August 22-23, 2020

The Catholic Community of
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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.

Liturgical Calendar
August 22-23, 2020
Liturgy of the Eucharist
Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Weekdays 8:30 A.M. (cancelled until further notice)
Holy Days 7:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday before the 5:30 P.M. Liturgy
(or by appointment) (cancelled until further notice)

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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
Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all God’s blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

Offertory collections by mail or auto pay for the past week amounted to $2,266.82.

Offertory collections from last weekend’s Masses amounted to $2,357.

Your continued support to Our Lady of Grace is greatly appreciated and needed.

Faith Formation News!
Here at Our Lady of Grace we are all very excited to announce our new program for the upcoming school year. We are going to a scripture based program from St. Mary’s Press which can be taught in the classroom and at home. The Catholic Children’s Bible is the core book for our classes and it lends a unique approach that will help the children understand the scripture readings. Our returning catechists are also very excited to work with this new program.

Robert M. Quinn

Youth Ministry News!
The past few months have been busy as we explore the best ways to offer the catechetical program this fall and how best to engage our young people during this time of COVID-19. It was decided that YM would bring back the catechetical sessions for grades 6-10; with options for either in-person or online. Our goal was to have options that will allow the students, parents and the catechists to feel safe.

By giving the 6th graders a full bible study program that can be done online or in the classroom and making changes to the curriculum for the 7 through 10 grades (re-writing their programs and combining it with online programs that were publicly available), we will be offering an engaging learning experience for all students. Future decisions will be made regarding the Confirmation preparation classes.

Peace, Love and Light - Grace

NOTE: Registrations are needed to determine classing options!
Registration forms are available on the OLG website, under Faith Formation or can be sent to you upon request.

Volunteers are needed: If you share with us the love of scripture and the love of children, please consider joining our team as a catechist, an aide or a gatekeeper. Call the office for more information.

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. For more information visit at www.usccb.org/home-missions.
Thoughts on PRAYER from the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center

It is a fact that when we are stressed or anxious, we begin to breathe more shallowly ... and situations during these past months have certainly added to the stress level of all of us! I know, for myself, when I notice my breathing become more shallow, it is time to take a few moments for prayer - and the prayer of those few moments can actually be focused around breath. Here are some ways to pray with breath:

Stand or sit outside for a few minutes. Close your eyes and feel the breeze around you. Remember the first lines from the book of Genesis where the breath/wind/Spirit of God swept over the formless void and then light was created? Allow that breath of God to sweep around you, giving you light.

Take a few minutes wherever you are and close your eyes. Remember in Ezekiel 37 when God breathes life into the dry bones? Ask God to breathe life into the dry spots in your life.

Take a few minutes wherever you are and close your eyes. Remember in John 20 when Jesus appears to the disciples locked in a room, saying “Peace be with you” and he breathes the Holy Spirit on them? Imagine Jesus taking your face gently in his hands and breathing his peace onto you.

Spend a few minutes doing some intentional breathing. Close your eyes, focus on your breath and as you inhale say to yourself “acceptance” and you exhale, “surrender.” 

Be well and be at peace!

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.

We have received notification from the Diocesan Stewardship Office that pledge statements for the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign have been delayed due to a printing problem. The following payment options are available for those who currently have a pledge balance:

1. Check made payable to Re-Igniting Our Faith with parish name and town in memo line and mailed to: RIOF, 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.
2. Online via credit card at re-ignitingourfaith.org/donate where you can make a one-time payment or set up a recurring payment.
3. Recurring payments via your bank set up a bill-pay process through your checking account where the check goes from your bank to the Diocese at whatever level of frequency you determine.

Any questions pertaining to this campaign, please contact Nancy at the Stewardship Office directly at 518-453-6657. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Setting up “auto pay” is easy and flexible. Access your 0 account’s online feature and look for “bill pay” or “auto pay.”

Then set up your payee - Our Lady of Grace Church, 73 Midline Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. If you are being asked for more than this, please call your bank.

Next schedule your payment, the amount you want to contribute and when you want to have the money taken out of your account. Be sure to indicate that this is a recurring payment. The bank takes care of the rest. Your contribution will be reflected on your monthly bank statement. You have control over these payments. You can change the time or the amount.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Grace Church.

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