



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19

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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

January 26, 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**

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—10:30AM—3:30PM

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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.

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### Gospel Meditation ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It begins! Jesus is doing something new. "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea." Jesus leaves his family, his profession of carpentry, and everything he has known and loved for the previous 30 years. He goes because it is time. Something new is beginning, and Jesus will not begin it alone. "As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers ... he walked along from there and saw two other brothers." What does he say to these men? "Come after me." These words are for Peter and Andrew, for James and for John. They are also for all of us.

"Come after me." The adventure of discipleship will be strange, wild, and unexpected. The Apostles surely didn't know what they were getting into. But the invitation is accompanied by a promise. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus tells the first Apostles. No more will their priorities be limited to this particular village, to the square miles of the Sea of Galilee. Their eyes will be open to the kingdom of God, and their priorities will shift.

Most of us will not be called to roam the countryside, but we are invited to a similar shift of priorities. "Come after me," Jesus says. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Drop the nets of what you've demanded your life to be. Drop your self-seeking priorities. Drop your concept of religion as a Sunday obligation and no more. Drop your disregard for those outside your immediate social sphere. Whatever it is that keeps you from seeing as Jesus sees, from loving as he loves, start to drop it today. Because the kingdom of God is waiting for your yes!

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WHEN  
YOU LOOK  
FOR ME,  
YOU WILL  
FIND ME.

*Jer 29:13*

**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.

**Faith Formation: For All Ages** - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

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

This 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](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 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

**MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~**

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: Letter of St James ~**

We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. Our new series is on the Letter of James. Why not join us?? For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email: [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED WITH THE PARISH WITHIN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS? ~**

Not receiving your packet of envelopes?? Please contact the parish office, 518 273-6020 or email: [jpope@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:jpope@ihm.rcpw.org) 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.

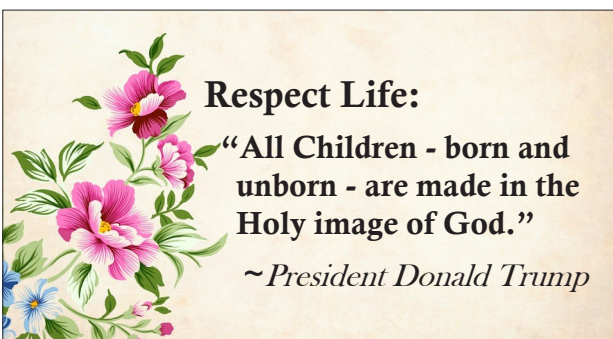


**RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN ~**

*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).

**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.



**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE** Due to early deadline, collection totals will be in next issue of bulletin.



In Memoriam ~ 2020		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/10/21</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 Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>7/19/20</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>

## Recognize God In Your Everyday Moments ~ Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., Jan 25

4:00pm—Helen Werner (Anniv), req by daughters  
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

Mon., Jan 27

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Jan 28

9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by his wife

Wed., Jan 29

9:00am—Janice Pope (Lv'g/B'day), req by the family

Thurs., Jan 30

9:00am—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

Fri., Jan 31—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 1

4:00pm—Rose Madlin, req by Rosary Society  
Henry Wagner, req by Brenda Persons  
Mary Gavitt (4 yrs), req by sisters & brothers

Sun., Feb 2

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM  
Jim Mantello, req by Brenda Persons  
Patricia M Jillisky, req by cousin David

11:00am—Rose Madlin, req by the family  
Carol Vogel, req by Norma Keating  
Florence Glogowski, req by family

## DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING??

All items recently left behind in Church are NOW in the Parish Office. Could it be Yours??

Please stop by during business hours to check in the **LOST and FOUND** box!



## 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!!**

**Reading-Isaiah 9:2** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

**Pope Francis- Laudato Si:** "The Holy Spirit can be said to possess an infinite creativity, proper to the divine mind, which knows how to loosen the knots of human affairs."

**Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991:** "More people seem ready to recognize that the industrialized world's overconsumption has contributed the largest share to the degradation of the global environment."

**Care 4 Creation:** "To save us from all sloth, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us."

**PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS ~** Any parishioner who has a Mass intention at a specific Mass, please speak with a 'greeter or usher' as soon as you arrive at church that you would like to bring up the Eucharistic Gifts for that Mass ... They will be happy to assist you.

