The Catholic Community of
Our Lady of Grace
73 Midline Road
Ballston Lake, NY 12019
www.olgchurchbl.org

August 15-16, 2020

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Deacon Frank Thomas
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Rachel Bowcutt, Accompanist
Joan Suda, Accompanist

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Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is celebrated during all the Masses. Preparation sessions for adults presenting infants for Baptism are held every other month. Please call the parish office for an appointment at least eight weeks in advance of the Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Adult Initiation: The Church welcomes all inquirers in the faith. Please call the parish office for further information.

Care of the Sick: We would like to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners and would also like to visit parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes. Please call the parish office to make us aware of persons who would like a visit.

Welcome!
We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends.
If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey.
If you are seeking a parish community, we will be delighted to welcome you into our church family!
To register, please contact the Parish Office.

www.icglenville.com
www.stjosephschurchscotia.net
Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22
5:30 p.m.  Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace

Sunday, August 23
10:30 a.m.  Audrey Allen & Stephen Allen Jr. by Frances Cappiello

Ministers’ Schedule weekend of August 22-23

August 22  5:30 p.m.  Lector: Philip Salm  
Bread: Pat Parker

August 23  10:30 a.m.  Lector: Nancy O’Keeffe  
Bread: Deacon Frank Thomas

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

7/1/19-6/30/20

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Separately, Bishop’s Appeal contributions for the year were $12,316 less than the Diocesan assessment. This amount will be paid from the parish reserve. A detailed financial report on fiscal year 2019/2020 will be provided at a later date.

Please continue to support the parish financially as best you can in these difficult times. Contributions can be made at the weekend Masses, by mailing a check to the parish office or by using your bank’s “auto pay” online feature.

Grace Fay and Patty Neumann are continuing their Daughters of God evening retreats. These retreats will be on Zoom.

On Wednesday, August 26 from 7-9 p.m. they will be offering “An Evening with the Blessed Mother.” Whether your relationship with the Blessed Mother is strong or just starting out; come, explore and share the many roles of the Blessed Mother in the church and in our lives.

On Wednesday, September 2 from 7-9 p.m. join them for “Daughters of God: An Evening of Music and Reflection.” It is a second offering of the retreat that was offered in July; but it is a great way to take time for yourself before the school year begins.

Pre-registration is required for both retreats and the retreats are open to all women 9th grade through adult. Please contact Grace at olgsjym@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to register.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

Amen.

Stay cool, stay hydrated and use your sunscreen.
Thoughts on **PRAYER**
from the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center
The Feast of St. Dominic, founder of a family known as an Order of Preachers, was August 8. So, as we celebrate with our Dominican Sisters and Brothers throughout this struggling world, I would like to share a prayer from our Dominican tradition.

*A Dominican Blessing (13th Century)*
May God the Father bless us,
may God the Son heal us,
may the Holy Spirit enlighten us and
give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with,
and hands to do the work of God with, feet to walk with,
and a mouth to preach the word of salvation with,
and the angel of peace to watch over us and lead us at last,
by our Lord’s gift, to the kingdom.

**Be well and be at peace!**

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

**WHAT ATTRACTS PEOPLE TO CHURCH?**
Why do people select a particular church?

♦ A convenient location? Yes.
♦ A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes.
♦ Inspiring music? Yes.
♦ An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness - both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that’s contagious, visitors will usually be found and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, can’t be purchased with money. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.

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Also, I’m interested in knowing how many children (grades 1-5) will be doing distant learning (home study). If you could email me with that information, it would be a big help. Again, trying to plan on classroom space.

Roberta M. Quinn

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3. *Every* person needs to turn in a tracing form for each Mass they attend. Tracing forms will be available when you arrive.
4. Household groups will be shown to their seats by an usher.
5. Please follow the directions of the ushers at Communion time and at the end of Mass.

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Hair & Now

*A Full Service Salon*

123 Saratoga Road (Socha Plaza), Glenville - **518-399-9655**