



CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A Roman Catholic Community

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BLESSED

Today we hear the beatitudes. They are the targets of every honest Christian's life and a way to judge how we are doing as followers of Christ. They lead us to true humility, to knowing ourselves as we really are before God and our neighbor. The beatitudes lift our eyes and hearts to where we should be. God has chosen us, however "common and contemptible" we seem by human standards, and made us members of Christ Jesus, who is our wisdom, our virtue, our freedom, and our holiness. Thanks be to God!

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The Eucharist is celebrated

Sunday, the Lord's Day 8 AM and 11 AM
Anticipated on Saturday 5 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 AM
Thursday, Friday 7 AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays 4-4:30 PM
and by appointment

Souper Bowl Sunday – Feb. 4 & 5

The SICM and Sacred Heart-St. Columba Food Programs will participate in the annual, national Souper Bowl Sunday Appeal. Volunteers will be at the doors of our church after each Mass to accept donations, all of which are used to purchase nutritious food for these essential programs. **Volunteers are needed** to collect at all the masses. Call Joan Bunn at 399-4836.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
1/29 8 am Mass 11 am Mass with CLOW Noon - Afterglow 5:30 YA Group	1/30 9 am Mass 7 pm RCIA	1/31 9 am Mass 9:30-6 pm Adoration 3:15 pm Rosary of the 7 Sorrows
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2/1 9 am Mass 7 pm Book Club	2/2 7 am Mass 4 pm Recovery Mtg 6:30pm TOPS Mtg 7 pm Choir	2/3 7 am Mass with Blessing of Throats
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	UPCOMING
2/4 Hospitality 9-Noon Bottle Collection 4 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass SOUPER BOWL APPEAL TINY SAINTS SALE Valentine Dance	2/5 Hospitality SOUPER BOWL APPEAL TINY SAINTS SALE 8 am Mass 11 am Mass with CLOW Noon - Afterglow	2/6 Rosary Altar Society 2/7 Knights of Columbus 2/7 Bereavement Gp February 18/19 Bless Married Couples 2/13 Small Group Study: Theology of the Holy Trinity



"tiny saints" Fundraiser for NCYC

Perfect for zipper pulls, key fobs, and gifting!
Many wonderful saints available! \$5 each.

Contact Youth Ministries at cicyouth@nycap.rr.com or 399-9203.
Or see us after all Masses in the gathering space next weekend.

**Mass Intentions
January 28-February 5**

SAT 5:00 PM <i>January 28</i>	+Louis Ruggiero - <i>Dot & Matt McDonald, Marlene Gooley & Marge Carroll</i> +Charles Haskell - <i>Kim Klementowski</i> +Sandy Haas - <i>Spiritual Sisters</i> +Sandra Janack Chase (15 th Ann.) and +Ralph Janack - <i>family</i> +Edward Korzeniewski - <i>Month's Mind</i> +Sandy Haas - <i>Month's Mind</i>
SUN 8:00 AM <i>January 29</i>	+John James - <i>Anne Marie & Terry Stroebel</i> +Vince Cerniglia - <i>Shave & Maloney families</i> +Louis & +Kaye Haas - <i>Vogel family</i>
11:00 AM	+Wanda Barnoski - <i>John & Paulette George</i> +Raymond Schultz - <i>Schultz family</i> +Donald Klimchak +Agnes Taberski - <i>Ron & Mary Ann Johnson</i> A special intention
MON 9:00 AM <i>January 30</i>	+Valentino Venditti - <i>family</i> +Jack Meaney - <i>Nancy & Bill Tingle</i>
TUES 9:00 AM <i>January 31</i>	+Helen Sarsick - <i>Jim & Mary Ann Vincent</i> +Dick Schlansker - <i>Maria Muller</i> +Blandina - <i>Gina & Trevor Schneider</i>
9:30-6:00 PM	ADORATION IN CHURCH
WED 9:00 AM <i>February 1</i>	+Michael Ronca (5 th Ann.) - <i>Karen Ronca</i> +Nellie Overmier - <i>Wayne & Joan Bunn</i> +Edward LaBounty - <i>family</i>
THUR 7:00 AM <i>February 2</i>	Parish family members and friends
FRI 7:00 AM <i>February 3</i>	+George Fountain - <i>family</i> +Mary Lou Rodriguez - <i>Maryann Haskell</i>
SAT 5:00 PM <i>February 4</i>	+Bev Eoff - <i>wife</i> +Louis Ruggiero - <i>Christine D'Alessandro</i> +Charles Haskell - <i>Carmel Lavergne</i>
SUN 8:00 AM <i>February 5</i>	+John James - <i>Marilyn Moynihan</i> +Mary Lou Rodriguez - <i>Audrey & Vern Ketchum</i> +Mary Horton - <i>Rita James</i>
11:00 AM	+Clarence Spain - <i>Tom & Diane Bigos</i> +Charles J. Lamb - <i>Cheryl & Mary Lou</i> +Sandra Haaas - <i>Jim & Mary Ann Vincent</i> +Fiorino Orlando - <i>wife Frances and family</i>

~ If you are having a Mass offered and would like to bring up the gifts, please contact an usher before Mass. ~

Rosary Altar Society meets Monday, February 6
Organize to Simplify Your Life

Members, please come for the recitation of the rosary at 7 PM. We will not hold a meeting this month but have a program for anyone who has an interest in the following subject.....

Do you need some hints and information on how to best organize and de-clutter your home? We are pleased to have a professional organizer, Jordana Turcotte, show us how to *Organize to Simplify Your Life*. This presentation will begin at 7:30 PM in the Flicker Room. Refreshments will be served and all members and friends of the parish are welcome.

Oops! Regarding Weekly Envelopes for January-February:
Our weekly envelope provider used the wrong file when they printed the January-February weekly envelopes. Consequently, a number of you have received envelopes printed with incorrect name(s), or have not received them at all.

If you would please be so kind as to notify the office about any problem, we will be happy to send you replacement envelopes in the interim. The company is investigating the reason for this occurrence; we hope it will not re-occur!

Contact Kathy at 399-9168, ext 227 or rectory400@gmail.com.
Thank you for your patience. In the meanwhile, a plain envelope with your name on it will work as well.

Young Adult Group – Join Us One Time, Join us Anytime!

SOCIAL AND FELLOWSHIP GATHERING – Sunday, January 29
5:30-8 PM in the Parish Center Library.

We will watch and discuss "God's Not Dead 2." Come meet and get to know other Young Adults from our Community. Bring a dessert or snack to share if you can!

**** Please note earlier start time ****

BIBLE STUDY – Sunday, February 12 6–8 PM in the Parish Center Library. We will conclude our discussion on the Gospel of Matthew.

Email Christine at cicyouth@nycap.rr.com to receive updates on Young Adult Group events and opportunities.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially

+Anne Boshier, sister of Frank Boshier

and sister-in-law of Anne Cole;

+Thomas Gair; and

+Esther Mae Ketchum, mother of Vernon Ketchum; and

+Emily Topka, mother of Terry Topka.

Now absent from the body; they are present with the Lord.

Remember in your prayers all who are sick or suffering in any way - mind, body or spirit. We remember especially:

Paul M., Mary and her family, Kim Como Bond, Kevin, Dawn, Diane, Steve, Stan, Annette, Mike, Renate O'Brien, Marlene, Stuart Staude, Sue Imel, Lee S., Kristy, Joan, Tony G., Maria Pensiero-Zimmerman, James Hayes, Michele Geissler, JoAnn Masterson, Karen, Susan Piccotti, Bob G., John Jr., Mary Smith, Stan, Brian Troiano, Milly, Leonie, Amanda, Linda Little, Angelina, Paula, Tony, Leon, Bennett, LM, Debbie, John D., Connie Galloway, Lucas, Susan, Helene Girard, Andrea, John, Davia Rossi, Lou Esch, Elizabeth LaBlanc, Carson, "E J" Knapik, Darlene, James Kochen, Jennifer Jones, Jack Leveille, Dominick Marchesiello, Art, Jeffrey, Jennie Grecco, Marie Stern, Rita Staszak, Rosella Lupi, Linda A., Erin Hecker, John P., Justin, Mary Cinelli, Kristin Rybicki, James Fiedler, Stan J., Julie T., Michael Altamari, Patrick Richardson, Tina Masterson, Joe Barnick, Susan Kopchik, Ron Wood, Ruth Fiedler, Margaret King, Sarah & Loretta Gallagher, Madeline Trull, Florence Rentz, Valerie Saenger, Peggy Melanson, Nicholas Watrobski, Barbara Mlodzianowski.
Call the rectory for additions.

FAITH FORMATION 399-9210

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

FATHER / DAUGHTER VALENTINE DANCE will be held this coming Saturday, February 4, 2017.

The evening begins with 5 PM Mass and a blessing from Fr. Jerry, followed by a wonderful night of dinner and dancing with some great surprises.

Final reservations must be in no later than Monday, January 30 at 5 PM. Everyone attending **must** have a reservation; no walk-ins, please.



Rainbow Classes and Children's Liturgy of the Word

Are in session this Sunday, January 29, 2017.

**February Schedule: CLOW 2/5 and 2/26
RAINBOW 2/12 AND 2/26**

This year we have 5 students in the Rainbow Program, who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring. Please keep these students and their catechists in your prayers.

Representing the Fourth Grade at the **CHILDREN'S MASS** last week, **Catherine Groth** and **Joshua Soroka** were awarded the honor of **Student of the Month**. Also at the Mass, **Samantha Chase** distinctly presented the second reading. Congratulations to our students, your parish family is very proud of you.

The next Children's Mass will be held on February 12 at 11 AM. The Student of the Month for Grade 3 will be awarded then.

**NO SESSIONS FOR THE WINTER BREAK: 2/19 to 2/22
Classes resume on Sunday February 26 at 9:30 AM.**

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

QUESTION: Why do Catholics go to Confession?

ANSWER: Disobeying God damages our friendship with Him, so we need His forgiveness to heal it. That is why Jesus initiated the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called "Confession").

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (MATTHEW 16:19)

This brings us back to God. In Confession, we admit what we did, say that we are sorry, and are resolved never to do it again. Penance helps make up for it. When the priest conveys Christ's forgiveness to us, we know our sins are forgiven.

*"Some forgive and forget, more forgive and remember;
most forgive and remind."* **ROBERT BREAUULT**

Winter is upon us, so we ask you to remember that, in consideration for the safety of our parishioners, if Burnt Hills Schools are closed or delayed, there will be no morning Mass on weekdays. School closing info, can be found on Capital News 9, WNYT-TV, WRGB-TV and WTEN-TV. Also, on radio stations WFLY-FLY92 and WGY-810 and at www.timesunion.com. And, you can always check our website: [www.icglenville.com].



YOUTH MINISTRY 399-9203

Christine Goss & Patty Nally

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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please be sure these February dates are on your calendar:

RETREAT PAPERWORK AND FEE DUE – February 1

COMMITMENT MASS – February 5 at 11 AM Mass (your signed Covenant must be turned in prior)

CITY MISSION MEAL SERVICE – February 6 for those signed up. Be sure to bring your permission slip and meet in the Parish Center at 4:30 PM

CANDIDATE AND SPONSOR EVENING – either February 12 or 13. Please be sure that your sponsor is aware of which evening you are signed up for.

CONFIRMATION SMALL GROUP SESSION – February 27

MINI-COURSES for Grades 7 –10 continue

Wednesday, February 1, February 8

from 7-8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

7TH GRADE – BEATITUDES

8TH GRADE – JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

9TH GRADE – LIFE LESSONS FROM TWO FRANCISES

10TH GRADE – GOING GREEN

MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Mardi Gras – February 28

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinners – Fridays during Lent

Youth of our parish are encouraged to GET INVOLVED in the life of our parish! Interested in helping with these Ministry Service opportunities? Want to become a Lector, Usher or Altar Server? Contact the YM office!

TINY SAINTS will be available to purchase in the Gathering Space after all Masses next weekend – February 4 and 5

We are having a Tiny Saints fundraiser to benefit our teens preparing for the National Catholic Youth Conference. We have many saints on hand and several that we do not have can be ordered! These adorable, tiny saints are just \$5.00 each! Contact the YM Office to get yours today.

2017 Youth Retreats Available through the Diocese!

Interested in details – please give us a call!

Journey Retreat (Grades 10 -12) – March 2–5, at Dominican Retreat Center.

Mission Possible "Step by Step with Jesus" (Grades 9 -12) – SPRING BREAK, April 20-22, at Pyramid Life Center. \$125 per person – registration deadline is March 31.

Christian Leadership Institute "CLI" (Grades 9-11) June 25 –29 at Pyramid Life Center. \$315 per person.

Breakaway (Grades 6-8) June 25-29, at Pyramid Life Center \$225 per person (discount if registered before March 31).

Service Action Learning Team "SALT" July 30–August 3, at St. Isaac Jogues House in Watervliet. This is a local community service immersion experience for High School youth. SPACE is VERY LIMITED. Cost is \$275 per person.

Effective January 15, 2017, the administration, maintenance, and care of St. John's Cemetery, Brandywine Avenue, Sch'dy, will be under the auspices of the Albany Diocesan Cemeteries of the RCDA. Direct all questions, concerns and requests to 374-5319.



*Invest just five minutes a day,
and your faith will deepen and grow*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Dollars and sense

Twenty billion dollars a year. That's how much it's estimated Catholic schools save the United States annually. As we observe Catholic Schools Week, celebrate the accomplishments behind these statistics: 6,600 parochial schools are staffed by more than 150,000 dedicated teachers K-12. The graduation rate from our schools is 99 percent. The percentage of our students who go on to college is 84 percent. Just as our teachers make sacrifices to create these "communities of faith, knowledge, and service," so too do parents surrender comforts to ensure their kids learn faith and character along with the facts. Support our schools!

READINGS: *Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a (70).*

"Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God."

MONDAY, JANUARY 30
Lord, come to our assistance

The expression "inner demons" captures something of the helplessness that those in the grip of negative behaviors feel. The ancients took that phrase literally, believing that illness was due to divine punishment for sin or demons taking up temporary residence in a person. The remedy was to seek forgiveness or a healer who could rid you of the bad spirits. While most people nowadays don't believe that sicknesses and personality problems come from evil spirits or God's wrath, there is still the need for reaching out to others for help when you cannot help yourself. Medical and other professionals, counselors, family, friends, and especially Jesus the Healer in prayer provide that assistance.

READINGS: *Hebrews 11:32-40; Mark 5:1-20 (323).* "Go home . . . and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER
Give your all

Saint John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815 into a family of farm workers. He became a priest and a teacher, devoting his life to the care and education of abandoned and neglected children. His approach was considered novel at the time: He used love instead of the threat of punishment to shape the behavior of his students. How can you support teachers and those who care for children? What are some ways you, in the spirit of John Bosco, can extend love, compassion, and respect to children, especially those most in need?

READINGS: *Hebrews 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43 (324).* "Jesus took the child by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum,' which means, 'Little girl, I say to you, arise!'"

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Drop everything, it's the Lord!

Would you ever consider stopping all you are doing and going in an entirely different direction? With obligations to family and jobs it's unlikely you would suddenly turn your back on your responsibilities to pursue something else, but in a way that's what the first apostles did. Their recognition of Jesus as the savior was immediate and their decision to literally drop everything was just as abrupt. They saw something so compelling and necessary for their lives that they had no hesitation in following him on the spot. You might not imitate their footloose example to the letter, but their actions do show how quick disciples of Jesus should be, whatever their situation, to respond without hesitation!

READINGS: *Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6 (325).*
"They left everything and followed him."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Let Christ light up your life

In addition to being the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Jerusalem Temple, the church also calls today Candlemas. From early times the church has blessed candles for the year on this day. Your parish may be blessing candles sometime this week. If so, take some candles to church to be blessed. Their light will warm your home, especially in the darkness of winter, and remind you of Christ, the Light of the World. Even the lowly groundhog gets into the act today, emerging from his hole to look for the sun.

READINGS: *Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524).*

"My eyes have seen your salvation . . . a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
MEMORIAL OF BLAISE, BISHOP, MARTYR; ANSGAR, BISHOP
A full-throated blessing

People instinctively turn to friends for help in difficult times. Because Catholics believe that in the communion of saints all believers, living and dead, are connected in Christ, we turn for help to saints who may intercede for us. Today is the feast of Saint Blaise, fourth-century bishop of Sebastea, Armenia. Legend has it that before his martyrdom he healed many, including a boy choking on a fish bone. In churches around the world today, Catholics will be getting their throats blessed and hearing, "Through the prayers of Saint Blaise, may God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil." Amen.

READINGS: *Hebrews 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29 (327).*

"I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 **MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Take it to heart

The monk and author Thomas Merton wrote: "There is no true solitude except interior solitude." Solitude does not have to be a physical place, though it can be, nor does it have to involve silence, though it might. Rather, as Merton said, solitude is an inner space where you can rest quietly and alone in God's presence—with no expectations and perhaps no words either—and experience the grace of God for what it is: a freely given gift you do not have to earn. Today, a Saturday and the traditional day for remembering Mary, join her in solitude to keep "all these things in your heart."

READINGS: *Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34 (328).*

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

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Last weekend's collection for parish operation amounted to
\$14,091 and for renovations **\$351**.
Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship.

Her Potential is our Passion!

Learn more about Academy of the Holy Names at our Middle School Open House, Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 PM. Register online at ahns.org or contact Ann Rento at ARENTO@AHNS.ORG or 438-7895 x202.
1075 New Scotland Road, Albany

From the Pastor:

In today's Gospel from Matthew, we find Jesus on the Mount teaching the Beatitudes. Whenever Jesus is on the mountain, you can be sure that there is a lesson to be learned! The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching, and can be said to reveal his face because he lived them perfectly. The beatitudes reveal that the kingdom of heaven isn't about power or strength, land or wealth, or possessions, but rather that the kingdom of heaven *is within us*. The kingdom of heaven is an attitude, a way of the heart, a way of thinking and acting, a way of living in Christ that is shocking, radical and life-changing. When we put into practice the light yoke and burden of the Beatitudes we begin to taste the banquet of eternal life to which we are called. For in the kingdom of heaven we encounter the poor in spirit, those who mourned but who now know the joy of Christ. We meet the meek and not the prideful and haughty, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who while on earth hungered and thirsted for righteousness. Today's Beatitudes are the true test of the disciple. Do they describe you?

Next Saturday our Faith Formation Program presents the annual **Father and Daughter Dance**. We will bless our dads and their lovelies at the 5 PM Mass. Dance the night away!

Next Sunday, our country will celebrate the ever famous **Super Bowl** and we will be rooting for our favorite team to be victorious. Here at Immaculate, we will also celebrate "**Souper Bowl**" Sunday after each of our Masses. Our ministers will be at all the doors after all the Masses with a big bowl asking for a donation to provide "soup" for the less fortunate. Benefits of the collection go towards SICM, Schenectady Inner City Mission. Please be generous in your giving. It might be a good time to teach your children the importance of sharing their gifts with others. Our Youth Ministry will be selling "**tiny saints**" key fobs by all the doors as well. You name the saint, and the young people will have her or him ready for you to attach your keys. I am the proud owner of St. Francis! The tiny saints are really cool, and the proceeds from the sales will help our young people attend **NCYC, the National Catholic Youth Conference**, in Cincinnati next fall.

Catholic Schools week begins today. *The Evangelist*, our diocesan newspaper, did a great job highlighting the importance of a Catholic education. We need to support this vital resource.

We received two letters of thanks last week: The **American Red Cross** thanked us for once again holding a Blood Drive here on campus a few weeks ago. Donations of blood were collected from 33 people (they had hoped for 32!); Deacon Miguel Fabian, **Catholic Chaplain at Great Meadow C.F.** for our generous donation of Christmas cards and calendars for the residences. *Blessed are those with generous hearts for God's generosity will be showered upon you!*

Till next week, be well, do good deeds and say your prayers!

Fr. Jerry

WISDOM AND WORKS OF MERCY: Theology of the Holy Trinity

The 33 Days Group is hosting an 11 week HAPP course that ends the day after *Divine Mercy Sunday.*

Fr. Gaitley's part two program is a self-guided or Group Study consisting of the assigned weekly reading from **The 'One Thing' Is Three**, the Study Companion workbook, and the weekly meeting with DVD viewing of Fr Gaitley.

Pope Francis urges us to apply mercy everyday:

Together let us pray to the Virgin Mary that she helps us to walk in faith and charity, ever trusting in the Lord's mercy; He always awaits us, loves us, has pardoned us with His Blood and pardons us every time we go to Him to ask His forgiveness. Let us trust in His mercy!

Text or call Caterina at (518) 836-1177 for info.

The course takes place from February 13-April 24 from 1-3 PM in the Flicker Room.

Family Events Ministry

The next meeting of the Family Events Ministry will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 5:15 PM in Room #3 of the Parish Center. Anyone interested in helping to plan and prepare Family Events for our Parish is most welcome to join us. Questions? Please contact Jaimie at 708-7167 or jaimiewp@gmail.com.

Missionary Visiting

Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni will be visiting our parish the weekend of Feb. 12 to speak at all Masses on behalf of **Cross Catholic Outreach**, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 65 is collecting **redeemable bottles and cans for recycling** from 9 AM-Noon, this next Saturday, February 4 in the church lot by the small white garage (south side). For inquiries, call Mike Nally at 384-1535.

Book Club will meet Wednesday, February 1, from 7-8:30 PM in the Library. We will be discussing **Tattoos on the Heart**, by Gregory Boyle. New readers welcome. Questions, call Simone McGuinness 399-9506.



Will You "Spiritually Adopt" an Unborn Baby?

Why: Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, over 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion EACH DAY in the U.S. It is these babies, who are in danger of having their lives ended before birth, that you are asked to "adopt."

When: Next weekend, February 4-5

Where: In the gathering space. A Respect for Life Committee person will be there to help you.

How: Fill out a simple prayer card and take it with you to PRAY DAILY for your unborn child. You can name the baby. Follow the monthly reports on your baby's development in the bulletin.



As a follow-up from our parish-wide service day in November, a **Mini Service Day** will be at the Glendale Nursing Home on Saturday, February 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. We will play games and sing songs with the residents.

If you would like to join us, please contact Joyce Maddalone at jmaddalo@nycap.rr.com or 857-2288.

Our Lady of Grace, Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph's Annual Women's Retreat

Come away from the daily routine for rest, quiet, inner healing, prayer, and growth sharing on February 3-5 at the Dominican Retreat House, Niskayuna. This year's theme: "*What do you want me to do for you?*" (Mark 10:15)

For information, call Charlotte McAllister at 399-7857 or the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center at 393-4169.

An expression of gratitude: On behalf of all those who come to St. Mary's Outreach for services, particularly at Christmastime, once again, we thank you for the very generous donation of Christmas gifts made by the parishioners of Immaculate Conception to the families and individuals served by our program. The gifts helped us to assure that folks who would have gone without Christmas gifts received gifts for their children and themselves. Your beautiful and thoughtful gifts were much appreciated by all who received them! Please know that all the staff and parishioners at Immaculate Conception will be remembered in prayer.

[Ed. Note: St. Mary's Outreach is a Bethlehem Tree gift recipient.]

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Welcome!

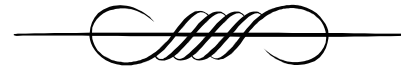
We welcome visitors to our community with great joy!

All Catholics who regularly worship at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, as well as those living in the greater Glenville area, are invited to become a part of our parish community.

Our church is equipped with audio devices for the hearing-impaired and is handicapped-accessible. Please see our ushers for assistance.

The Church of the Immaculate Conception,
in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, New York,
is a community of faithful Christians, who have come together
under the wisdom of the Holy Spirit
and the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
to give witness to Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to celebrate the Eucharist;
to joyfully proclaim the Good News; to care for those in need; to
actively foster stewardship of time, talent and treasure; and, as a
parish family, to grow in faith, love, and peace.



Reconciliation The opportunity for Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4-4:30 PM and by appointment. Parish celebrations of Reconciliation are announced during Advent and Lent.

Baptism The celebration of baptism is the first sacrament of initiation which begins our journey of following Christ. Infant baptisms take place throughout the year, except during Advent and Lent. Baptism for school age children is arranged as needed. Adult baptism and the reception of baptized non-Catholics into the Catholic church typically occurs during the Easter Vigil. For information on any baptism needs, please contact the parish office at 399-9168.

Confirmation Those wishing to be included in the annual parish celebration of Confirmation are asked to call the Parish Office. Students must be in the 11th Grade and be enrolled in the two-year Faith Formation Program. Adults may arrange for Confirmation by contacting the parish priest.

Marriage A registered parishioner who wishes to celebrate his or her marriage at Immaculate Conception is asked to contact the Parish Office, at least six months prior to the anticipated date and before any other arrangements have been finalized, to begin sacramental preparation.

Anointing of the Sick The Sacrament of the Sick is intended for those who are ill or infirm. Parishioners planning to enter the hospital are encouraged to receive this sacrament prior to admission.

Arrangements to receive the Sacrament can be made by calling the Parish Office. Please be aware that the hospital will not inform us of admissions. A communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick takes place seasonally.

Holy Orders Men interested in the Priesthood or Permanent Diaconate, and those men and women interested in Religious Life or Lay Ministry are encouraged to contact the Vocation Office at 518-312-9297 or www.albanyvocations.org. Please join our community in praying for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, religious life and lay ministry in our Church.