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Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger announced a major event for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany: the Hearts Aflame Eucharistic Congress which was held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs in Auriesville. In our Catholic tradition, a "Eucharistic Congress" is a special gathering led by the bishop and focused on our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a time of joy, fellowship, prayer, and unity. The day offered Mass with the bishop, inspirational speakers, Eucharistic adoration and procession, activities for children and youth, and tours of the shrine.

I had the honor of being Immaculate Conception's point of contact for the Eucharist Congress. As the event neared, feelings of anticipation and a bit of apprehension started to rise within me. These feelings changed to awe and respect as I passed the three crosses and



A Reflection by Jeanne Behr

entered the grounds of the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs. The Shrine honors four saints--the Jesuit martyrs St. René de Goupil, St. Isaac Jogues and St. Jean de Lalande who laid down their lives sharing the Gospel with the Mohawk Indians, and "The Lily of the Mohawks" --Saint Kateri Tekakwitha--an Indian Maiden who was converted to the Catholic Church by these priests in the 1600's.



Continuing to walk the grounds,

I could hear and feel the atmosphere of the crowd filled



with hope, prayer, and gratefulness. We were all here looking for something, perhaps forgiveness or reconciliation, spirituality, peace or individual answers. I passed statues by the streams and on the hillside. This is truly a place where time stands still and history comes alive.

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Ministry Updates

Youth Ministries Update By Christine Goss

As our year begins we are pleased to report that we have 25 catechists in the Youth Ministries grades 7 – 12 programs! What an incredible blessing! With such an outpouring of support for catechesis, it becomes easy to focus on that (catechesis = religious instruction) as the only, or primary, role of Youth Ministries – but it is not.

Accompanying Youth – it is ALL of our Call
“Genuine spiritual accompaniment always begins and flourishes in the context of service to the mission of evangelization.” Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 173

Are you interested in learning more about how you can support and be involved with the youth of our Parish? We encourage you to consider answering the call to accompany youth on their faith journey. Who is being called? EVERYONE! Journeying in faith with young people is more than catechesis, it is sharing your faith through encounters with teens, it is offering a friendly smile to a young person at Mass, it is welcoming a new family that joins you in your pew, it is praying for the conversion of hearts for our youth, it is supporting their endeavors both within our Parish and within our wider community.

Youth Ministry is the work of our entire parish and in early 2019 we will be hosting a multi-evening workshop for adults entitled **“Called to Accompany.”**

Are you a parent or grandparent? This workshop is for you.

Are you a catechist? This workshop is for you.

Are you a parishioner of our Church? This workshop is for you.

Called to Accompany will provide all who attend a broader understanding of Youth Ministry, its goals and objectives, and will provide practical guidance on how to help young people grow in faith. Some of the topics covered will be:

Renewing the Vision (USCCB document on youth ministry)

- Evangelization
- Adolescent Development
- Pastoral Care for Youth
- Diversity

Watch the bulletin and our website for the announcement of these sessions in early 2019. If you would like more information about this, or any Youth Ministries program – please contact Christine Goss at 518-399-9203 or cicyouth@nycap.rr.com.

Ministry Updates-cont.

Another Just Five Days Mission Trip



For the second year in a row, a group of young people from our parish went on a Just Five Days Mission trip. The purpose of the parish-sponsored trip was to help young adults to learn and grow in their faith during this service retreat when they would meet other Catholic youth who, like them, wanted to help others. More information on Just Five Days is at the organization's website-<https://www.cmdnet.org/j5d>.

The picture above includes all the youth who participated this year. Our girls are pictured as follows:

Front Row – 6th student from the left—Carrie Watkins

10th student—Olivia Wetmore

Middle Row – 2nd student from the left—Sophia Goss

9th student is Ella Merenberg (from St. Joseph's, Scotia but she traveled with our group)

There are also 5 girls from St. Kateri in Schenectady that were present.

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Entering the Coliseum was spellbinding; so much history and symbolism was represented with every step I took. I could not do justice in capturing it all. Built in 1930, this is an amphitheater, with each door representing the 72 disciples and main aisles representing the 12 apostles. Crosses on the columns are likened to trees on which Isaac Jogues carved his crosses, and over the eight double doors are sculpted images of the eight North American Martyrs. At the center of the Coliseum

are four wooden altars, each dedicated to one of the Jesuit martyrs and



Kateri Tekakwitha. A 72-foot altar rail surrounds the sanctuary inside of which is a reliquary which



contains bone fragments of the three martyrs. Also, there is a statue of Mary which originally stood in a shrine in Rouen, France, where Jesuit martyrs completed their novitiate.

As Mass began, more than four thousand joined in harmony to sing the introductory hymn “Here I Am Lord.” This was remarkable; I felt an energy, an exhilaration I had never felt before. I felt the lyrics are about being called by God and trusting him to walk with you through everything.

Focusing on renewing our faith, being watchful of our temptations, and not confusing our faith with the organization, Reverend Patrick Winslow and Bishop Scharfenberger reminded or re-affirmed for me who

Christ is and why our faith is important. We should be disciples and spread the news one person at a time.

As I sat there meditating, I envisioned Jesus as a model of someone who does not accept the status quo, who speaks for the oppressed and the marginalized. Jesus leads me into a greater hope, that maybe we can get past the violence, injustice and feelings of disappointment as we seek God’s realm in the world. I may feel defeated but Jesus reminds us that through his trust, our faith will be restored. Without faith, no matter what the situation might be, we can’t expect things to turn out all right for us.



In celebrating the Eucharist, a communal of more than four thousand people gathering together in a place filled with historic background and sacrifice, I was moved in a way to unburden my past offenses so that I could rejoice in the company of others and share the sign of peace with strangers who seemed like long lost friends. I listened to the readings as they were proclaimed to us as a community and followed with a public proclamation of our communal faith.

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Taking in the magnificent and spectacular view and visualizing the human drama of the martyrs, imagining the time period, the distrust, sacrifice, the love, hope, and honor of all who lived on these grounds, I wondered if I would be as brave as these martyrs were. That being said, what I learned growing up in a devout household is a message well worth expressing to the world: care for the poor and sick, have tolerance, peace and love.

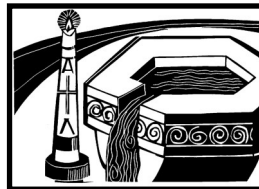
The Shrine of the North American Martyrs is a tranquil location filled with history and a view that brings harmony to your spirit. It was the perfect location to gather in a Eucharistic Congress and focus with others on Jesus in the Eucharist. Besides this large spiritual gathering, it is also a place for individuals and families. If you haven't taken your family this is a must see on your bucket list, and if you have seen it you need to re-visit.

It is a physical and spiritual treasure in our own back yard.




Hearts Aflame
 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Times of Joy—Sacramental Milestones



Congratulations and welcome to these children who received the Sacrament of Baptism from July 2, 2018 to September 30, 2018.

We pray for the grace these families need to grow in their faith.

Emersyn Lee, child of Nathan & Jennifer Doty

Sophia Grace, child of Brian & Grenalyn Flaherty

Emily Elizabeth, child of Christopher & Katerina Gaylord

Luke Matthew, child of Matthew & Amy Danton

Judah Robert, child of Kyle & Grace Scheffler

Jesse Michael, child of Joseph & Mary Nally

Gabriel Evan, child of Robert & Eryn Giordano

Cameron Elizabeth, child of Christine & Cole Vanderlinden

Madelyn Grace, child of Matthew & Jennifer Salisbury

Kiera Renee, child of Jared & Jacqueline Montgomery

Maddison Jean, child of Kristi & Rodney Aitken

These couples were married between July 2, 2018 and September 30, 2018. We wish God's blessing upon them.

Katherine Cushman to Michael Leupold

Dene DiMartino to Dalton McCarthy

Spotlight on Kim Klementowski 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 Kim was asked to be interviewed for this issue of the Pipeline, she came up with a list of other people who she felt were worthier and much more interesting. So, after some convincing, Kim reluctantly agreed. It is amazing how involved she is with so many aspects of parish life.

Growing up in Saratoga Springs, Kim graduated from Saratoga High School. There, she played every sport they had: basketball, volleyball, track, field hockey and softball. Basketball was her favorite. After high school, she went to SUNY Cobleskill (where she played volleyball) and then on to SUNY Plattsburgh. She has a degree in accounting. At first, she worked for Beech-Nut Nutrition Corporation in Canajoharie and continued working in private industry for 22 years. Presently, she is an accountant for the NYS Thruway in their budget division. As a kid growing up in Saratoga she loved riding her bike into town and would often end at the

Lake Avenue Armory where she played summer basketball.

You have probably seen Kim's name in the bulletin and in the Pipeline often. She is the Coordinator of the RCIA Ministry, is a member of the Rosary Altar Society, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Adult Faith Enrichment Team, serves on the Stewardship and Morning of Service Evaluation Committees, and is a reader and a greeter. In May, July and September, Kim joins a team from Immaculate Conception serving dinner at the City Mission. Kim graduated from the Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry. This is a diocesan program for those wanting to help their parish priests with whatever they need and is required by those preparing to be Deacons. You'll also see her with the Ladies Auxiliary working at the Friday Fish Fry during Lent, as well as serving at the parish picnic and the parish Mardi Gras celebration.

A few years ago, Father Jerry asked Kim to lead the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Ministry at our church. At first, she wasn't convinced that she was the person for the job. But after hearing Father's homily on the prophets in the desert and how things God wanted them to do were things they'd run away from, she felt she had received a sign from God that she should give this a try. Now, four years later, she feels she gets so much more from the candidates than she gives. "It is a pleasure to walk with them on their journey," Kim said. In the first 3 years, 15 adults completed the process. The process has just started up for this year with new candidates. Kim credits the success of the RCIA process to the many devoted team members who spend hours preparing talks for the candidates and who are very open to sharing their faith.

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Kim has been a parishioner of the Church of the Immaculate Conception for about 12 years. She joined just before Father Jerry became pastor here. She considers Father to be a great mentor, teacher and friend.

When she is not at work or busy with church activities, Kim is a Booth Coordinator for the Make a Wish Foundation. She has coached the girls' travel basketball team in Scotia as well as various girls' softball and soccer teams. She has always wanted to make a difference in a child's life. She feels that the youth in our parish are wonderful and that gives her great hope for the future.

Through the Spring Enrichment Program, she has her Adult and Youth Ministry certifications. Last year she joined Cursillo and was on the team this year for the special weekend. She attends the meetings here at Immaculate Conception.

Kim's parents continue to live in Saratoga. When she gets a chance, she likes to spend time with her close friends and family. She has a sister in Endwell near Binghamton and a brother in Virginia. In her spare time, she likes to read and write and has written some book reviews for the Pipeline as well as some articles which were published in the Evangelist. Kim enjoys watching college and pro football along with college basketball and pro hockey.

Kim draws her faith from her friends, teammates and Father Jerry. She feels blessed to have teammates who are faith-filled and have the best interest of the parish at heart. It is evident that Kim is generous in sharing her love of God and her faith with those around her. So many have benefited from her faithful service and friendship.

**Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in
Auriesville**

Some Interesting Facts—

The statue of Christ on the cross above the altars is 9 feet tall and was carved in wood by Troy sculptor Frank Feigeler. The cross is made of hemlock from a tree in the Ravine.

In the 1640's, Father Isaac Jogues, and his two lay companions, Rene Goupil and John Lalonde, were killed by the Mohawks. During the same decade, five Jesuit priests were martyred in Canada. In 1930, these were canonized as the eight North American martyrs.

Kateri was born in Ossernenon a decade after the killing of Fr. Jogues. She was scarred and almost blind because of smallpox. After her baptism, she was devoted to the Eucharist. She died at 24, whispering the names of Jesus and Mary. When she died, her smallpox scars miraculously disappeared.

She was canonized on October 21, 2012 by
Pope Benedict XVI.



The Shrine season begins the first weekend in May and extends to the middle of October.

The amphitheater has a diameter of 257 feet. If you walked around it 6 times, you would walk almost a mile.

The amphitheater seats 6500 people and can
accommodate 10,000 pilgrims.

Auriesville was originally the Mohawk village of
Ossernenon.



PARISH MORNING OF SERVICE

Serve our community with mercy, compassion, and humility

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Everyone invited to participate- All Ages, All Abilities, Men and Women, Girls and Boys, Individuals, Couples, Friends, or Families. Last year, over 350 parishioners participated!

Many service opportunities –projects for more than 25 local agencies such as Glendale Home, Regional Food Bank, Town of Ballston, Ronald Mc Donald House, City Mission, and YWCA.

Where will you serve – You can select a project at an off-site local agency or a project at our parish center.

Do you need to sign up to participate? Yes, Yes, Yes

How to sign up – Answer your email from Signup Genius or go to www.icglenville/2018-Morning-of-Service. Signups close on Sunday, October 21, at midnight.

Time Line - Saturday, November 3, 2018; 8:15 am check-in and prayer service at church, followed by community service from 9 am – 12:30 pm, followed by an optional light lunch, fellowship and reflection in the parish hall from 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm.

More information - go to www.icglenville/2018-Morning-of-Service.

Need help? Have Questions? Contact Jeanne or MaryAnn at ICServiceChair@gmail.com.

“We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God”, David Hass.

In this twentieth 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 19-20:

Distribution of the next issue of the Pipeline

January 9: Submissions due