

Parish Center to Open Soon by Father Jerry Gingras



It has been a journey of work that has taken many months, but the doors to our new building will soon be opened. We expect that to officially happen in the next few weeks. The new structure now connects the Flicker Room to the bathrooms, the kitchen, and the parish hall. With its covered entrance and handicapped access, the entrance not simply a practicality, but a statement of Christian hospitality, making the building more accessible to one and all. Our new parish center gathering area provides lots of space for events, informal meetings and will enable easier serving of food in the Flicker Room.

The corridor of the new addition highlights the crucifix that once hung in the old, our current parish hall. That same cross was in our current worship space before we were gifted with the large crucifix from Holy Cross Church in the Stockade.

Two stained glass windows are also visible. A round window featuring the Sacred Heart of Jesus is located to the right of the front doors. This window is approximately 150 years old and completely refurbished thanks to the generosity of longtime parishioner Bill Larkin in honor of his wife +Dottie.

To the left of the entrance you will find a window depicting the Birth of Jesus. This window was given to us in memory of +Rev. Peter Sullivan. Backlighting illuminates both windows, making for a beautiful sight in the evening. Both windows also compliment the large stained glass image of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception above the front doors of the church.

Lastly, the statues of Jesus and the children are outside the front doors, having been moved from the prior location, by the old entrance to the parish center. It now sits prominently on stone – Jesus is our rock.

Everything that we have done has been because of the generosity of our community. There are few words to express my gratitude, and as Saint Paul said to the Philippians, *“I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you.”* As we walk together into the future of our joyful community, the next project is the renovation of the parish hall. Renovation funds from the yellow envelopes (for those of you who are envelope users) will help fund this work. If you are an e-giver, or if you want to support this work in a specific way, please contact the parish office.



Ministry Updates

Memory Café Helps People with Alzheimer's Disease

According to the 2019 statistics from the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's disease is the 6th leading cause of death in the United States. Currently, 5.8 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and it is projected that by 2050 the number will rise to nearly 14 million Americans. Every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops this disease. (Alz.org).

The Memory Café is designed for individuals suffering with Alzheimer's disease or another related form of dementia, along with their caregivers. **The café meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the Flicker Room from 1-2 pm.** This is an opportunity for caregivers dealing with a loved one with Alzheimer's disease to go to a place where they are with other folks who are experiencing similar situations. It is an opportunity for the folks with Alzheimer's disease to be able to interact with others in a very loving and caring environment, without anyone passing judgment.

The café is organized by Rachel Winters, Pastoral Care Coordinator here at ICC. She has three faithful volunteers, Mary Beth Sankowski, Marie MacPherson, and Shelia Grzebien who share their time with these beautiful people. The Memory Café was

created in partnership with the Northeastern New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. The one hour café offers the opportunity for the caregivers and their loved ones to spend time together in a non-threatening environment, conversing with one another, having a cup of coffee and a dessert, playing the piano and singing songs, playing Bingo, Po-ke-no, or another game, and just simply being together. It is a wonderful place to come and feel welcome and loved for how you are...a child of God.

For more information, please feel free to contact Rachel Winters by phone 518-399-9186 ext. 226 or via email pastoral-careic@gmail.com.





Fun at the Mardi Gras—Photos by Julie Ashcroft



2019 MORNING OF SERVICE

Serve Christ and community with love, mercy and humility

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 26, 2019

by Janice Zaengle and MaryAnn Johnson, Morning of Service Co-Chairs



Mark your calendars for the 4th parish-wide Morning of Service on Saturday, October 26. The format will be similar to last year. Signups will begin the weekend of the parish picnic in September. More details will be coming in late summer. There are more photos from the 2018 event on our parish web site under *Parish Life* and then *Parish Photos*.

If you are new to the parish or have not participated before, here is some information about last year's Morning of Service. In spite of the fact that it was a cold, rainy, blustery, fall day, about 350 parishioners of all ages and abilities lovingly provided over 800 hours of service to our local community. We participated in 28 different projects, both on site in the parish center and at off-site locations for agencies in Scotia-Glenville, Schenectady, Albany, Ballston Spa, and Latham. We made fall decorations, "plarn," Christmas cards for the military, baby blankets, memory book pages, welcome cards, pet toys, and scarves. We made meals, visited nursing homes, cleaned, sorted and organized inventory, painted, did yard work, washed windows and cleaned cemetery markers and vans.



From the off-site/host agencies we received 100% positive feedback. Here are some comments:

- "In the pouring rain, volunteers arrived ready to work and made sure every detail was executed to our satisfaction. It was wonderful being associated with such a great community. The work completed was so important to us and we cannot thank you enough for braving the horrible weather and cleaning our busses so we could concentrate on serving our senior population with much needed transportation services."
- "I really appreciated how flexible your volunteers were. We were not able to have them do what we expected they would be doing, and they had a great attitude about it!"



- "The crew did an awesome job painting. It really brightened up the area making it much nicer for the residents there. They were very excited and appreciative. Thank You Very Much for another job well done."
- "It was a blessing to again be included in the Morning of Service! The team worked hard and everything they did here was a help. Many meals they prepared have been enjoyed, and the chores were a HUGE help. Thank you again for blessing us with your time and talents."
- "Your group set the precedent for our Christmas operation. We are so grateful for the help they gave and will never forget the time and efforts they poured out."

Team leaders and volunteers shared these positive thoughts:

- "I would volunteer again next year. Overall this was a very positive experience. Thanks for providing this opportunity."
- "Team Leader did a great job leading the group given the bad weather"
- "Most of the residents appreciated us coming and visiting, and helping them play Bingo. A few didn't want to be there, and left! Oh well. Overall it was a very nice experience."
- "Willing to come back on my own time and help with work that was canceled due to rain."
- "It was a very nice experience, to work on the project as a group and to meet other parishioners and share in conversation."
- "I think it's a wonderful idea that we do this. I already do a lot of volunteer work within the area, and it's really important both for me and the places I serve. Thank you!"
- "I was thankful to be with family and meeting new church members."
- "We had a blast!! Look forward to doing it again!! Thank you!!!"
- "It made me feel so good after volunteering for the day and so impressed with the number of old, young, and middle aged people who volunteered."

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Of course there were many suggestions for improvement including:

- Group picture was a bit chaotic!
- Don't schedule on a rainy day.
- Too many or too few volunteers for a project.
- We expected lobster for lunch, not pizza. *Maybe this year?*

"It takes a parish" of generous, talented and caring people to make Morning of Service a success. We thank you for your previous support and we hope you join us on Saturday, October 26, 2019.



Making scarves for Bethesda House

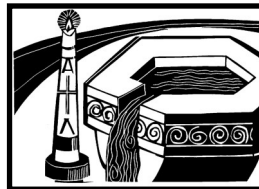


Painting at Schenectady Day Nursery



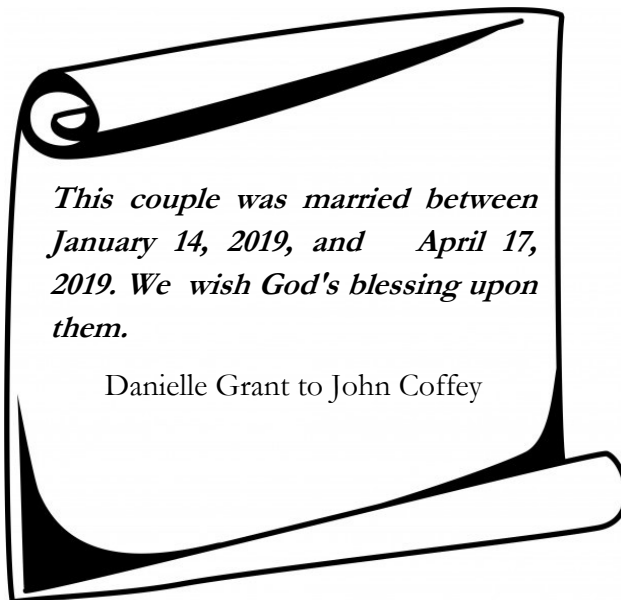
Making blankets for Northern Rivers Early Childhood Center

Times of Joy—Sacramental Milestones



Congratulations and welcome to these children who received the Sacrament of Baptism from January 14, 2019, to April 17, 2019. We pray for the grace these families need to grow in their faith.

- Eden Jane, child of Megan & Nicholas Pisani
- Delaney Eileen, child of Lindsey & Robert Womer
- Josephine Olivia, child of Erin & Grant Socha
- Ella Skye, child of Jessica & Marc Gravelin
- Ryland Emil, child of Mara & Erik Guillaume
- Jacob Kyle, child of Courtney & Kenneth Behrens



This couple was married between January 14, 2019, and April 17, 2019. We wish God's blessing upon them.

Danielle Grant to John Coffey

Spotlight on Audrey Hughes 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.



“On the home front, it is easy to guess that life is never dull”. - Tom Hughes

Audrey Brown Hughes is a warm, vibrant and active member of our community. We chatted over a cup of coffee and it felt like I'd known her for years. She feels that she has had a very blessed life with a wonderful family and many opportunities.

A native of Albany, growing up in the Pine Hills area of the city, she had a unique school experience. For her elementary school years, she attended the Vincentian Institute Glass School. There, children attended school inside greenhouses where it was believed that exposure to sunlight would promote general health and cure illness. Each of the Vincentian

schools she attended were within a 2-block walk of her home. Also, Audrey's lifelong calling to promote Christian Unity and Interfaith Dialogue, goes back to her childhood. Her first playmate was Jewish. Audrey knew in her heart her Protestant father, a righteous, moral man, could not be destined for hell because he was not a Catholic. And as a teen, she broke out of the Irish ghetto and joined an all-city Girl Scout troop, taking a trolley to the meetings where she met people of different faiths and cultures.

Following high school graduation, Audrey again walked two blocks to attend the College of Saint Rose, receiving a BA in English and History. During the summers, she worked as a gnome at Santa's Workshop and after graduation she spent a summer in Barcelona, guest of a CSR classmate. Both are high on her list of great adventures.

Audrey began her career as an English teacher in Cambridge, NY. She spent two joyful and memorable years there. Getting to Cambridge was not easy though.. Her father would drive her to the train in Troy and for 67¢ she would travel to Buskirk and wait for someone from Cambridge to pick her up. Each summer now, she looks forward to the Class of 1955s reunion picnic at Lake Lauderdale. While teaching there, she received a call from the president of Saint Rose requesting she become their Public Relations Director. She took that opportunity. The job also included recruiting for the college, putting Audrey “on the road” speaking at catholic schools and college fairs throughout the Northeast. After five years, Audrey left Saint Rose for marriage and motherhood. Eventually, she returned to the public relations field for Proctors Theatre in 1979.

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In 1959, Audrey married Tom Hughes, a speech pathologist in Schenectady. Both members of the Catholic Young Adult League, they met at a Dude Ranch Weekend. Together they raised five children: Tommy, Eileen, Dennis, Brian and Erin. As a family in the 1970's they became active in the Christian Family Movement. CFM families involved themselves in such problems as race relations, politics, the elderly, and the war on poverty. The families met in homes to study scriptures, liturgy and make a plan of action.

Around 1966 the family moved from Rotterdam to Glenville. They attended St. John the Baptist church and once their children were in school, they became members of The Church of the Immaculate Conception. Audrey is active in our parish as a reader and a member of the Resurrection and Liturgy committees.

Through the years, Audrey worked tirelessly as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She became no-less devoted to her many volunteer activities. Some of these roles included:

- President of the Alumni Association National Board of Directors, for St. Rose as well as President of the Schenectady Chapter.
- Hosted "Open House," a Diocesan ecumenical/community affairs radio show on former WQBK (1300)
- President of the Interfaith Community of Schenectady and recipient of the Ludwig Interfaith Award
- Lifetime member of the PTA for inaugurating an Arts in Education Program for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Schools
- 1970, appointed to the newly formed Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Diocese of Albany. She is current chair of the Muslim-Catholic Dialogue Committee.
- As a volunteer now, chair of Proctors Historical Committee and Museum docent.

During the 1980's, she chaired the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Committee and took part in the "incredible" Interfaith Trip to Israel and Rome, led by Bishop Howard Hubbard and Rabbi Martin Silverman.

In 2013, Audrey was honored to receive two very prestigious awards. She was presented with the Carondelet Lifetime Achievement Award from the College of Saint Rose. In October of that year, she received The Carlyle Adams Ecumenical/Interfaith Award, given by the Capital Area Council of Churches to a person who exemplifies an inclusive spirit, works to build bridges among religious groups and was active in ecumenical programs.

Before Tom's passing in 2005, they had great fun together volunteering with the New York State Park Service, giving historical commentary on Amtrack's Adirondack train to Montreal. They would get on at Saratoga, disembark at Westport and then repeat the commentary on the train headed to NYC. As a family, they traveled together throughout the United States and for outings locally. Audrey said we called them "mystery trips."

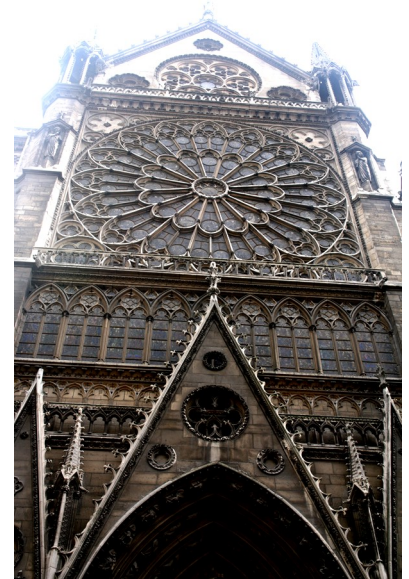
Audrey was a fixture on the St. Rose campus, always cheering on the basketball and soccer teams and attending alumni events. As a grandmother of nine, she has enjoyed attending their soccer games and concerts. For fun, she likes to read and belongs to two book clubs. She loves being with her family and going out to movies and dinner with friends. Above all, she loves ICC for its beautiful liturgical celebrations and as a warm, welcoming community, open to all,

"I have been blessed, truly blessed"- Audrey Hughes



On the sad day of the fire, many of us returned to our own pictures of Notre Dame—the beauty, the symmetry, the strength of faith.

Photos:
Marge Rizzo, 9/16



In this twenty-second 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.

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I am interested in the following ministry/ministries:

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