

Spotlight on MaryAnn Johnson and Janice Zaengle

by Annette Botsford



The Morning of Service started from a conversation at a Stewardship committee meeting. Both Mary Ann and Janice were very interested in the project and agreed to co-chair. Prior to the first Morning of Service, they held an informational brain storming meeting. The morning took off.

Immaculate Conception parishioners have continued to serve Christ and the community with love, mercy and humility throughout the Morning of Service. On Saturday, October 26, hundreds of volunteers will provide hundreds of hours of service to our local communities. The co-chairs of the project, Mary Ann Johnson, Janice Zaengle and last year, Jeanne Behr are quick to say that Morning of Service is a widespread parish effort. They work with several diligent and dedicated planning committee members who perform major tasks to make this event happen. Also involved are many parishioners who provide technical, publicity, clerical and parish support and many more who serve as team leaders for the volunteer projects. The result is that our parish children, teens, young adults, parents, individuals, families and groups have an opportunity to again answer Christ's call to serve His people at both local agencies and at the Parish Center.

Ministry Updates

St. Vincent de Paul

by Joe Aglio, President



The St. Vincent De Paul Society of Immaculate Conception Parish helps the needy and less fortunate of the Scotia Glenville area regardless of religious affiliation. We provide food and financial assistance to pay outstanding bills. Over the past quarter we helped over 40 clients. During the next quarter we will be busy preparing for the distribution of food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Christmas time we will also provide gifts for the needy.

We only have eight members at the present time so we are asking for your assistance in this large endeavor. For Thanksgiving assistance is needed in the church hall on November 21,22,23, to receive , sort, and pack boxes. Our clients will pick up their boxes on Sunday the 24th at one PM.

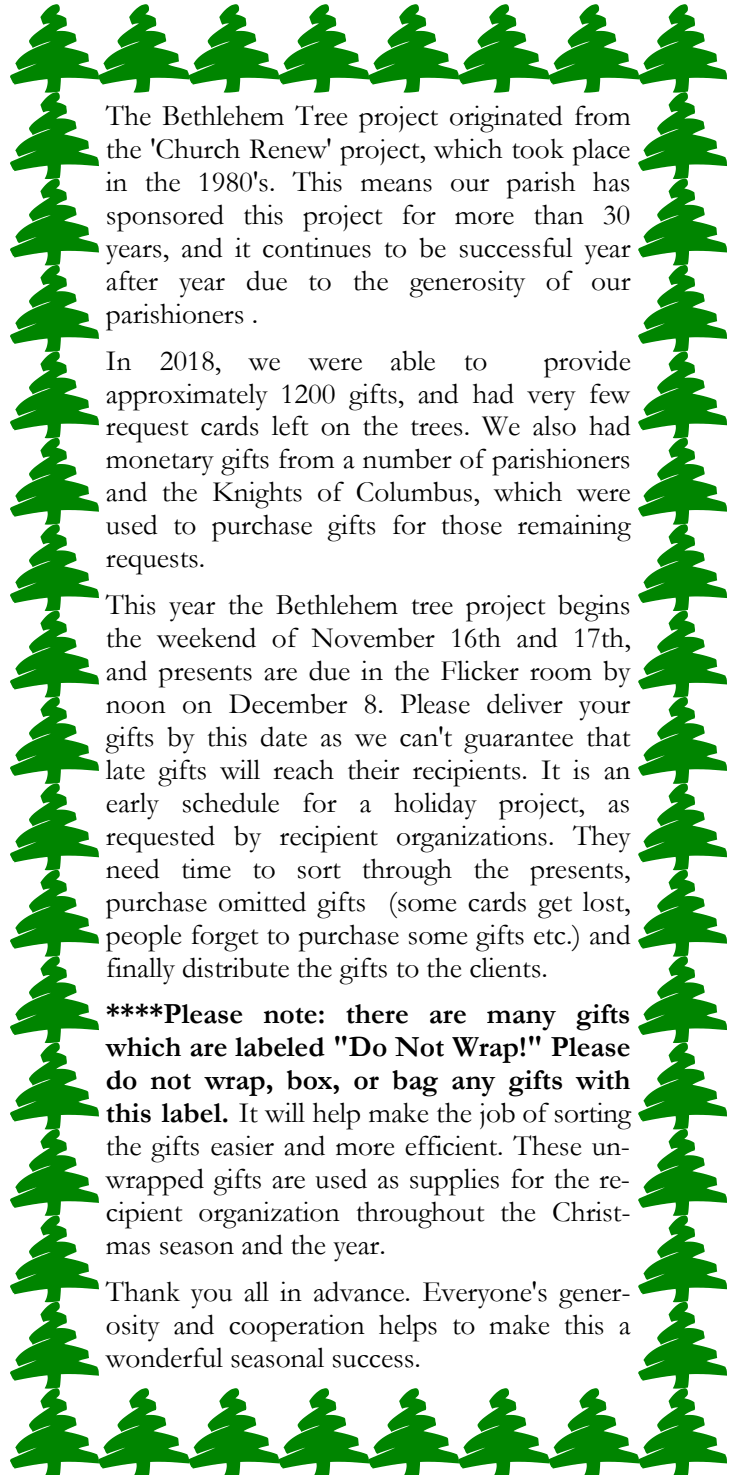
For Christmas, assistance is needed on Dec. 9 through the 15th to organize gifts, organize and pack food boxes and distribute food and gifts.

If you are able helps us during this period or want more information please contact me at 518-399-5395 or Bob La Bounty at 518-399-7498 to help with food and Joan Bunn at 518-669-6300 to help with gifts.

You may also contact these members if you are interested in joining our organization.

Thank you for your continuing financial support trough the poor boxes in church.

Bethlehem Tree Project 2019



The Bethlehem Tree project originated from the 'Church Renew' project, which took place in the 1980's. This means our parish has sponsored this project for more than 30 years, and it continues to be successful year after year due to the generosity of our parishioners .

In 2018, we were able to provide approximately 1200 gifts, and had very few request cards left on the trees. We also had monetary gifts from a number of parishioners and the Knights of Columbus, which were used to purchase gifts for those remaining requests.

This year the Bethlehem tree project begins the weekend of November 16th and 17th, and presents are due in the Flicker room by noon on December 8. Please deliver your gifts by this date as we can't guarantee that late gifts will reach their recipients. It is an early schedule for a holiday project, as requested by recipient organizations. They need time to sort through the presents, purchase omitted gifts (some cards get lost, people forget to purchase some gifts etc.) and finally distribute the gifts to the clients.

******Please note: there are many gifts which are labeled "Do Not Wrap!" Please do not wrap, box, or bag any gifts with this label.** It will help make the job of sorting the gifts easier and more efficient. These un-wrapped gifts are used as supplies for the recipient organization throughout the Christmas season and the year.

Thank you all in advance. Everyone's generosity and cooperation helps to make this a wonderful seasonal success.

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Respect for Life Ministry

by Larry Smith

Our mission is to promote respect for life from conception to natural death. Now more than ever, we need you and invite you to join this important ministry that promotes respect for human life at all stages from conception to natural death. Please prayerfully consider joining the Respect for Life Ministry. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except June, July, and December). Watch the bulletin for meeting announcements. Contact: Larry Smith: 518-384-0882; LPJTSmith6@msn.com for more information.

October is Pro-Life month so it is fitting to discuss the Reproductive Health Act enacted this year in New York State that legalizes abortion up till birth. Around that dark cloud we may see some rays of hope. Recent main stream movies “Gosnell” about at-birth abortionist Kermit Gosnell, and “Unplanned” about Abby Johnson, director of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility who had an abortion and witnessed another, then finally converted, wildly exceeded expectations and got people talking. More people are becoming aware of and indignant to this attack on innocent human life. We know this because the 40 Days for Life campaign this past spring in Schenectady saw increased participation by people who specifically said they were repulsed by the Reproductive Health Act and wanted to do something about it. If you are so moved, the fall 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer and fasting, constant vigil, and public outreach to stop abortion is happening now through November 3 in Schenectady and in more than 800 cities in over 50 countries around the world.

Visit <https://40daysforlife.com/schenectady> to get involved and make a difference here locally, where you can. You can help add to the success of 40 Days for Life: 16,004 lives saved, 191 abortion workers quit their jobs (Abby Johnson is one of these and she joined 40 Days for Life), and 104 abortion centers closed, so far.

Bakers Dozen Ministry by Mary Beth Frewin



The baking ministry provides baked goodies for hospitality after Mass on the first Saturday of the month. Each baker provides 2 to 3 dozen finger type baked goods. I have a core group of about 10 people and we could certainly use some more. We will be baking for the Healing Mass and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass as well as the first Saturday of and December. If you are interested, please email Mary Beth at mbfrewin@nycap.rr.com, and I will put you on the list. Don't use email? then you can call me at 518-399-7736.

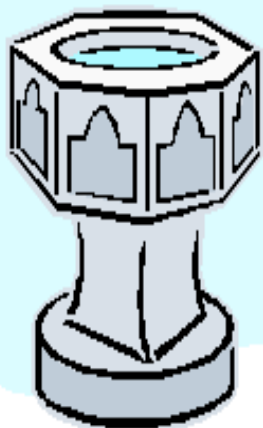


Fun at the Parish Picnic 2019

Photographs by Julie Ashcroft



Times of Joy—Sacramental Milestones



Congratulations and welcome to these children who received the Sacrament of Baptism from July 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019. We pray for the grace these families need to grow in their faith.

James Francis, child of Angela & James Heath IV

Peter Joseph, child of April & Daniel Nedwell

Grayson Dakota, child of Dakota & Katelyn Aker

Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman To Be Canonized This Weekend

On October 13, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) will be canonized in Rome. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1847. He was a scholar, a theologian, a philosopher, and a poet.

Dedicated to education, he founded two schools for boys. Three years after he died, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Now his name is linked to ministry centers at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States.



A Meditation

God has created me to do Him some definite service.

He has committed some work

to me which He has not committed to another

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection

between persons.

He has not created me for naught.

I shall do good.

I shall do His work.

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There are still opportunities to volunteer. Answer your email invitation from SignUp Genius or go the parish web site at icglenville.com/2019-morning-of-service to sign up. Contact Janice or Mary Ann, if you have questions. You can phone 518-852-3377 or email icservicechair@gmail.com. Signups close October 14!



Mary Ann Johnson

The Morning of Service as Mary Ann remembers, started as an idea in 2015. At first, she pictured it as “making sandwiches” for habitat for humanity or something similar. She and Janice visited a couple of churches and the event began to be planned. When Father Jerry first asked her how many signed up, she said 50, then it grew to 100 and 150 and it just blossomed. She has co-chaired this event with Janice for three years and with Jeanne Behr for one year. In addition to her involvement with the MOS, she is a Greeter, a member of the Stewardship committee, the Baker’s Dozen, the Book Club and is a helper at the anointing masses.

Mary Ann grew up in Amsterdam with her parents and sister Donna. She attended St. Mary’s Institute from grades 1-12. There are several individuals from her school days who also belong to Immaculate Conception parish. She loved growing up in Amsterdam.

After high school, she graduated from Marywood University in Scranton, PA with a major in mathematics and a minor in secondary education. Although she had planned to teach high school math, she instead accepted a position with GE. While at GE, she earned a Master’s Degree in Computer Science from Union College. She worked at GE for 13 years as an engineering analyst/programmer at KAPL and then as a programmer and systems manager for the Large Motor Division. When an opportunity presented itself, she changed careers. For the next 30 years, she taught at Fulton-Montgomery Community College as a professor in the Computer Information Systems Department. It was exciting for her to be involved in the rapidly changing world of computer technology both in industry and education. She is now retired.

Mary Ann and her husband Ron went to high school together and celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. Ron is a graduate of St. Bonaventure and Siena and worked in financial positions at GE and U Albany. They have two grown sons. Their son Tom lives locally and works in IT. Dave, his wife and four children live in Georgia where he also works in IT.

In their spare time, they like to travel and try to do one big trip a year. Their favorite destination these days is Alpharetta, Georgia to see their grandkids. Family time there and locally is really important to both. In good weather, golf is their favorite activity. They also enjoy Proctors, Capital Rep, Siena basketball games and movies. Mary Ann likes to read, especially historical fiction and belongs to a few book clubs. She also plays the piano for her own enjoyment.

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Janice Zaengle

Janice Zaengle volunteered to “greet” at a sign-up Sunday many years ago. She is also a member of the Stewardship committee. She has worked with Mary Ann now for three out of four Mornings of Service.

Janice grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah with her parents and brother. There, they enjoyed the mountains, picnics and drives. She attended a Catholic elementary school through 6th grade and then went on to public school. She attended high school in Connecticut when her father was transferred. There, she enjoyed the beach, but not the humidity.

After high school, Janice attended Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland studying speech and language pathology. She has maintained close friendships with her classmates from there. Janice went on to Utah State University and received her Master’s in Communication Disorders. According to Janice, USU had the best raisin cinnamon bread she ever tasted. The whole quad smelled of it.

After graduation, Janice worked as a speech language pathologist for the Center for Disability Services for 31 years and loved it! She currently works for NYSED in the office of special education and really enjoys that too. Her husband is self-employed and does house painting and wallpapering.

Janice and her husband Guy have been married for 32 years and have three grown children and two sons-in law. They love to spend time together with Thanksgiving being their favorite holiday to do so. Their oldest daughter, Jacqueline and her husband live in North Carolina where she is getting a doctorate in Chemistry. Their daughter Amelia is an Occupational Therapist and lives with her husband in Troy. Their son Brian lives in Schenectady and is an electrical engineering and technology technician.

The family enjoyed camping and visiting family in Utah when the kids were little. Their Thanksgiving gathering has become a special tradition where for the past 25-26 years, they have met up with special friends and family. This year they will rent a house in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia for the holiday celebration.

If you haven’t volunteered already, please do so and help the people of Immaculate Conception make a difference in the world that day.

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.

Welcome to Fr. Choka and Sr. Subira—Photographs by Julie Ashcroft



In this twenty-fourth 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:

January 18-19:
 Distribution of the next
 issue of the Pipeline
January 8: Submissions
 due