



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62501, 1988, 1970 CCD

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

January 12, 2020

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM

Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday, 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM

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### Coordinator, Sharon Kowalski

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Call for appointment

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday prior to the 4:00pm Mass

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. Baptisms are generally on the 2nd weekend of the month.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements as soon as the engagement is announced.

### Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will be administered the first full weekend of each month, immediately after each Mass.

**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

## Gospel Meditation ~

### The Baptism of the Lord

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is "to be our model of holiness." All of Jesus' words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we're meant to *be*. Jesus' baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. *"This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased."* And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit's grace and power to continue Christ's mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let's do as Jesus did. Let's live in our baptism!

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# ALL ARE WELCOME

**Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary** is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

**Parish Christmas Party: January 12 ~** Still in the Christmas season, our Parish Christmas Party will take place in the Parish Life Center, immediately following the 11am Mass. Hope you will join us!! Anyone who would like to bring food items to share, please do so!! We'll all meet in the Parish Life Center on Sunday, January 12 immediately following the 11am Mass. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



## **Faith Formation: For All Ages -**

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry**

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### **2019-2020 Faith Formation Sessions**

The AM session for Faith Formation (PreK-3yr old - gr.7) is 9:45 to 10:45am and the PM session (gr.8 - 12) is 12 noon to 1:15pm. Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### **Faith Formation: The Mass is the Class**

***We anticipate seeing you at Mass every Sunday.*** Mass is where we celebrate and live out all we learn about our faith in Faith Formation. It is where we meet Jesus every week in the Liturgy of the Word and in the Eucharist. Questions about our Faith Formation program? Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Children will join Faith Formation catechists in the CLOW room for special readings directed towards children. Father will call them forward and they will leave with the catechists and return after the Prayer of the Faithful.

### **Here's What's Coming Up in January**

**January 12:** Baptism of Our Lord

**January 12:** Parish Christmas Party, PLC following 11am Mass

**January 13:** Gathering Disciples, 6pm PLC

**January 26:** Third Combined session for First Reconciliation, 9:45 PLC

**January 26:** PreK, K, gr. 1, Coffee hour in the back of the church, after 11am Mass.

***"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 week-end: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am.



**MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~** *Note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on January 20 for the Martin Luther King Holiday.*

Come join us at Mary's Kitchen. All members of the community are invited - both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - to enjoy an eat in meal, chat and relax with friends or to pick up a meal to take out.

We are still looking for volunteers to bring food items to Joseph's House in Troy occasionally on Tuesday mornings. Please contact Sharon if you might be able to help. Email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

**SCRIPTURE SHARING:** We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. Our new series is on the Letter of James. On January 16, we will discuss readings based on James 2:1-13, *Wisdom and the Law of Love*. Why not join us?? For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**IHM PRAYER MINISTRY~** The prayer tree ministry is made up of a group of people who pray for others—for anyone who would like to have prayers said for themselves for wellbeing; or for a family member, relative or friend, contact **Brenda** at **518 271-6184**. We believe as faith-filled people, prayer matters and offers hope. If you think you might be interested in being part of the prayer tree ministry, call the phone number above.

**PRAYER CHALICE ~** A chalice is used at every Mass to consecrate the wine into the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Each weekend, a different family or person will receive the chalice at Mass and commit themselves to pray daily for vocations. If you are interested in participating in this program, please make contact through the sign up stubs in the back of the church or call the parish office to be scheduled at 518 273-6020.



**Reading-Isaiah 42:6** "I, the Lord, have called you for the victory of justice...and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations."

**Pope Francis- Laudato Si:** "We are free to apply our intelligence toward things evolving positively, or toward adding new ills, causes of suffering and real setbacks."


**Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991:** "the traditional virtues of prudence, humility, and temperance are indispensable elements of a new environmental ethic."

**Care 4 Creation:** "To save us from all love of lifeless riches, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us."

**RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN ~** *We are currently meeting Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. Ed and Don are preparing to receive their sacraments on the Easter Vigil in the spring. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, feel free to stop in and see what it is all about.*

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



In Memoriam ~ 2020		
 <p>A block is available \$100 for 26 weeks call Parish office 518 273-6020</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/25/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p>5/24/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>5/10/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/9/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/12/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p>

**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ~** We now have hearing assist earphones that are available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the Church building. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass, they are located on a stand at the rear of the church. Just return the earphone to the same stand where you picked it up.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERT!!!** During the Winter months when there is a Watervliet School closing due to snow or severe weather conditions, there will be NO morning Mass nor Communion Service that day! The parish office will also be closed.

**WATCH YOUR LOCAL TV STATION!!**

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Lessons from Baptizing a Frog

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat., Jan 11**  
4:00PM—Jerry Valenti, req by the family  
James Mantello, req by IHM buildings & grounds committee  
Diana Warrenchak, req by Allen & Dorothy Styno

**Sun., Jan 12**  
8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by Isabel "Izzy"  
Henry Mangene & Rick Shevy, req by the family

11:00am—Olga Somich (Anniv), req by Helen Somich  
William E Carlson (5th Anniv), req by wife Gail Carlson  
Living & deceased members of IHM

**Mon., Jan 13**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Jan 14**  
9:00am—Vanessa Jones Bruno, req by Shufon family

**Wed., Jan 15**  
9:00am—Joseph Tracey, req by his sister/brother

**Thurs., Jan 16**  
9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco, Burnham families, Estate

**Fri., Jan 17—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Jan 18**  
4:00pm—Peggy Marx, req by Mike Smith & Debi Stark  
Eleanor Legnard, req by Peg Fisk

**Sun., Jan 19**  
8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by Tom/Jane Hanley  
David Sawyer, req by Allen & Dorothy Styno  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Ann Sinko, req by nephew David  
Margaret Foley (3rd Anniv), req by Phil & Ann

*When Doing Your Estate Remember Your Parish*

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

*Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)*

Dec 29-30, 2018.....\$5982.00

Dec 28-29, 2019.....\$5074.00

Jan 5-6, 2019.....\$6544.00

Jan 4-5, 2020.....\$4536.00



## LOST OR FORGET SOMETHING??

Found items in Church are **NOW** in Parish Office—Could it be yours??  
Please check out.

