

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY

welcome

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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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JANUARY 1, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am

Up-coming Concert Event:

“Epiphanies ~ Songs of Seeking Light”

Sunday, January 8th at 1:00 PM
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Join us for “Epiphanies: Songs of Seeking Light”
~ A variety of music with
a Christmas Carol Sing-Along

- ◆ featuring Fr. Sam Bellafiore (“the singing priest”)
- ◆ Phil Castanares on piano and guitar, and
- ◆ Rich Albagli on marimba and percussion

*There will be a freewill offering to benefit Mary’s Kitchen

Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press

We will finish the series on the Beauty of the Catholic Faith with the January 5 session . All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults

& Older Children ~ If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

save the date

Parish Winter Brunch: January 22

We will celebrate the new year with a Parish brunch in the Parish Life Center on Sunday, January 22. Details to follow!!

Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry -
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Faith Formation: 2022-2023: Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year!!

Hope your Christmas was the best one ever and we look forward with you to a new year of exciting possibilities!! We want to give a shout out to our young people in Faith Formation and their parents who joined us for caroling on December 18. They were absolutely the best sounding group ever!! Special thanks to Stewart’s who gave each of our carolers a coupon for free ice cream. Just shows how really good they were!! Our January Faith Formation schedule will be January 8, 15, 22 and 29. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Mary’s Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!!

Please note: Mary’s Kitchen will be closed on January 2. We will re-open at the regular time on January 9.

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

As we start the new year, we want to thank Freihofer’s and all our volunteers for continuing their part in providing for our Mary’s Kitchen guests. We couldn’t do it without you!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda at 518-961-0169**.

Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture Mary, The Holy Mother of God




We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph *at the moment they see the child in the manger*. They open their hearts and share what they’ve experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, **“When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.”**

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, “Mangia? Mangia?” I didn’t speak Italian and thought, “Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?” My friend said, “Mangia means eat. They’re hungry.” That’s when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn’t cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That’s the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— Father John Muir

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In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/23/23</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>3/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>2/19/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/19/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/5/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>1/15/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>1/15/23</small></p>		

Family Dinner Nite ~ Friday, January 13 - 6 to 8pm

Please join us for our monthly Family Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center in Watervliet on **Friday, January 13th** from **6 - 8pm**. Parents and children are invited for a pizza dinner, to meet local families and spend time together. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Register with this QR code
by Wednesday that week.



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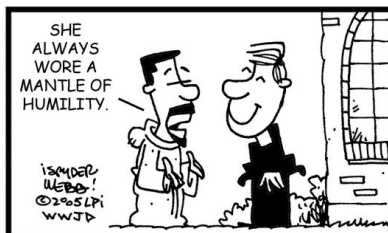


"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world." We have 3 Mass options every weekend:

Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 7:30am and 11am.

See you in church!!

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec 31

4:00pm—Donald Fisk, req by the family
Maureen McBain, req by the Rosary Society
Earl VanBuskirk/grdaughter Kathy Fisk, req by the family

Sun., Jan 1, 2023

7:30am—living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Helen Werner (B'day), req by family

Tues., Jan 3

9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., Jan 4

9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham families, Estate

Thurs., Jan 5

9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky Families, Estate

Sat., Jan 7

4:00pm—Marie Delisle, req by Peg Fisk
Sally Kearsing, req by Brenda Persons
Marge Centanni, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

Sun., Jan 8

7:30am—Henry Mangene, req by the family
Rick Shevy, req by the family
Kathy Macpherson, req by the family

11:00am—Raymond Werner (Anniv), req by his daughter

Joanne Peterson, req by Gail, Heather & Makyla
Living & dec'd members of IHM

The Business Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 — a national holiday.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Dec 17-18 '22.....\$3826.00