

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet, NY



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**January 16, 2022**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

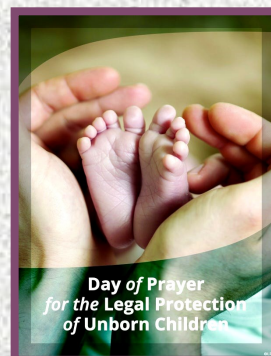
Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

**Weekday Schedule**

9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday

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

*Church and Parish Life Center Handicapped Accessible*



**Day of Prayer  
for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children**

## Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press; A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Edward Sri, through Ascension Press, will take us on an extraordinary pilgrimage to the Holy Land that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. This week, in "The Visitation", we will accompany Mary on her visit to her cousin Elizabeth. (Luke 1: 39-56). Within the reading for this week is the beautiful prayer of Mary, *the Magnificat*. This beloved prayer is written on ceramic tile in 57 languages in the courtyard of the Church of the Visitation in Ein Karem and is said daily by many throughout the world.

All are invited to join us. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Rosary/Altar Society News ~** The Rosary Society will be having a meeting in the Parish Life Center (approx. 11:45am) on January 16th, following the 11:00am Mass. All women over the age of 18 years are welcome. Come, join us.

## RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

## Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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### Faith Formation: 2021-2022

Our January Faith Formation schedule will be January 16, 23, and 30. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

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

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

As much as we would like, we can't return to a full schedule yet. We are working on a monthly schedule and will post the dates as soon as they are determined.

*"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, 8:30am and 11am.

**See you in church!!**

## Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!! Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 many times as we have thanked George and Joe for picking up the bread at Freihofer's, and Sophie for picking up the rolls at Schuyler bakery, there's much more to it. Not only are we able to use it for Mary's Kitchen **and** the Food Pantry, but it saves the parish well over \$1000 a year!! So, many thanks again to George, Joe, Sophie and to our generous vendors at Freihofer's and Schuyler Bakery!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time


God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus. ©LPi



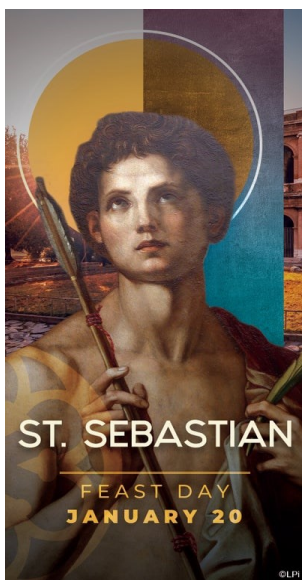


| In Memoriam ~ 2022  |   |   |
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|  <p>In loving memory of<br/>John A O'Brien<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>10/23/22</p> | <p>In loving memory of<br/>John T Sherlock<br/>requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>4/10/22</p>                    | <p>In memory of our beloved son<br/>Michael D Kowalski<br/>requested by<br/>Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>3/20/22</p>  |
| <p>In loving memory of<br/>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak<br/>John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>3/6/22</p>                     | <p>In loving memory of<br/>William T Sr, Julia F<br/>and Robert A Fahr<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>2/20/22</p> | <p>In loving memory of our Families:<br/>The Carlsons, The Mardigans,<br/>The Foleys &amp; The Butlers<br/>requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/6/22</p> |
| <p>In loving memory of<br/>Albert P Morelli,<br/>Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan<br/>requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/23/22</p>                            | <p>In loving memory of<br/>The Barron &amp; Rys Families<br/>requested by the Family</p> <p>1/16/22</p>               | <p>In loving memory of<br/>Bryan T Roberts (son)<br/>Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)<br/>requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/16/22</p>                         |

### Reflect and Respond to Scripture

In today's second reading, Saint Paul taught the Corinthians that the individual gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to benefit and unify the community of faith.

**Question:** *How do you use your spiritual gifts within your faith community?*



### SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

#### St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350. We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick der Brugghe. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes. ©LPi

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 15  
4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family  
Charles Adams, req by Food Pantry  
Tami Picarillo, req by Mick/Anne Dembrosky

Sun., Jan 16  
8:30am—Charles Adams, req by Ginny & Diane  
Bill Anderson, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Chief Michael F Carlow, Sr, req by Brennan family  
11:00am—Members of Maria & Carmelo Antonelli family, req by Anna  
Living & deceased members of IHM

Tues., Jan 18  
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., Jan 19  
9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Thurs., Jan 20  
9:00am—Mary Rutherford, req by her son

Sat., Jan 22  
4:00pm—Donald J Shellard, req by Martha & Ron Soucy  
Hubert T McGowan, req by Ginny, Diane, Charmaine & Danny

Sun., Jan 23  
8:30am—Virginia Stanton, req by Sue Szymczak  
Charles O Adams, req by Gail Mantello  
Ruth Egan, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
11:00am—Madeline T Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

**PRAYER TREE** - Jesus said: "I tell the truth, If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to the mountain 'move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20)

We offer prayers to God for those who are ill, those who are missing, those in need, those who have died and the people of our community. If you know of someone in need of prayer, please contact Linda at (518) 209-6446.

*Prayer is the key that unlocks all doors.*



### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

*Weekly Collection & Holy Day  
(incl mail-in, E.G.)*

Dec 31 '21 – Jan 1 '22/Jan 1-2 '22 ... \$4425.00

Weekend Jan 8-9 '22—Masses on Sun were cancelled due to ice/inclement weather.  
Tithing for 1/8/22; mail-in & E.G.—\$4307.00

Thank you for your kind support and continued commitment to Immaculate Heart of Mary.