

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

January 19, 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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



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**FAITH FORMATION &
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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.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, “Here I Am, Lord”? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

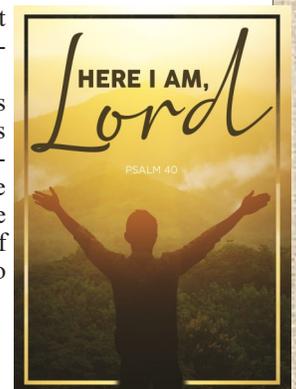
“Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.”

Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: “I will go if You lead me.” It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response,” to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, “I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me.” Then again, I don’t want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

Faith Formation: For All Ages -

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

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Sunday, January 26: Coffee Hour Hosted by PreK, K, Gr. 1

Next Sunday, January 26 PreK, K, and Gr. 1 (assisted by their parents and catechists) will host a coffee hour in the back of the church, immediately following the 11am Mass.

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

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.

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 Jan./Feb.

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

February 9: Smile Train/Resurrection Bake Sale, after 11am Mass

February 10: Gathering Disciples, 6pm PLC

February 16: No AM/PM sessions - Faith Formation

February 22: First Reconciliation

February 25: Mardi Gras

February 26: Ash Wednesday

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY FANTASTIC!! ~

Lots of great food, lots of wonderful people attending!! Many thanks to all who came, made food or desserts and to all who helped set up and clean up. What a great way to end the Christmas season and to start the new year!! May it be our best year ever at IHM!!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS ~

I would like to personally thank all who generously gave of their time and treasure to help support the less fortunate in our community during the holidays and all the year through! - Thank you, Mary Beth

OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END
THE DAY WE BECOME
SILENT ABOUT
THINGS THAT MATTER
Martin Luther King Jr.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY
20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING,
JR DAY.

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 well-being; 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.

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.

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 or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Reading-Isaiah 49:6 "It is too little, the Lord says, for you to be my servant...I will make you a light to the nations."

Pope Francis- Laudato Si: "The work of the Church seeks not only to remind everyone of the duty to care for nature, but at the same time she must above all protect mankind from self-destruction."

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "What is now needed is the will to make the changes in public policy, as well as in life-style, that will be needed to arrest, reverse, and prevent environmental decay and to pursue the goal of sustainable, equitable development for all."

Care 4 Creation: "To save us from all wants beyond that which we require, O Holy trinity, Deliver us."

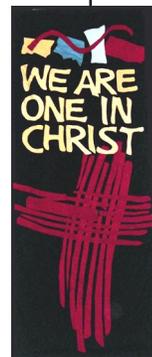
PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

January 22, 7:00 PM

On Wednesday, January 22nd at 7PM there will be a service for "Christian Unity" hosted at Rev. Geoff Miller's Church of the Good Shepherd at 89 Hudson Avenue, Green Island. Parking is in the lot in back of the church.

Our snow date will be Thursday, January 23rd.

COME JOIN US IN PRAYER
AND FELLOWSHIP



<h2>In Memoriam ~ 2020</h2>		
 <p>A block is available \$100 for 26 weeks call Parish office 518 273-6020</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/10/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/10/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/25/20</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>5/24/20</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>5/11/20</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/9/20</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/19/20</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/19/20</small></p>

THINK "CLYNK"!!! -- We have specially tagged **recycling bags** on the table in the rear of the church and parishioners are invited to take one and fill it with beverage containers: **glass, plastic or cans** —(can be mixed together with the tops on) taken to any Hannaford store and deposit the bag into the marked **"CLYNK"** kiosk and IHM parish will get credit for the deposit. OR if you are not near a Hannaford store, bring the bag to church and Matt Carabis will take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a great way to donate to the church and good for the environment at the same time. This is a win-win situation.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Bill Avery (12th Anniv), req by wife & family

Mon., Jan 20
9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Jan 21
9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., Jan 22
9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky families, Estate

Thurs., Jan 23
9:00am—Beatrice and Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Fri., Jan 24—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Jan 25
4:00pm—Helen Werner (Anniv), req by daughter
Joseph M Gilchrist, req by the family
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Jan 26
8:30am—Joseph Crowley, req by wife & family
John Brennan, req by the family
Jim Mantello, req by Brenda Persons

11:00am—Jane Alund Kimball, req by Lorraine Alund
Madeline T Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw
William & Margaret Knapp, req by the family

Legnard-Curtin Auxiliary ~ If there are any veterans or active duty military not receiving birthday cards, please call Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
Jan 12-13, 2019.....\$5139.00
Jan 11-12, 2020.....\$6907.00



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!!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH WITHIN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS - and not receive your packet of envelopes?? Please contact the parish office, 518 273-6020 to update our files. Unfortunately there was a glitch in our data system and we were unable to complete the process. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you for your patience.



Gospel Meditation ~ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.'... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. *"I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God? ©LPi