



CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A Roman Catholic Community

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

400 Saratoga Road, Glenville, NY 12302

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
5/9 Mothers' Day Blessing 9 am public mass streamed on Facebook Attendance by reservation MAIL YOUR DONATIONS	5/10 Spiritual Bouquet for our Mothers 9 am public mass streamed on Facebook Walk in Escorted to seat	5/11 Spiritual Bouquet for our Mothers 9 am public mass and adoration streamed on Facebook Walk in. Escorted to seat 6:30 pm Confirmation OLG & St. Joseph's
WEDNESDAY	ASCENSION THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5/12 Spiritual Bouquet for our Mothers 9 am public mass streamed on Facebook Walk in. Escorted to seat 6:30 pm Vigil Mass of the Ascension Attendance by reservation	5/13 9 am public mass streamed on Facebook Attendance by reservation	5/14 No mass
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	UPCOMING
5/15 10 am First Communion OLG & St. Joseph's 4 pm Reconciliation 5 pm public mass Attendance by registration MAIL YOUR DONATIONS	5/16 9 am public mass streamed on Facebook Attendance by reservation MAIL YOUR DONATIONS	Saturday, May 22 Parish Clean-Up Day American Red Cross Blood Drive June 6 from 8 am to 1 pm

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Mass Intentions
May 8-16

- SAT 5:00 pm May 8 +Jennie Grecco - *Darlene & Lou*
+Bill Przybycien (1st Ann) - *family*
+Robert Dame - *Mary Agnes Kasson Dame*
+William Kasson - *Mary Agnes Kasson Dame*
+Chris Korner - *Mary Agnes Kasson Dame*
+Brittany Quinn (10th Ann) - *Karen Bond*
- SUN 9:00 am May 9 +Helen Smrstik - *family*
+Helene Bradfield - *Bobbie Jean & Wayne*
+Violette Grace & +Ella Faith Adams - *loving friends*
+Florence Bigos - *Tom & Diane*
+Norma Clarke - *McLaughlin family*
+Edda Sacco & +Angela Pauze - *Pauze family*
+John Dziadul - *daughter, Paula*
+Alice Kelly & +Virginia Riggs - *family*
+Ed Grega & +Sue Linderman - *wife & mother*
+Dorothy Lewinski - *family*
+Joanne Griffin - *Doug & Pam*
+Lita Pasquariello - *Doug & Pam*
+Jeanne Baidy - *Month's Mind*
- MON 9:00 am May 10 *Spiritual Bouquet for Mothers*
+Shirley Zimmermann - *David & Kay Skelly*
+Gertrude Sullivan - *LaFergola family*
+Irene Pardus - *Marcia Morrett*
+Ida Sporecki - *Marcia Morrett*
+Rosemary DiCerbo - *Gerri Renna*
Intentions of Antoinette Renna - *Gerri Renna*
+Elizabeth Schultz - *Joyce Murray*
+Ursula Schultz - *Joyce Murray*
- TUES 9:00 am May 11 *Spiritual Bouquet for Mothers*
+Lewis Polsinelli Sr. - *Tom & Joan Kudlacik*
+Gloria Cuomo - *her children*
+Sylvia Coppola - *Michael & Blanche Payne and family*
- WED 9:00 am May 12 *Spiritual Bouquet for Mothers*
+Sandra Vasquez - *Margaret & Rose Keville*
+Marie Murphy Barr - *Helen Murphy*

Vigil Mass of the Ascension
6:30 pm +Norma Pugliese

Feast of the Ascension

- THUR 9:00 am May 13 +Parish family members and friends
- FRI, May 14 No mass
- SAT 5:00 pm May 15 +Jocelyne Papa - *Cindy Johnson*
+Manny Deyoe - *Sarah Saunders*
+Elvira Neumann - *Leora Liberatore*
+Blanche Bucci - *Rose & Frank Klementowski*
+Lewis Polsinelli - *Gil & Mary Powers*
+Constance Keeler - *Month's Mind*
- SUN 9:00 am May 16 +Helen Smrstik - *family*
+Ann O'Brien - *Liz & Jay Utzig*
+Fermina & +Modesto Lamanilao - *family*
+Gene Quattroicchi - *Joan & Dick Van Patten*
+Kenneth Lanza - *family*
+Max Taberski - *Ron & Mary Ann Johnson*

Summer Nights

We are hoping to be able to bring back our popular "Summer Nights" series this summer and are looking for people interested in joining the planning team. High school youth and adults are needed to coordinate activities for Tuesday nights beginning July 13.



Contact Christine at 518-399-9203 or youthministry@icglenville.com for details.

ICC – OLG – St. Joseph's Parish Weekend July 23-25, 2021

Consider spending a summer weekend at the Pyramid Life Center in the Adirondacks with your fellow parishioners. Details and online registration are available through the parish website: <http://www.icglenville.com/pyramid-lake-parish-weekend>.

Demand for the weekend has grown, so be sure to register quickly! The first fifty people to register online will reserve their spot for the weekend. Afterwards, we'll start a wait list on a first-come/first-serve basis. Note: no money needed to register – payment will be collected at a later date.



John McGuinness is available to answer any questions that you may have. Reach him at 518-461-8148 or jfmcg.68@gmail.com. More information about the Pyramid Life Center can be found by visiting their website: www.pyramidlife.org.

Important note: this event is separate from the long-standing weeklong event that OLG hosts each year.

Mother's Day Collection
For Birthright

Last Christmas, our Bethlehem Tree project was limited due to COVID. Consequently, we did not collect for Birthright, which provides layettes for pregnant teens/women. As Mother's Day is fast approaching, it seems like an appropriate time to collect gift cards for Birthright.

Please consider purchasing a gift card from Target, Walmart or Carter's (there is a store in Clifton Park Center/the mall). Gift cards can be put in the collection basket and marked "Birthright" or be mailed directly to the parish center. The collection will continue the weekends of May 8-9; 15-16.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and Happy Mother's Day!

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This is the Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel Jesus is speaking to his disciples and he is reminding them of God's Commandments about love. At one point Jesus says; "This is my Commandment: **Love one another as I love you.**"

Jesus is telling the disciples this is what I expect from you, nothing less. With this one statement, Jesus is saying that there is no room for "But what about, or I can't forgive." He asks just one thing of us, that is *To Love One Another*. Jesus knows that this is not easy to do all the time, but he is wise enough to give us sacraments to help us to follow his commandment. He gives us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to help us forgive and be forgiven. Jesus also gave us the Eucharist, the most beautiful expression of his love for us, so that he could be with us in Holy Communion to help us to *Love One Another*.

Saturday morning, thirty-four of our Faith Formation children received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would normally introduce them at the end of mass and invite them up to the altar. Obviously, that cannot happen this year. Instead I will share them here with the parish family.

I am honored to introduce the First Communion Class for 2021

DYLAN BOWERS
LUCY BREWER
ANDREW CARLSON
AUBREY CERRONE
LANDON CYR
GRACE DAHL
JOSEPH DEL PRADO
MIA DREISENSTOCK
ELENA DYER
STELLA ESTARIS
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ETHAN MOORE

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GIANA PONCE
ELLE REDDINGTON
PATRICK RICHARDSON
MATTHEW SARGENT
OLIVIA SCHUMACHER
MARIO SEGURA
BRADY SHOEMAKER
JAMES SMITH
EVERETT STYGLES
ELLA TASSONE
ZACHERY WALLIN
MASON WHITE
KARA YOULEN
TRISTAN ZIEGLER
GIULIANA ZOTTA

VIVIENNE CUDMORE will be making her First Holy Communion at her grandfather's parish, where he is a Deacon. May God bless these children and keep them close as they grow in their faith.

Our sincerest gratitude to three incredible catechists who remotely prepared these children all year, for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion :

AMY MOORE, RACHEL WINTERS AND MAUREEN PIEL.

You are the best!

"In the end nothing we do or say in this lifetime will matter as much as the way we have loved one another."

~ DAPHNE ROSE KINGMA

YOUTH MINISTRY 518-399-9203

Christine Goss

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Guess how many volunteers it takes to offer our Youth Ministries Program? The answer is ... LOTS!

And we are always looking for parishioners who would love to learn how they can be a part of our program. There is literally something that everyone can do! Call or email Christine if you are interested in more information!

Thank you to the dedicated men and women of our parish who served as Catechists in our 7th-10th Grade Mini-Course Model this year.

7th Grade – Sandy Frisone (2 topics), Kristina Muller, Ryan Smith, Maria Yorkshire

8th Grade – Kerri Catalano, JoAnn Erhardt, Lisa Morse, Nicole O'Rourke, Karen Ronca, Michele Stark

9th Grade – Dee Harper, Karen Ronca, Ryan Smith, Kelly Stiffen, Mike Treanor, Maria Yorkshire

10th Grade – Denise Fraioli, Jen Groth, David Nally, Mike Nally, Jessica Terwilliger

Interested in becoming a catechist? Ask one of these amazing people why they enjoy sharing the faith with the teens of our community and then, give Christine a call!

What is on your spring and summer To-Do list? Are you interested in Youth Ministry Outings like kayaking, minor league baseball games, and amusement parks? What about serving within the community with other youth from our parish? As the COVID pandemic continues to abate and guidelines allow for more activities, we are hoping to have an active Youth Ministry Spring/Summer! Drop us an email or give us a call so we can add you to the Spring/Summer YM Email list!

Crafting and Cooking with the Saints

We are excited to announce that our May Crafting tutorial will be offered both in-person and via Facebook at the same time!

May 27, 2021 – Craft Tutorial led by Maria Yorkshire, IC Parishioner and Proprietor of Sunnyside Crafts

Please sign up no later than May 20 so we can prepare kits.

We are making a framed wall hanging of an inspirational musical piece. Our Saint for the Month of May is St. Dymphna. A sample of the craft will be available on our website.

Anyone can watch on Facebook, but to receive a project kit you will need to sign up in advance. **** New for May ** when you sign up, you will need to let us know if you want to join us in-person in the Parish Center or if you plan to watch from home!** We miss seeing people and having the opportunity to come together, but recognize that not everyone is able or ready to return to parish based activities. Our plan for May is the best of both worlds! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Christine.

If you decide to participate in-person, your kit will be ready for you when you arrive. If you are participating at home, kits will need to be picked up beginning May 24.

Sign up using the form on the IC parish website, by emailing youthministry@icglenville.com or by calling 518-399-9203.



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

Sunday, May 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

See through God's eye

God does not see as we see, the prophet Isaiah reminds us. To harness the divine perspective, native peoples of western Mexico wove yarn on crossed sticks to represent the eye of God (*ojo de Dios*), which sees in four directions and in all elemental mediums: earth, wind, fire, and water. A God's eye became the portal through which God views the supplicant, or through which those who pray might share the divine vision. Sharing a God's-eye perspective on the world remains the goal of every believer. Practice seeing others as our compassionate God sees them.

READINGS: *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17 (56). "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever . . . acts uprightly is acceptable to him."*

Monday, May 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST

Pray for those who heal

The story of Saint Damien de Veuster, a Belgian priest who missioned to quarantined lepers in Hawaii and died of the disease, is extraordinary—although often echoed these days as legions of medical professionals all over the world put themselves in harm's way to treat the sick and dying of COVID. Father Damian is a "martyr of charity," and we've been blessed with multitudes of fearless, generous heroes like him who've expended themselves physically and emotionally to get us through this pandemic. Give thanks to God for our modern martyrs of charity and ask for Father Damian's intercession to keep them safe and send them spiritual strength.

READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a (291). "And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."*

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Cultivate an appreciation of rural traditions

Though they've disappeared from most modern calendars, two older Catholic observances converge today. One is the petitioning of the "Ice Saints"—Boniface of Tarsus, Pancras, and Servatius—so named because their feasts fall during what were believed in some northern nations to be the last days of spring when a cold snap might damage spring plantings. The other observance, beginning on the Tuesday before Ascension Thursday, is known as the Minor Rogation Days. These two, along with the Catholic observance of Ember Days, are religious celebrations more commonly tied to the rhythms of rural life. They include the blessing of fields for a good harvest and prayers for good weather. Learn more at .org.

READINGS: *Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). "His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God."*

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Memorials of Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Pancras, Martyr

Religious freedom is a timeless concern

Sometimes it is difficult to relate to the martyrs of the early church because their lives are so different from our own. Nereus and Achilleus were Roman soldiers who had participated in carrying out persecutions of Christians. In a "miracle of faith," they were converted and died their own martyred deaths in the late first century. Pancras was a 14-year-old martyr of the same era who was beheaded because he publicly affirmed his faith in Jesus Christ. On this Easter weekday, give thanks for the ability to freely worship and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy such freedom.

READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293). "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth . . . will guide you to all truth."*

Thursday, May 13, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Rise to the occasion

Today's Feast of the Ascension gives wide recognition to a rather complex idea—that Christ both ascended to heaven *and* remains with us. In fact, we get a taste of heaven when we unify ourselves with Jesus in spirit and action. Saint Augustine taught "although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace." From attending Mass to aiding the needy, on this feast day we can all take a step toward unity with Christ.

READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-13 or Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20 (58). "So then the Lord Jesus . . . was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God."*

Friday, May 14, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Abstinence makes the faith grow stronger

Although self-denial is celebrated in all major religions as a virtue, the value isn't so much in the practice as in the motivation. For Christians the virtuous motivation for abstinence of food, drink, or particular desires comes from love. We deny ourselves for God's sake and for the sake of others. Saint Matthias, patron of alcoholics, encouraged abstinence as a way to grow closer to God. He kept his focus on his vocation to spread the gospel and let little distract him from his purpose. What can you do today to keep your focus on love?

READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). "This I command you: love one another."*

Saturday, May 15, 2021

EASTER WEEKDAY

Honor the forces of reconciliation

Pope Saint John XXIII taught that wars are never justified. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote to President George W. Bush that the Iraq War was unjust. Pope Benedict XVI questioned whether any war could be called just. Pope Francis, speaking in Hiroshima during his 2019 visit, repeated the positions of the previous popes. Christians face a dilemma, wanting world peace but also needing some protection from those who don't think the same way. The church recognizes a need for the military. But the task of the military should be to maintain peace and set the conditions for reconciliation. On this Armed Forces Day, pray for all our military service members. They have a difficult job.

READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). "For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God."*

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American Red Cross Blood Drive in the parish hall

Saturday, June 5 8 am - 1 pm

To schedule an appointment,
call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit redcrossblood.org
and enter sponsor code: ImmaculateConception.

From the Pastor:



Back in November 1967, "All You Need Is Love" was included on the American LP version of **Magical Mystery Tour** by the **Beatles**. It's just another one of their hits that will live on for a long, long time. This song mirrors the teaching of Jesus today from the Gospel of St. John where Jesus tells us: ***This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.*** This commandment is not always easy and may require us to swallow our pride, ask forgiveness, and offer forgiveness. Jesus invites us to live a life of joy and peace, secure in the love of our Father and Creator. He wishes for us to remain in his love and delight in his friendship. We are chosen to live abundant lives as friends of Jesus our Savior. Learning to love as Jesus loved is the task of a lifetime. There is a priest I know who married hundreds of couples during his life as a parish priest. In his wedding homily he would always say: ***"I beg you, I beg you, I beg you, every day and every night of your life, get down on your knees and ask the Lord to teach you how to love!"*** No matter our vocation, no matter our state in life, this should be our constant prayer. I think the Beatles were on to something!

Today is Mother's Day. So many of us learned about love at the hands our mothers and grandmothers. Our Lady of Grace sold carnations to benefit Birthright of Ballston Spa. The IC Bethlehem Ministry, under the leadership of Vivian Swank, is collecting gift cards from local stores to benefit Birthright. Let us remember to honor and remember all the women of our lives.

We celebrated **First Reconciliation** for the children of Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's on May 1. I am grateful to Roberta Quinn and all of her catechists who brought us to this moment. **First Eucharist** was celebrated this Saturday, May 8, for the children of Immaculate Conception. Again, I extend my thanks to Madeline Fretto and Michele DeLorenzo who are at the heart of the program, along with catechists Rachel Winters, Mau Piel, and Amy Moore. What beautiful moments in the sacramental life of our families and the Church!

Congratulations to parishioner **Frank Lotano** who has earned his Eagle Scout certification in Troop 67. In addition to young Frank who did the work, I extend my good wishes to his parents Angelo and Jennifer and his sister Isabella!

On May 22, we will have our annual Spring Clean Up beginning at 8 am. Bring your rake, your garden gloves, and your good spirits to join us to help brush away winter and fully welcome spring! Another thing making our campus look beautiful is the completion of the side door to the hall. **Joseph Nally and James Gildea of Unified Construction** did a beautiful job!

Over these past few months, Our Lady of Grace, St. Joseph's, and Immaculate Conception have been blessed with the presence of **Fr. Joe O'Brien**, who has assisted with weekend masses and weekday mass at IC. It is time to wish him goodbye and to show our gratitude for being an integral part of our communities. He will soon be assigned another parish of his own and we send him off with every blessing and prayer! Thank you, Fr Joe!

We have the final **Rice Bowl** tally from Our Lady of Grace parish. Their collection amounted to **\$123.13**. Thank you to all who made Lenten sacrifices to help serve others.

This week we celebrate the **Ascension** of Our Lord into heaven. Mass will be said here on Wednesday at 6:30 pm and on Thursday at 9 am. Sign up through our website or call the parish office by end of day Monday, May 10.

Until next week, be well, do good deeds, and say your prayers.

Fr. Jerry

OUR PRAYER: Loving God, be present to us and grant us wisdom, so that we, who may feel anxious about change, might trust in Your love and rest in the Changelessness that is You.



NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE - VACCINATION NUMBERS ON THE RISE

We are on our way to gaining herd immunity, which we have discussed in the past. As a reminder, herd immunity is when much of the population is immune to an infectious disease, thus slowing the spread of a contagious disease (Virk, 2020). A vaccine is meant to expose a person to something that induces immunity without making them sick (Virk, 2020). The faster we increase the number of those vaccinated, the faster we develop the herd immunity necessary to alleviate subsequent outbreaks of COVID-19 (Virk, 2020).

It is important for us to keep the momentum going towards getting everyone vaccinated, which is the best thing we can do to get back to some sense of normalcy. Something to remember is to gain the benefit of the 95% immunity from the vaccine, you **must** get both shots when using **Moderna or Pfizer vaccines**. If you missed getting the second shot, you do not need to start over. Simply go to any one of the many walk-in sites available and get the second shot.

We are all eager to get back to some normalcy, but you will want to take it slowly. If you are fully vaccinated, CDC now suggests that if you are outside and not in a crowded area you do not need to wear a mask. Caution is still advised, if you are inside and do not know the vaccination status of those around you, so use caution. The habits of socially distancing, wearing a mask, when needed, and washing hands frequently which we have now made a part of our day, are still the best practice options to protect one another.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.



Mass Schedule for the Week of May 9

Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 am

Reservations required for weekend mass attendance.

To sign up, visit our website aticglenville.com
- or call the parish office at 518-399-9168.

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
at 9 am - no reservations

Masses for the Feast of the Ascension:

Wednesday at 6:30 pm and Thursday at 9 am.

Reservations required. Sign-up as above through May 10.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday
9 am masses are live-streamed.

See our website for details.

Go to our Facebook page and "like" us to follow us. During mass time, hit the live button next to videos to pray with us.
Not on Facebook? Visit our website and click on the Facebook live mass image. It will bring you there!

*"Preach the Gospel at all times;
when necessary, use words."*

St. Francis of Assisi

We pray for those who have died recently, especially

+Denise Brennan; and

+Alexander Nusco, father of Nancy (Rob) Yakush.

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:

Janet F, Bob R, Declan McGovern, Sarah C, Eleanor McCarron, Tom Smith, Pat & Dianne DiCesare, Karen, Cookie Corrigan, Renate, Andrew W, Don Winslow, Jerry Curcetti, FMK, Charlie Ryder, Carolyn R, Michele Douglas, Doug Brister, Paul S, Dottie, Michael Green, Al Yerman, Douglas McKee, Michael Dunn, Ron, Eddie Visker, Steve, Linda Van Antwerp, Gina, GK, Tom, KC, CM, Debbie, John K, Pauline, LMK, BC, Kevin, John G, Erin Hecker, Bill V, Gloria & Stuart Staude, Susan Kopchik, Marie Stern, Barbara Mlodzianowski, Kathleen Brown, Clem LaBrie, JoAnn Masterson, Owen, Lisa Bovino, Jeffrey, Connie Janack, Anna, Christian B, Brian Troiano, Joe Barnick, Karen Rhodes, Valerie Saenger, Tina Masterson, Ron Wood, James, Patrick Richardson, Darlene Polsinelli.

Names remain for two months; call the rectory for additions.

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.

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