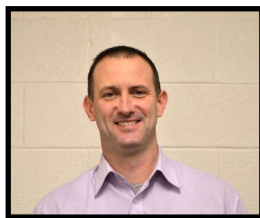




## RCIA Welcomes Four into the Process

The mission of the RCIA program 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. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It's not a program, it's a process. While a program has a definite start and a definite end, RCIA is an on-going faith journey...it's intended to assist adults who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

In August, the process formally began for welcoming any and all seekers wishing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. This year, we are pleased to welcome and assist 4 individuals coming through the RCIA process. Please



keep them in your prayers as we draw closer to the Easter Vigil.

**Jeff O'Roarke** was baptized in the Baptist faith and is seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic faith by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation

and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Jeff credits his wife Nicole and his sponsor Mike Morse with answering his questions and assisting him in his decision to become Catholic. In Jeff's words, "I have started on this journey to become Catholic because I have a strong faith in God and want to learn how to strengthen my relationship with Him. I like the tradition, structure and sense of community at IC and believe that my family should all belong to one church. Father Jerry is an excellent teacher and leader of our church and has been one of the main reasons for my conversion to Catholicism as he has offered guidance about what being Catholic truly means." Jeff and his wife Nicole have 3 lovely children, Mattingly (13), Alexandra (11) and JP (7).



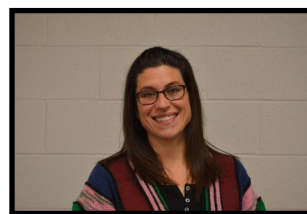
**Leanna Guerra** was baptized in the Lutheran faith and is seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Faith by receiving the Sacraments of

Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Leanna credits her husband Mario with her desire to become Catholic. In Leanna's words, "I was baptized Lutheran and lived a limited Christian life growing up. Since being introduced to the Catholic Church by my husband, strengthening my relationship with God has become important to me. The RCIA process has been a strong guide in this journey." Leanna and her husband Mario, have 2 beautiful children, Alec (4) and Rowan (2).



**Mark Delnick** was baptized in the Methodist faith and is seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Faith by receiving the Sacraments of

Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Mark credits his wife Erin with his desire to become Catholic. In Mark's words, "My wife's Catholic influence and the raising of our children as Catholic is the reason for my joining Immaculate Conception. We chose this church because we live in the community and we really like Fr Jerry. We also feel a great family atmosphere for our children here." Mark and Erin have 2 wonderful children, Ethan (8) and Audrey (6).



**Jennifer Jada** was baptized and grew up in the Catholic faith and is seeking to complete her Sacraments of Initiation by receiving Confirmation at the Easter

Vigil. She has opted to come through the RCIA process because she felt that she needed a stronger catechetical background before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. In Jennifer's words, "Confirmation is the sacrament that I am missing and I have chosen to do it now because I have seen Jesus in my life so much in the last couple of years, and feel very strongly about strengthening my bond to my faith. I had a meeting with Fr Jerry in late Spring 2017 and felt it was the perfect time. I have so much support from my mom, my family and friends. I want to do this for me and for my kids." Jennifer and her husband have 2 children, Daniel (17) and Carmela (14).

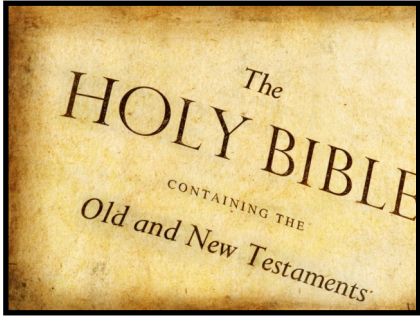
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## Ministry Updates

### Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary by Diana Byron

A few years ago Geraldine “Gerry” Havasy approached the wives of the members of the Glenville Knights of Columbus with the idea of starting a Knights of Columbus Ladies’ Auxiliary organization. With her vision and tenacity, the Knights of Columbus Ladies’ Auxiliary was started at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The main purpose of the Ladies’ Auxiliary is to support the Glenville Knights of Columbus. We fulfill this task by helping the Knights in all of their charitable endeavors especially their main fund raiser: Lenten Fish Dinners. This year the first Lenten Fish dinner will be on Friday, February 16. These dinners will continue throughout the Lenten Season and will end the Friday before Good Friday.

Although the main function of the Ladies’ Auxiliary is to aid the Knights, it is not the only objective of the Ladies’ Auxiliary. The Ladies’ Auxiliary also functions as a viable and independent organization. Meetings are held on a monthly basis from September to June. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM which is the same date and time as the Glenville Knights of Columbus meetings. These meetings are divided into two parts: business and scripture reading/sharing. The business portion of the meeting is devoted to old business and upcoming events. The scripture reading/sharing part of the meeting is extremely special. After the reading, members discuss and share life moments based on the Scripture reading.



The sharing of thoughts and ideas is always very fulfilling and the outcome is positive and spiritual.

The Ladies’ Auxiliary does support the Glenville Knights of Columbus in their endeavors but there are projects that the auxiliary supports independently. One such project is buying Christmas gifts for people in need. This project, thanks to one of our members, Gloria Andrejko, was started three years ago when Gloria contacted Catholic Charities to see if the Ladies’ Auxiliary could help them. The result of this inquiry became an annual event for the Ladies’ Auxiliary. Thanks to the generosity of the members of the auxiliary many people have benefitted and were able to have their needs and wants realized.

If any woman (having a Knight in the family is not a prerequisite) is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus Ladies’ Auxiliary, please contact Geraldine Havasy, President ([gmhavasy@yahoo.com](mailto:gmhavasy@yahoo.com) - (518) 406-5675) or Diana Byron, Vice-President ([mbyron1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mbyron1@nycap.rr.com) - (518) 346-8954). There is no cost to join unless a member would like to purchase a name tag or an apron. Both purchases are strictly voluntary.

A last perk to join this organization is the coffee hour that takes place after the meetings. The Glenville Knights of Columbus join us for the coffee hour. A feeling of fellowship and community emerges from our coffee hours.

## Ministry Updates-cont.

### Another Successful Year for the Bethlehem Tree Project

By Vivian Swank



The Bethlehem Tree project originated from the “Church Renew” project, which took place in the 1980s. This means our parish has sponsored this project for about 37 years. My husband and I initially joined the Bethlehem Tree committee when our daughter, now 33, was in middle school. We are continually impressed with the

generosity of our fellow parishioners, which makes this project a success year after year.

This year 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 from the Knights of Columbus, which were used to purchase gifts for those remaining requests.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to all those on the Bethlehem Tree committee, and to the parish staff, who coordinate bulletin information and forward phone calls and questions to me. Everyone's generosity and cooperation make this a wonderful seasonal success.

Many of the organizations request the same type of supplies each year: warm jackets/hoodie's, thermal underwear, and baby supplies such as sleepers, books and toys. If you enjoy shopping and finding deals please consider buying them in advance and on sale to save yourself some money and time during the holiday season. I will gladly pick up merchandise and store it for next year and promise to pair it with the appropriate organization. I am also always on the lookout for gently used baby items, to give to Ellis Hospital Family Health Center. Contact me at 518-399-4903 and I will come and pick up the items.

Until next year thank you all and enjoy a happy and healthy New Year!

### Knights of Columbus Council 10013

It's that time of year again and the Knights of Columbus will be starting the Lenten fish dinners beginning February 16 and going for 6 weeks through the Fridays in Lent. This is the Knights' 11<sup>th</sup> year of putting on the dinners. When the Knights started these dinners in 2007, they served a total of 465 dinners. During the 2016 Lenten season, they served just under 300 dinners per week. Many organizations contribute to the success of the dinners, including the Ladies Auxiliary, the Bakers Ministry, and the Youth Group. The fish dinners are highly anticipated by many in our parish community. Everyone is encouraged to join in the good food and fellowship.

The 40 Cans for Lent program started 5 years ago. It has grown to providing over 5,000 cans of food to our St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Families are asked to donate “1 can of food per day for the 40 days” of Lent. Donations can be placed in the collection bins at the back of the church. When one of our parish mothers took her three children to the market to buy the 40 cans, each child wanted an individual cart so the family contributed 120 cans that year. Many families have stories like this of their generosity. This is a great chance to put in action the Corporal Works of Mercy “To Feed the Hungry”.

More information on both of these projects will follow in upcoming bulletins.

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## Ministry Updates-cont.

### Respect Life Ministry

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

#### The Parish Spiritual Adoption Program

Our parish participated in the "Spiritual Adoption" program for 9 months ending in October, Pro-Life Month. During this time monthly bulletin announcements recorded the development of these babies from conception to birth. The program encouraged parishioners to pray for an unborn child in danger of abortion:

***Prayer for the Unborn Child by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen***

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child,  
whom I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.*

Sixty participating parishioners signed up last February and we collected the names they had given their babies. Here are these babies' names:

Adam, Alice, Amelia, Andre, Anne, Anthony, Ben, Beth, Cameron, Caitlin, Carl, Carol, Catherine, Cheryl, Christian, Christina Marie, Christine, Cindy, Claudia, Claire, Cole, Colin, Damian, David, Dominic, Donald, Eamonn, Grace, Helen, James, Jacob, Jamie, Jeremy, Joseph, Joy, Kaley Anne, Kaiden, Karen, Kate, Katie, Lena, Liam, Lily, Mary, Mary, Mary, Maximillian, McKenna, Michael, Michael Stephen, Michaela, Nathaniel, Noah, Nolan, Oliver, Paul, Peter, Pria, Rachael, Rebecca, Rose, Ryan, Samuel, Sonja, Susan, Teresa, Theo, and Violet.

To celebrate the fruits of our prayers, we placed beautiful arrangements of flowers with name tags in the sanctuary. Each flower represented the birth of one of these and all other babies prayed for by our parishioners.

Thank you to all in the parish who participated in the Spiritual Adoption program. See <http://www.spiritualadoption.org/> for more information on this program.

#### Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign Coming

During Lent this world-wide program of prayer, fasting and community outreach to end abortion returns to Schenectady. Since 2007, 13,998 lives (that we know of) have been saved as a result of these campaigns. Yes, lives have been saved right here in Schenectady thanks in part to participation by our parishioners. These are the fruits of this labor. See <https://40daysforlife.com/schenectady> for more information on this program.

#### Join this Ministry

Consider joining us at our Respect Life Ministry meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Watch the bulletin for meeting announcements.

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



## Ministry Updates-cont.

### Rosary Society to Hold Annual Tag Sale



The women of the Rosary Altar Society will once again be having their annual TAG SALE on Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th. When you are spring cleaning, down-sizing or just getting rid of items no longer wanted or needed, remember to donate all good re-usable items to the TAG SALE. Electronics, computers, used DVD or tapes, shoes or mattresses will not be accepted.

Collecting will begin in March. For all donations please contact either Lucy or Shirley. To donate please call Lucy @ 518-399-9385 or Shirley @ 518-399-8398 to set up a time for drop-offs. Please DO NOT leave anything outside or at the school.

For updates, to volunteer and times of sale watch for information in the bulletin.

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Many of you know someone (family member, friend, spouse, co-worker, etc) who may be interested and may benefit by the process. There isn't any age limit. The process is for people who have never been baptized or were baptized in another Christian faith and for people who were baptized Catholic but have never received the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. It is for people who are only in need of Confirmation and wish to refresh their catechetical training and work toward Confirmation in a mentor based environment facilitated by Christine Goss, our Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministries. Finally, it is for those who were catechized a long while ago and for those who have received all of the sacraments but have been away from the Catholic Church for a number of years.

Anyone with a desire to learn more about coming into full communion with the Catholic Church, is encouraged to talk to Fr Jerry, Deacon Mike or Kim Klementowski or call our parish office at 399-9168. The entire RCIA team welcomes you and is eager to be a part of your journey. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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the number of books the Immaculate Conception Book Club has discussed since its beginning in April, 2015.

At the group's next meeting on February 7, they will discuss *The Light between Oceans*.

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## Spotlight of Bob and Connie Ottaviano by Annette Botsford

This is a first in a new *Pipeline* series in which 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.

There are so many people we see at Mass daily and on the weekends who are part of the many ministries at Immaculate Conception. Some work behind the scenes and others are quite visible.

Meet Connie and Bob Ottaviano who are most often in attendance at the 8AM Sunday Mass and serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Both Bob and Connie are also involved in other ministries at our church and in the diocese. They have been Catechists for about 30 years, teaching students in grades 6-11. For a number of years, they worked together in the Confirmation program. Many of the kids they worked with are now adults that they enjoy seeing when they are out and about in the community. Most recently, they have taught mini classes in the fall and spring.



"LORE" (Ladies of the Rotterdam Elks), and served as the Chaplain for the group for a number of years, then served as Secretary, Vice President, and President. It is a very active group of ladies, and Connie enjoys working with them and contributing to the many different charities they are involved with.

Bob and Connie are also involved in Residents Encounter Christ, a prison ministry of the Albany Catholic Diocese. Bob has done weekend retreats in six different prisons over the past 30 years. He is presently doing retreat weekends at Great Meadow Correctional Facility. The R.E.C. team encourages inmates to encounter and get closer to Christ. Connie, also active in R. E. C., now helps behind the scenes to organize the twice-yearly retreats.

Connie also volunteers at the Sunnyview Gift Shop and used to be a Eucharistic Minister at the Glendale Home. Bob is a member of the Rotterdam Elks Lodge. Connie is an active member of their ladies' auxiliary called

The Ottavianos are both Schenectady natives, moving to the Glenville area in 1973. Both are graduates of Nott Terrace High School. Bob has degrees from Union College and is a Professional Licensed Engineer. He retired from the Bridge Section of the NYS Department of Transportation. Connie was a legal secretary for 25 years. She later worked as the secretary to the high school principal and then the superintendent in the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake school district.

As the parents of three adult children, a son and two daughters who all live in the area, they are very involved in family activities. They have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Through the years, they have attended many track meets, wrestling matches and crew events. It has been their practice to treat each grandchild to a trip before they graduate from high school. They have traveled with their grandkids to Mexico, Florida, California and Costa Rica. This year, Connie and Bob will be married 60 years. For their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they traveled to Israel to the Holy Land. They love to travel and sightsee. This year they hope to take a trip to the Canadian Rockies.

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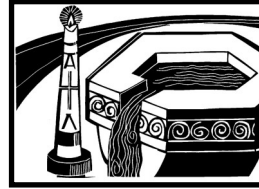
Bob is a member of the ADK 46ers. He has climbed all of the high peaks of the Adirondack Mountains. Connie has completed 8 peaks. In addition to the high peaks, Bob has completed the Fire Tower Challenge with his grandkids. The Fire Tower Challenge is 23 fire towers in the Catskill and Adirondack Mountains. Bob is also a competitive target shooter.

In addition to their present work in the church and community, they were involved in Engaged Encounter for about 20 years. They were also local leaders of a national program called Cursillo. There are parishioners at Immaculate Conception who are still active in the group. The meetings are held on our campus. The website describes the movement as: *“Cursillos in Christianity is a Movement which, by its own Method, attempts from within the Church, to give life to the essential Christian truths in the singularity, originality and creativity of the person. In discovering their potential and accepting their limitations, they will direct their freedom with their conviction, reinforce their will with decisiveness and direct their friendship with the virtue of constancy in their day-to-day life, personally and with others.”*

Bob and Connie love this parish. Connie mentioned that after communion she says a prayer of thanks for the church community and Father Jerry. The Ottavianos are both very busy and enjoy giving of their time. This couple is a blessing to the church, their family and the capital district.



### 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.*

Luna Giuliana, child of Dante & Heather Cianfarani

Carter Fitzgerald, child of Sean & Tricia Doyle

Grace Irene, child of Matthew & Karen McDermott

Oliver Rhys, child of Pieter & Julie Burhans

Olivia Pearl, child of Brian & Diana McLaughlin

Ethan Joseph, child of Mark Heath & Elizabeth Nelligan

Michael William, child of Christopher & Jill Marks

Charlotte Ann, child of Matthew & Nichole Holupko

*These couples were married between October 7, 2017 and January 8, 2018. We wish God's blessing upon them.*

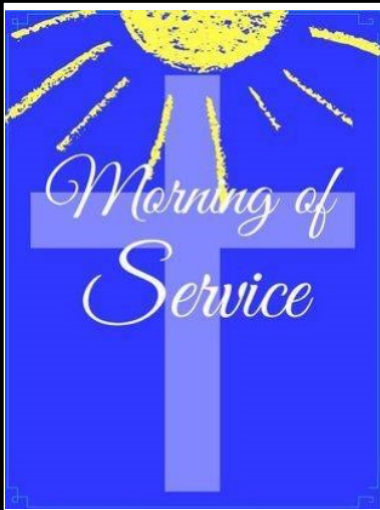
Erica Archer to Rohit Repala

Colleen Leszczynsky to Michael Sauer

Kanyanat Phankratok to Donald Schultz

Lauren Carr to Vincent Fulgieri

***Morning of Service 2017:  
Parishioners serve Christ and the community with love, mercy and humility.***



On Saturday morning, November 4, almost 400 volunteers provided over 800 hours of service to our local community. We participated in 28 different projects, both on site, in the parish center, and off-site at agencies in Scotia-Glenville, Schenectady, Albany, Ballston Spa, Latham and Saratoga.

In the parish center, we produced fall decorations for our parish home-bound, pencil pouches for Samaritan's Purse, Christmas cards for active military, children's fleece blankets for the Ronald McDonald House and Northeast Parent and Child, memory book pages for Albany Med NICU and welcome bags for the Ronald McDonald House. We made meals for the Salvation Army Booth House, City Mission, and Habitat for Humanity. We visited patients at Baptist, Glendale and Heritage Home. We cleaned, sorted and organized inventory at the Regional Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity Restore and Things of My Very Own; we painted at the Schenectady Day Nursery and YWCA. We did odd jobs for the Joan

Nicole Prince Home, Jack's Place, MiSci, Shelters of Saratoga, and the Town of Glenville. We helped build at Habitat for Humanity.

Thank you to all the team leaders and helpers for coordinating and leading their teams, our nurse, Fran Boshier, and our photographers Denise Frailio and Julie Ashcroft; our photo organizer Michele DiLorenzo, the parish staff especially Fran and Kathy, the parishioners who generously donated money and materials; and to Father Jerry for supporting our ideas and for his active participation.

Special appreciation goes to the Planning Committee for their diligent efforts to put together our second Morning of Service. They are, Christine Goss and Marge Rizzo— Projects; Jean Behr and Tom Bigos – Signups and Volunteers; Joan Bunn - Supplies; Lynn Winterberger – Site Prep; Karen Bond - Secretary; Kris McConville and Maryann Haskell – Legal and Finance; Roz DiDinato and Audie Van Buren - Hospitality; Eileen and Frank Zilinskas – Evaluations. Co-Chairs Janice Zaengle and MaryAnn Johnson advise that information about Morning of Service 2018 will be coming soon.

In this seventeenth 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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