others in God's Love." We prayed that the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure. A dozen parishioners and a visitor, led by Deacon Mike Melanson, met in front of the stature of Our Blessed Mother beside Route 50. Four others, including Fr. Jerry Gingras, participated remotely on Facebook Live, with 129 page views. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/religious-freedom-week/index.cfm>

40 Days for Life Campaign Returns to Schenectady in September

Through this world-wide program of prayer, fasting and community outreach to end abortion we have seen 14,643 mothers (that we know of) choose life for their children ... 177 workers experience conversions and leave the abortion industry ... and 96 abortion facilities close their doors forever following peaceful 40 Days for Life vigils. Yes, lives have been saved right here in Schenectady thanks in part to participation by our parishioners who helped parents choose life for their children. These are the fruits of this labor. <https://40daysforlife.com/schenectady>

Join This Ministry

Consider joining the Respect for Life Ministry. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except June and July). Watch the bulletin for meeting announcements.

Contact: Larry Smith: 384-0882; LPJTSmith6@msn.com

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Knights of Columbus Award Scholarship to Gene-Philippe Mongan



The Glenville Knights of Columbus is proud to announce **Gene-Philippe Mongan** as the recipient of the **\$2,000 Clarence "Fritz" Neumann College Tuition Assistance Award**. Grand Knight Thomas Winterberger presented the award to Gene-Philippe at the Glenville Council 10013 annual picnic. Gene-Philippe is one of the newest members of the Glenville Council having recently made his 1st degree. Gene-Philippe will be attending Northeastern University and will spend his first semester studying Architecture in Rome Italy.

Pictured in the photo are, left to right, Deputy Grand Knight Owen Cole, Aidan Mongan, Fr Jerome Gingras, Gene-Philippe Mongan, Susie Mongan, Grand Knight Thomas Winterberger.



Knights of Columbus and SiCM Co-Sponsoring Golf Classic



A golf tournament to support Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM)

Date: Monday, October 8, 2018

Time: 10:30 am - Registration

11:00 am - Box Lunch

Noon—Shotgun Start; followed by dinner

Location: Edison Club, Riverview Road, Rexford

For more information including Donor Sponsorship Opportunity or Player Brochure Flyer, contact: Laurie Bacheldor, SiCM, 518.374.2683 x 103; LaurieB@sicm.us

Ministry Updates-cont.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Schedules Meet and Greet Session By Kim Klementowski

RCIA helps guide seekers along their faith journey, teach them about our Catholic faith and assist them in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) enabling them to be full members of our Catholic faith and our wonderful parish.

This past Easter, 4 amazing men and women were brought into full communion with our Catholic faith. Leanna Guerra, Mark Delnick and Jeffery O'Rourke each received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, and Jennifer Jada received the sacrament of Confirmation. All 4 have been warmly welcomed into our parish, thanks to all of you.

Many of you may not know what RCIA is exactly, and I'm sure many of you know someone (family member, friend, spouse, co-worker, etc) who may be interested and may benefit by the process. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It's not a program, it's a process. A program has a definite start and a definite end. RCIA is an on-going faith journey intended to assist adults who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Initiation which are Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. There isn't any age limit. So if you've never been baptized or if you were baptized in another Christian Faith, this process is for you. If you were baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation, this process is for you as well. If you have been baptized Catholic and received the sacrament of First Eucharist but have not received Confirmation, there is a separate process for you as well. If you've received all of your

sacraments but have been away from the Catholic Church for a number of years, we can help you too. I can go on and on about the RCIA process here at Immaculate Conception, but let's hear from the people who recently went thru it.....

"I was introduced to the Catholic Church by my husband and after attending Sunday masses for a few years, I began to question my faith. I had very limited knowledge of my Christian faith and many questions came up about the Catholic Church. The RCIA process provided an in-depth introduction into the Catholic Faith. Each session was an open conversation and all questions were encouraged in every class. Our mentors also shared their experiences and challenges in their journeys with the Holy Spirit. Not only did I enjoy attending this program, my faith and love for God has grown. The Holy Spirit is now a part of every day, bringing peace and joy into my life. I can't thank the RCIA mentors enough for being part of my journey!"



Guerra

"Thank you so much for all the time and effort your team put into making RCIA such an enriching and enjoyable experience. The various speakers brought many different perspectives and experiences of our shared faith. I will truly remember my RCIA experience with great fondness"



Mark Delnick

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“Although I was a cradle Catholic, the one sacrament I hadn’t completed as a child was Confirmation. I could have just done the shortened version for adults seeking confirmation, but I felt that I needed to learn more about my faith. I participated in the full process starting in the fall of 2017, and was confirmed at the Easter Vigil in March 2018. Each week there was a different topic of discussion, with different presenters. All of them were very passionate and knowledgeable. We had open discussions and question and answer sessions and read from the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church. I learned so much and am grateful for this faith journey. This process helped me to not only fulfill my sacrament of Confirmation, but helped bring me peace in my life and closer to the Lord. I am proud to be part of Immaculate Conception parish.

Jennifer Jada

If you have a desire to learn more about coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, or you know someone who has that desire, please feel free to attend our next “Meet & Greet Session” scheduled for Monday, August 20th at 7pm in the Flicker Room. Attendance does not mean commitment. It’s just a way to find out if this is something you are interested in. In the meantime, please feel free to talk to Fr Jerry, Deacon Mike or me or call our parish office at 399-9168. On behalf of our entire RCIA team, we welcome you and are eager to be a part of your journey. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Contact: Klementowski: 518-384-2234; kdklem2@gmail.com

**Save the Date—September
9**

Parish Picnic—

**“Sharing God’s Bountiful
Harvest”**

**Noon to 3:00 PM on the church
grounds**



- **Popcorn, fried dough, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage and peppers, baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, harvest desserts**
- **Church chili, made by our parish cooks, combined into one big pot. The blended flavors make the best chili ever! Let us know when you RSVP if you would like to contribute your best chili.**
- **A table for sharing garden crops. Bring some of your harvest to share.**
- **Photo hut, children’s games, prizes, wine pull.**

**RSVP—online at
www.icglenville.com or call
Carm Lavergne at 518-399-8761.**

Spotlight on Carmel Lavergne by Annette Botsford

In this *Pipeline* series, we hope to familiarize parishioners with those among us whom we see often but know little about. Readers are invited to contact Annette Botsford at abotsfor@nycap.rr.com with suggestions of future subjects for this feature.



When my family moved to Glenville in 1970, one of the first people to welcome us to The Church of the Immaculate Conception was Carmel Lavergne. It is with great pleasure that I write about this wonderful parish member.

I recently visited with Carmel Lavergne at her lovely Glenville home. A colorful pot of flowers and a warm welcome from Carmel greeted me at the door.

Carmel grew up in the Stockade area of Schenectady, graduating from Nott Terrace High School. She met her husband Lou when he came to Schenectady with the GE Management Program. They were married at St. Anthony's church and moved to Virginia for Lou's job. They returned to Schenectady where Lou continued to

work for GE. Carmel worked 20 years as an administrative assistant for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School District. She loved her job.

Carmel and Lou were married for 46 years until his passing in 2005. Together, they raised three children who are married: Doug lives in Glenville, Leanne in Latham and Lisa in Buffalo. Carmel recently attended her eldest granddaughter's wedding and her youngest granddaughter's high school graduation. She adores her grandchildren.

The whole family spent many summers vacationing in Wildwood Crest. Since Lou was from Louisiana, the family would drive there to spend time with his family. Carmel and Lou also loved to travel and took trips to the Caribbean Islands, Hawaii and Europe. Along with Father Winslow and Father Flannery, Carmel organized a 10-day trip to Italy for 73 people. During the fall, she and her husband would take trips to the Catskills with friends. They had many wonderful adventures together with their family.

Carmel has been a member of our parish since 1961. She has volunteered in many capacities with the Faith Formation Ministry. The First Eucharist classes were very dear to her. She taught the second-grade classes for six years. In addition, Carmel also was a principal, teacher, coordinator and evaluator in the Faith Formation classes at the elementary and high school levels. She started The Children's Liturgy of the Word with Father Bush and continued with that ministry until 1996. Carmel also was an office volunteer.

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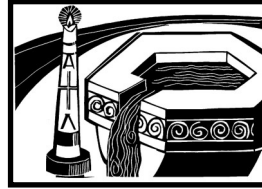
Carmel has served our parish community in many other capacities. She was President of the Parish Council and the Rosary Altar society under the direction of four priests: Fathers Chamberlain, Starks, Connery and Gingras. Carmel and Lou were greeters at mass and brought communion to patients at Ellis Hospital each month. She is a member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Rosary Altar Society, the Parish Picnic committee and helped organize the New Year's Eve Celebrations in the Parish Hall. In 2009 Carmel was honored with a certificate as "Woman Saying Yes to God". This was an annual award given by the Albany Diocesan Women's Commission acknowledging and honoring women from throughout the diocese for their faithful service within their parishes and communities.

In her spare time, Carmel likes to read. She also likes to clean. Carmel enjoys going out with friends and family. Her happiest times are when her kids and grandkids are at her home. Carmel also cherishes her many friends and the time she spends with them. She loves a full house.

Carmel has given generously of her time, energy and talent to our parish in ways too numerous to list. She is a blessing to her family, friends and parish.



Times of Joy—Sacramental Milestones



Congratulations and welcome to these children who received the Sacrament of Baptism from October 7, 2017 to January 8, 2018. We pray for the grace these

families need to grow in their faith.

Maverick Warren, child of Christopher & Brittany Altieri

Angelina Noelle Ellyce, child of Christina & Daniel Harrington

Amia Grace, child of Marisa & Michael Goddard

Cameron Joseph, child of Andrea & Kyle Vielkind

Charlotte Philomena, child of Kristin & Timothy Felano

Levi Robert, child of Katelyn & Brian Seaback

Olivia Lynn, child of Abigaile & Jason Steele

Cameron Elizabeth, child of Christine & Cole Vanderlinden

Reagan Rose, child of Kathleen & Andrew Shambo

Anna Grace, child of Emily & Matthew Johnson

Charlotte Scott, child of Kimberly & John Nolan

Kroy Jay, child of Alissa & Michael Hinkle

Brady Michael, child of Erin & Thomas Lavertu

Angelo Patrick, child of Jennifer & Angelo Fretto

This couple was married between October 7, 2017 and January 8, 2018. We wish God's blessing upon them.

Rachel Sharron to Christopher Bates

Dutch Apple Pie Cookies—A Tag Sale Favorite

This recipe for Dutch Apple Pie Cookies was requested several times from people at our Tag Sale. They were delicious and the Rosary Society hopes everyone that wanted this recipe will make and enjoy the

Ingredients

- 1 roll of refrigerated pie dough
- 5 small Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and finely diced
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

For the streusel topping:

- 2 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 2/3 cups brown sugar
- 2/3 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cups old fashioned oats
- Pinch of salt
- 3/4 cups plus 2 tablespoons (14 tablespoons total) butter, melted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray the wells of a standard-size muffin tin with nonstick spray. Roll out dough onto lightly floured surface and cut circles, about 2" in diameter. Re-roll unused dough. Place a circle in the bottom of each muffin well.
2. Cook the apples, sugar, cinnamon, lemon juice and cornstarch on medium heat, stirring occasionally, for about 5-10 minutes until the apples have softened slightly and the juices have begun to thicken.
3. Add about 1 tablespoon of the apple filling on top of each circle of pie dough.
4. Mix flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar, oats and salt. Add melted butter and mix until well incorporated.
5. Add a heaping tablespoon of the streusel topping to each muffin and gently pat it down over the apples.
6. Bake for 17-19 minutes. ****Allow the apple pie cookies to cool in the muffin tin for at least 10-15 minutes before removing. A dull knife will help to remove them from the tin. Cool on a wire rack.**
7. Makes 2 1/2 dozen

Recipe by Lovely Little Kitchen at <https://lovelylittlekitchen.com/dutch-apple-pie-cookies/>

In this nineteenth issue of the *Parish Pipeline*, some of our ministries have updated their activities. Immaculate Conception is fortunate to have many more ministries which will be highlighted in coming issues. For a complete list of ministries,

- see the church website: <http://www.icglenville.com>
- contact Maryann Haskell, 399-6706, e-mail maryann.haskell@gmail.com
- fill in the information below and drop it in the collection basket. You will be contacted.

Name _____ Phone # _____

I am interested in the following ministry/ministries:

October 13-14:

Distribution of the next issue of the Pipeline

October 1: Submissions due