

# PARISH PIPELINE

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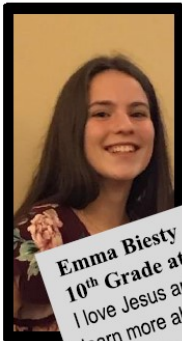


*Meet the Teens of our Parish attending the National Catholic Youth Conference and learn WHY they want to attend!*

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As you might imagine – getting all these AWESOME teens to Indiana is not cheap!

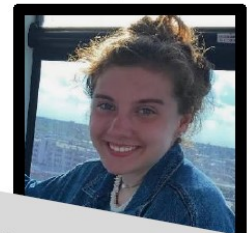
- ❖ Would you consider a donation to sponsor the trip?
- ❖ Do you have something you could donate to our upcoming Silent Auction Fundraiser? Maybe a time-share or airline points?
- ❖ Do you have a fundraising idea that we can try?
- ❖ Can you pray for our teens as they prepare for and make their pilgrimage?



**Emma Biesty**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade at BH-BL  
I love Jesus and want to learn more about my faith



**Duncan Clapper**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade at CBA  
excited to be in Lucas Oil Stadium for the events



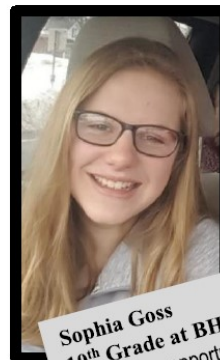
**Kaci Owens**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade at BH-BL  
to learn more about my relationship with God and how I can utilize it to live my life to the fullest



**Winston Clapper**  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade at CBA  
It was a wonderful experience last time and led me to be closer to God.



**Jami Fuson**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade at BH-BL  
a great opportunity to spend time with other Catholic youth from parishes from around the nation



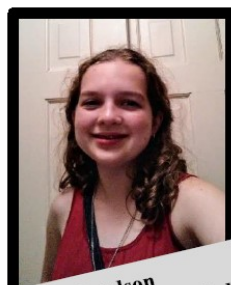
**Sophia Goss**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade at BH-BL  
an amazing opportunity to learn new things about my faith and to meet new people



**Jack Mongan**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade at BH-BL  
to meet a lot of people my age from all over the United States who share my faith



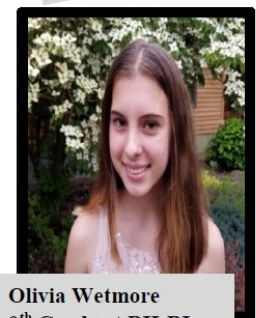
**Emily Richardson**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Homeschooled  
being around other Catholic teenagers is inspiring to me



**Kate Richardson**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Homeschooled  
it is an unique opportunity to deepen my faith and prayer life



**Carrie Watkins**  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade at Niskayuna  
I want to meet Catholic teens like me who want to explore their faith



**Olivia Wetmore**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade at BH-BL  
it's a great opportunity to learn more about my faith and it will be fun!

# Ministry Updates

## Faith Formation

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT IS SECHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 9:00 TO 1:00 PM, AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 9:00 TO 7:00 PM.

Faith Formation will be adding an additional 15 minutes in the 2019-2020 school session.

This will allow for community prayer, music, and a full hour of class time. The new schedule for classes is as follows:

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:15 TO 10:45</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>3:45 TO 5:15</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5:00 TO 6:30</b>

Hopefully, this adjustment will create a smoother less hectic experience for the children.

**Some of the other changes in Faith Formation** for this coming year will be a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade sponsored BINGO NIGHT, in place of the previously held Bake Sale to raise money for our Pastoral Care and St Vincent DePaul ministries.

We will also hold a **Mother/ Son dance** this year, in addition to the **annual Father/Daughter dance**, which has become so popular with our families.

All of the children who have celebrated their First Communion are eligible to become Altar Servers. If you are interested in participating in the mass to help Fr. Jerry, please have a parent get in touch with Mrs. Fretto.

For the families who are anticipating the sacrament of First Communion for their children in May of 2020, here are the important dates for your calendar:

**JANUARY 11, 2020, 9 AM TO NOON: Parent Meeting, Workshop, and Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**APRIL 4, 2020, 10 AM TO NOON: First Eucharist Workshop**

**APRIL 29, 2020, 4 PM TO 5 PM: First Eucharist Rehearsal**

**MAY 2, 2020, 10 AM: First Eucharist Celebration**

**MAY 3, 2020, 11 AM: May Crowning Mass**

Please mark your calendars now to avoid any conflicts with these dates, such as vacations, sports functions, etc. These dates are secure, and full participation is required for any child who anticipates celebrating both of these sacraments.

We will have more exciting information to come for the new sessions, but until then...

ENJOY THE SUMMER EVERYONE, AND WE WILL SEE YOU IN THE FALL !

Contact: Madeline Fretto:

## Graces

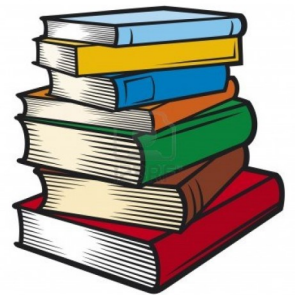


Graces continues to be a ministry that accepts and rehomes new and gently used books, rosaries, crosses, and other religious items. We typically have a table after all masses on Hospitality Sundays. During the rest of the month there are two book carts in the hallway near the Religious

Education office which allows access to items. Please stop by, browse and take something to help your faith journey! If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Simone McGuinness directly (518-399-9506), rather than leaving them on the carts. This helps keep the book carts looking sharp. Additionally, if you are ever looking for an item, please contact me, so I can be on the lookout.

## Book Club

Our group continues to meet monthly to read and discuss all kinds of literature: always looking at the books with a Catholic Lens. The past several months we have read the dystopian novel Vox, the classic novel Little Women and a Caldecott winning children's book The Adventures



of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend. Our upcoming books include Educated and Annelies. We have also had video vignettes, discussion of TedTalks and local authors as guest speakers for meetings. Sometimes the group loves a book, and other times not, but the discussions help us learn more about ourselves, and each other. For more information contact Simone McGuinness (518-399-9506) or check out the Book Club link on the Parish website. <https://www.icglenville.com/book-club>

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### Knights of Columbus



#### 2019 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Each year the Knights awards a scholarship named after Sir Knight Fritz Neumann to a high school student entering their first year of college based on parish/community service, academics and extracurricular activities. This year's recipient reflects these to the highest degree. Drew Wimble is this year's winner of the \$2000.00 Fritz Neumann Scholarship.



#### BUILDING FUND DONATION

Owen Cole, Grand Knight of Glenville Council 10013 presented Rev Jerry Gingras with a check for \$3000.00 for his Parish Hall renovation fund. During Lent the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary hosted fish dinners every Friday raising over \$10,000.00 which was distributed to various charities in the Capital Region.

### RCIA by Kim Klementowski



The purpose of this ministry is to help 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, 3 amazing women were brought into full communion with our Catholic Faith by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. With your help, love and support we welcomed Jessica Fragnoli, Danielle Coffey and Jennifer Marion into our parish family.

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 ongoing faith journey...it's intended to assist adults who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation--Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. There isn't any age limit. The process is for adults who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another Christian Faith, and those who were baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. For those who were baptized Catholic and received the sacrament of First Eucharist but have not received Confirmation, there is a separate process. The process can also help those who received all of your sacraments but have been away from the Catholic Church for a number of years.

If you, or someone you know, have a desire to learn more about coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, please feel free to attend our "Meet & Greet Session" which will be held on August 27, at 7pm, in the Flicker Room. See the bulletin for reminders as it gets closer. 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, Mike and Maria Groves or me (Kim Klementowski) 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: Kim Klementowski : 518-384-2234; Kdklem2@gmail.com

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Friends-In-Deed by Jeanne Behr



Welcome to the new social and service ministry, called Friends-In-Deed. This ministry was formed in the Spring of 2019 with the hope of establishing deeper connections among all parishioners and to provide community outreach opportunities year-round. There are no meetings, just fun, fellowship and works of service. This ministry has two components: a social side, led by Cindy Peterson, offers opportunities to get together, to know one another better and have some fun such as going to museums, sporting events, various performing arts, community events, whatever you want! The service side, led by Jeanne Behr, will provide community outreach opportunities year round as well. Opportunities involve giving back to the community, from helping to provide meals, yard clean-up, making blankets to be donated to charity, helping out during a disaster, any ideas are welcomed.

In May, Friends-In-Deed hosted an Ice cream social kickoff event to introduce this new ministry and to have an open dialogue and sharing of ideas. There was a high level of interest and enthusiasm, as well as sharing of ideas. Currently, we have 50-plus parishioners who are interested in getting together for some fun activities and/or service events.

There are many ways to discover what social and service opportunities are being offered. We have created a new Facebook page called "Friends-In-Deed" (to find it on Facebook, type in: friends-in-deed - social/service ministry of icc - glenville, ny). It is currently set to a privacy level of 'closed' and you may make a request to join. Also, visit Immaculate Conception's website (ic-glenville.com), and keep your eyes attuned to the bulletin.

When life is hard and the world looks unpleasant, the opportunity to come together for a meal, movie, game night, ball games, or concerts can help make us stronger. Similar to baking cookies or starting a home improvement project, the

first things you need are ingredients: flour, sugar and eggs, or hammer, level and working gloves. But if one of these ingredients is left out, the batch of cookies tastes horrible, and the home improvement project falls apart. Yet together, all those ingredients make delicious cookies and a successful home improvement project. We gain strength and encouragement from each other whether we are experiencing a loss, fiscal difficulties or family distresses. Spending social time together can aid us in healing and gives us the inspiration to keep moving forward, and help us to keep our eyes on God, as he guides us through the tough times. Fellowship allows us to build those lasting relationships so no matter what we all are facing, we can get through it together, and we are not alone.

Jesus speaks of the importance of good deeds done for others, referred to as the Corporal Works of Mercy (to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to bury the dead, to give drink to the thirsty, to shelter the homeless, and to visit the imprisoned). When you offer to serve your community, you recognize that the ability to give comes from a state of mind and heart, a place much deeper than the material.

Engaging in helping others, either throughout the community or within our Immaculate Conception parish, provides us with the opportunity to form lasting relationships and have a positive impact on society at large.

We all should find welcome and belonging in Immaculate Conception, a community of compassion and hope that embraces us and challenges us to be faithful to the Gospel, to love one another, by offering a seat at the table for all. Let us seek out fresh ways to celebrate our unity, widen the circle of belonging and in doing so delight in the heart of the Creator.

We all have talents, and some we aren't even aware of until we are asked to help. The greatest reward of serving others is how it makes you feel about yourself. This special feeling is God's way of telling you thank you! Thank you for caring! Thank you for making a difference in the world!

As Mother Teresa reminded us, "We can do no great things – only small things with great love". It's not just what we do that matters, but the inner inspiration behind our action that really counts.

Please come and be part of the Friends-In-Deed ministry. If you are interested in joining or have ideas to share, we would love to hear them.

Coordinator for Social ideas: Cindy Peterson at [ICCFriends-Social@gmail.com](mailto:ICCFriends-Social@gmail.com)

Coordinator for Service ideas: Jeanne Behr at [ICCFriendsService@gmail.com](mailto:ICCFriendsService@gmail.com)

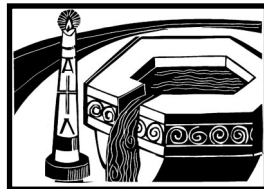


**Congratulations to Father Mike Melanson**



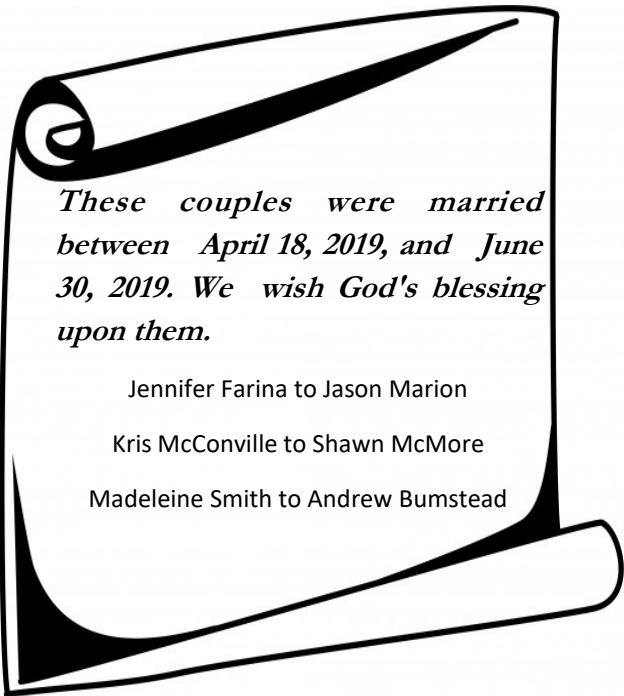
Parishioners joined in the celebration of the ordination of Deacon Michael Melanson. A busload attended the ordination at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A reception after Father Melanson's first Mass was attended by approximately 400 people.

**Times of Joy—Sacramental Milestones**



*Congratulations and welcome to these children who received the Sacrament of Baptism from April 18, 2019, to June 30, 2019. We pray for the grace these families need to grow in their faith.*

- Isabella Rosemary, child of Nicole & Robert Hudson
- Madeline Patricia, child of Christine & Christopher Meenan
- Henry Michael, child of Marissa & Jay Sousa
- Makai Roosevelt, child of Stacy & Amin Glass
- Cole Stephen, child of Brittany & Christopher Altieri
- James Jerome, child of Sarah & Joseph Adams
- Isaac Graham, child of Gabrielle & Joseph Messare
- Luca Anthony, child of Krista & Paul Donabella
- Elliot Thomas, child of Nicole & Clinton Aguilera



*These couples were married between April 18, 2019, and June 30, 2019. We wish God's blessing upon them.*

- Jennifer Farina to Jason Marion
- Kris McConville to Shawn McMore
- Madeleine Smith to Andrew Bumstead

## Spotlight on Suzi Mongan 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](mailto:abotsfor@nycap.rr.com) with suggestions of future subjects for this feature.



It is not unusual for volunteers to be humble. That is the case with Suzi Mongan. Sitting down and meeting each other, she asked me why she was chosen as our person to spotlight. She felt that other people had been volunteering longer than her and did more. She may have only moved to this area about five years ago, but immediately became involved in the church and community.

She and her husband met in London, married and started their family there. From London, they moved to New Jersey for her husband's job. From information on Suzi's website, I see that they bought their house over the phone and in her words, "Oh, and it wasn't quite built yet...small problem. We spent the next 2 months in an extended stay hotel and the boys and I saw every movie that came out during that time... some of them more than once." That home seemed luxurious after their small London house. In spite of the fact that they made great friends there and the boys thrived at school, something just wasn't right.

After 5 years, they wanted to move, finding New Jersey a bit warm for the activities they liked. They wanted a house with lots of land, where they could have some animals, was in a good school district, and was close to good restaurants

(since they are all foodies). After looking through several New England towns and stopping in Saratoga Springs, they settled into a 52-acre former horse farm in Charlton.

After finding a home, they set out to search for a parish where they felt comfortable. Both Suzi and her husband, Aidan, were raised Catholic. After visiting a few other parishes in the area, they chose Immaculate Conception. When they arrived at mass, Father Jerry noticed that they were new and greeted them warmly. He welcomed them from the altar that day. From the start, she liked Father Jerry; the way he does mass, the music and the ways her kids can also get involved. They attended the new family breakfast and made friends quickly. Suzi says she found a great home here.

She and her husband wanted to be involved in the church ministries. Their sons had been altar servers in the past and here they continued. Suzi serves as a Lector and her husband is a Eucharist Minister. Suzi joined the Hospitality Committee and later became the leader of that group. This year she is stepping down from that leadership role. She has opened a catering business called Red Mailbox Farm (Our Farm to Your Table, fresh food and fresh menus). She has catered the Anointing Mass, Father Michael Melanson's Reception and also the Rosary Altar Christmas Dinner among other events. For the annual Parish Picnic, Suzi does the dessert table, helps with the Lenten Fish Fry making the coleslaw and helping with the curbside service. She has given some classes for adults in the RCIA program, volunteered with her family for the Day of Service, this year, making and freezing many meals for Jack's Place. She also is part of the Stewardship Committee with her involvement in the different ministries.

Suzi grew up in a small town in Northern Quebec called Sept-Isles (Seven Island). The little town of about 30,000 people was known for its Iron Ore Company where her dad worked. It is the second biggest natural port in Canada allowing the largest cargo ships to come for the iron ore. Suzi was the oldest of 3 girls. Her mom worked as a nurse and also had a home decorating store in town.

See Suzi, page 7

### Suzi, continued from page 6

After high school, Suzi went to McGill University and graduated with a degree in Political Science. She went on to law school. She took a break to spend two years in London where she worked for an IT company. There she met her husband, Aidan. They have three sons: Gene is a sophomore at Northeastern University majoring in Architecture. Patrick is a senior and Jack is a sophomore at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School. In England and New Jersey, the boys attended Catholic schools. Suzi believes in a triangle of church, home and school. They believe all three work in harmony in their lives.

In her spare time, her boys' sporting events have kept her busy. She also likes to read, knit, garden,

cook and entertain. She cooks ethnic foods, going to specialty markets around the Capital District for ingredients. Two of her boys play for the local soccer club where Aidan coaches and the youngest son is on the varsity tennis team.

Suzi now has her bigger garden where she grows organic vegetables and herbs that she uses in her cooking. They have some fruit trees and berry bushes. She finds that her garden is her refuge, going out around 5:30-6:00 in the morning and back in to work around 9:00 AM. They now raise goats, chickens and turkeys at holiday times. Suzi and her family seem to have settled into an active and rewarding life. From her blog: "All is well..."



## 2019 MORNING OF SERVICE SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 26, 2019

Mark your calendars for the **4<sup>th</sup> parish-wide Morning of Service on Saturday, October 26**. The format will be similar to last year. All ages and all abilities are welcome. Signups will begin the weekend of the parish picnic in September. Check the bulletin and parish web site for updates. Photos from the 2018 event are on the parish web site under *Parish Life* and then *Parish Photos*.

We can use your help and ideas in a variety of ways.

- Tell us about organizations that could use our help.*
- Let us know your ideas for new or different projects.*
- Do you craft or supply items for a needy cause? Can we help you?*
- Are there projects or services that you think we should engage again?*
- Do you have some time to help us? Any amount would be appreciated.*



Please contact Janice Zaengle or MaryAnn Johnson at [ICServiceChair@gmail.com](mailto:ICServiceChair@gmail.com) or 518-852-3377.



*Summer Nights*

at Immaculate Conception Church



**Church COOKOUT**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**6:00pm – 8:00 pm**

INVITE a Neighbor, INVITE a Friend,  
Family in town? Bring them!

**We will provide:** hotdogs and hamburgers, rolls & condiments, paper products

**You bring:** a dish or dessert to share, lawn chairs or a blanket and beverages for your group.

In addition to the featured game each week we will have other lawn games set up like bocce ball, kan jam, ladderball and one minute challenges. Plus craft corner and toddler activities! Something for everyone – all ages!

<p><b>July 9</b></p> 	<p><b>July 16</b></p> 
<p><b>July 23</b></p> 	<p><b>July 30</b></p> 

Questions? Email [cicyouth@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cicyouth@nycap.rr.com) or call 518-399-9203

Please park in the main church lot and walk over to the open field behind the Youth Center/Garages for all the fun!

In this twenty-third 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](mailto: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:

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**October 12-13**

Distribution of the next issue of the Pipeline

**October 1:** Submissions due