

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*
Lk 4:18



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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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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

January 27, 2019

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules

Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM

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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Everyday Stewardship

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to do so due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

1 Corinthians:—“As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ”.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si:—“Together with the awe-filled contemplation of creation which we find in St Francis of Assisi, the Christian spiritual tradition has also developed a rich and balanced understanding of the meaning of work”.

Catholic Social Teaching:—“We seek to offer a distinctively religious and moral perspective...how can the negative consequences that have already occurred be remedied?”.

Vocations Ministry—Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood through our Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name, telephone number and/or email address, and drop it in the collection basket.



Faith Formation - For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation Schedule: "No Longer Strangers, I Call you Friends"

AM sessions for grades Pre-k to 7* are on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 7* to 10+ are on Sunday, *following* the 11am Mass, from 12:15 to 1:15pm.

Questions? Please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office **at 518-328-0427 or at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org** for more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **PreK to grade 3** to go to with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent's help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them.

Here's What's Coming Up in January/February

January 28: Prayer & Worship, 7pm in the Parish Life Center
February 11: Gathering Disciples, 6pm in Parish Life Center
February 18: President's Day, offices closed, No Mary's Kitchen

February 24: Family Mass, Resurrection Bake sale for Smile Train
February 25: Prayer & Worship, 6pm in the Parish Life Center

Mary's Kitchen Mondays, 3 to 5pm—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. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 for more information.



Make a *Joyful* noise unto the Lord
Psalm 98:4

Interested??
Speak with our Leader of Song,
Angela after Mass on Sunday.

Prayer & Worship: January 28—There will be a meeting Monday evening of the Prayer & Worship committee, at 6pm, January 28 in the Parish Life Center. All are welcome.

Scripture Sharing: The Gospel of John

Join us Thursday from **2 to 3pm** for a Scripture study on the Gospel of John. Prepared by Dynamic Catholic, it is called the Turning Point and will take a look at "Eight Encounters with Jesus that will Change Your Life". All are welcome- no previous study necessary. Hope you will join us!! For more information, please contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children—Need to receive sacraments –Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? Whatever your needs may be – whether completing the Sacraments of Initiation or questions about becoming members of Catholic faith, we are here to help you make it happen. We will work around your schedule and your individual area of need.

Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

IHM Prayer Ministry—If you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one; or would like to be a part of the prayer team, please contact Brenda at 518 271-6184.



FEBRUARY 24: A BAKE SALE AND A CHANCE TO CHANGE A LIFE


The PM session and Mr. Gleason's class will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale on February 24 after the 11AM Mass in the back of the church. All monies raised from the sale will go to The **Smile Train**, an organization that provides cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children living in poor countries throughout the world.

In the United States, this is a relatively simple surgery done shortly after birth. Children born to parents in poorer countries face a lifetime of rejection, ridicule – even abandonment. They truly lack the opportunity to live a full life within their community.

Our goal is always to raise enough money – approximately \$275 per child – to provide as many children as possible with this life giving and life changing surgery. With your prayers and support, we know we will be able to accomplish a rebirth for these children...a second chance at life. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to **Immaculate Heart of Mary**, with Smile Train in the memo section. Cash donations may be put in an envelope marked "Smile Train" and put in the collection basket or brought to the bake sale.

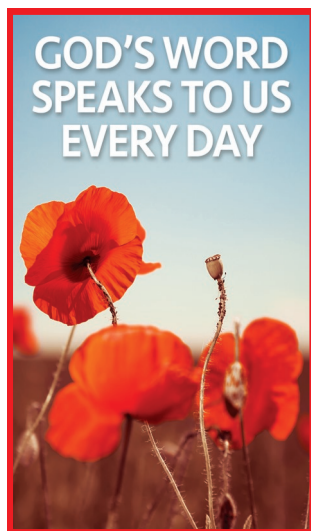
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In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/10/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>5/12/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>4/28/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>4/7/19</p>
		<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>1/27/19</p>

Mary's Corner: A ministry of the Association of Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Albany.— Mary's Corner provides parents with the supplies needed for the care of children **under the age of four**. Supplies include diapers, food, clothing, hygiene products, toys, blankets, etc. and nursing supplies and equipment (strollers, pack n plays, etc.) when available. *Mary's Corner is located in the basement of the Cohoes Library at 169 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to noon.* Services are available once a month for parents residing in Cohoes and Watervliet. Documentation must be provided to include a birth certificate, parent picture ID, and proof of residence such as mail containing the home address.

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**WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE
REMEMBER YOUR PARISH**

St. Pius X Parish is live streaming their 10 AM Sunday morning Mass on their website <http://www.stpiusxloudonville.org/view-mass-live>. They also live stream their 12 noon Sunday Mass on their Facebook page (St. Pius X Catholic Church). So anyone who might be homebound and who has a computer would have access to this by going to their webpage at: <http://www.stpiusxloudonville.org/view-mass-live> each Sunday morning at 10 AM or to their Facebook page at 12 Noon on Sunday. Please spread the word!!

"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!!**

WE INVITE YOU...to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Jan 26
4:00pm—Dean Holmes, req by Gina Corina
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Jan 27
8:30am—John J Brennan, req by the family
Charles Bulson (2nd Anniv), req by the family
Joseph Crowley, req by his wife & family
11:00am—David McMahon, req by Jane Poletto
Jane Alund Kimball, req by Lorraine Alund
Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito/family

Mon., Jan 28
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Jan 29
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., Jan 30
9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Thurs., Jan 31
9:00am—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

Fri., Feb 1
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 2
4:00pm—Janice Pope (Lv'g), req by the family

Sun., Feb 3
8:30am—Leo Tracey, req by his sister & brother
Living & Deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Paul Esposito, req by the family
Rose Madlin (Lv'g, B'day), req by the family
Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito/family

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Due to the early deadline of this edition of the bulletin, the collection totals will be in the following issue.