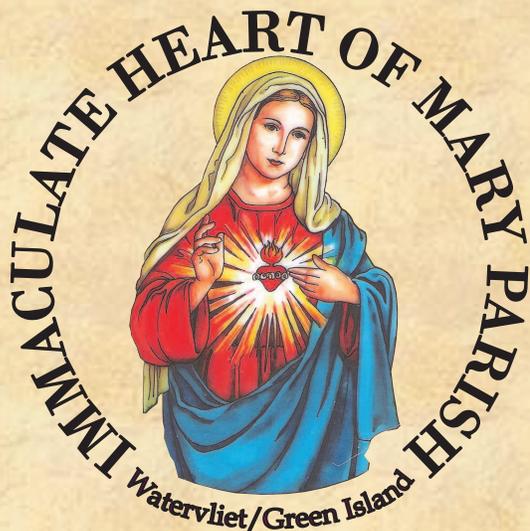


# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

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**



#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister  
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Deacon Mark Leonard

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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 arrange-  
ments 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.

#### Deacon Al's Corner ~

**Welcome and Congratulations** –Lucas William Marquart  
was baptized Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 Mass.  
Welcome Lucas into our Parish family and congratulations  
to his parents Christine and Mark.



**1 Corinthians 7:32-35** – The second reading for this weekend is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul tells them, in part "An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided." He says the same thing about unmarried woman and married woman. I can testify to the truth of what Paul is saying about a married man trying to please his wife. I believe it is true that "A happy wife makes for a happy life?!" As a Deacon it is sometimes difficult to not be divided between pleasing God and pleasing my wife. In serving you, my family at IHM that I love, I believe I am serving God. And at the same time I serve my wife, whom I love. In a little over two weeks, on February 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday the start of the season of Lent. Lent is a good time for all of us, married and single, men and women, young and old, to reflect on how we love and service God and our families, and how we might love them more.

**Israel** – If all goes according to the schedule I will be in Israel when you are reading this. We will have been to the Church of the Annunciation, the area of Tabgha where the multiplication of loaves and fishes took place, the Sea of Galilee and the Church of the Nativity, where Jesus was born.

**Vocations Ministry**—We are so blessed that God calls us to vocations where we can collaborate with Him to help others. Yet many of us have not yet experienced the great joy that He has planned for us in the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or lay ecclesial ministry. We may not have answered His call yet because we may be unsure, reluctant, embarrassed, or even afraid to discern and know our vocation. To eliminate any such obstacles that prevent us from knowing our vocations, let us pray the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Prayer to Know One's Vocation*:

*Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.*

*But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen*

Please consider participating in The Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. The prayers and reflections included with the Chalice encourage us to regularly pray together for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.



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## Sunday, Feb. 4: Super bowl **Chili** Cook-off

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be sponsoring its **10th Pre-game Superbowl Chili Cook-off** on Sunday, February 4th from noon to 2PM. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Have a chili recipe that you've been bragging about for years that is just the best ever??? Now's the time to put your spices to the test...come join us on February 4th to share or to sample some of the best chili in the Northeast.

**The Cook-off is open to family and friends of all IHM parishioners.**



## NCYC...What Happened in Indianapolis??

Ever wonder what happens every two years when our young people and chaperones head out to Indianapolis?? Well, they'll be on hand at the Chili Cook-off to share pictures and stories of the trip that you made possible through your generous support. It's a fabulous experience that you're truly a part of. Let them share some of the experience with you!!

**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays 3pm to 5pm**—Many thanks to Freihofer's who provide us with baked goods for Mary's Kitchen and the Food Pantry. Special thanks to Joe Squillace and Jim Mantella who make the trip up there every Monday to pick up those items.

All members of the community are invited—both parishioners and non-parishioners alike—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.

**Rosary Society**—The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm.

**Miscellaneous**—St. Peter's Hospital is offering no-cost mammograms, clinical breast exams, pap test, and FIT kits. The first screening will take place on February 1 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. They will also have screenings on March 22, May 24, August 23, and October 25. If you know of someone who could benefit from these services, please have them call (518) 525-8680 to make an appointment.



**SmileTrain: 5 Times Matching Grant**—We just received a notice from Smile Train that one of their supporters and a group of donors is offering a 5 TIMES matching grant challenge. That means everything we raise at Immaculate Heart of Mary will have five times the impact for children living with untreated clefts in the developing world. The overseas partner surgeons – trained through the Smile Train organization – operate quickly, efficiently to provide FREE cleft repair surgery every FIVE minutes. It is such a gift to be able to be part of this life changing effort. Don't forget...our Resurrection Bake Sale for Smile Train will take place on February 11. **"Changing The World-One Smile At A Time."**

**PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed Friday, February 2nd due to scheduled vacation of staff member. Regular hours will resume Monday, February 5th.**

**Scripture Sharing: The Psalms, Thursdays 3 to 4pm**—Join us Thursday, February 1 in the Parish Life Center for questions and a discussion of session 8, *Psalms of Suffering and Lament*. You don't have to be a Scripture scholar to join us; we are all learning and sharing together. If you aren't sure you can make a commitment every week - not a problem. Stop in any week to see what it's all about.

For more information, please contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)



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

**WATCH YOUR LOCAL TV STATION!!**

### Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry — [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **Pre-k-grade 1 Coffee Hour: Job Well Done!!**

Many thanks to our parents, catechists and especially our hosts and hostesses from our Pre-k, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Faith Formation classes for putting together a wonderful Coffee hour last week. Thanks also to all parishioners who came and supported them!!

#### **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 29: Adoration, 9:30am to noon

February 4: Chili Cook-off, Parish Life Center after 11am Mass

February 4: NCYC presentation

February 6: Holy Hour, 6 to 7pm

February 10: First Reconciliation

February 11: Resurrection Bake Sale for Smile Train

February 12: Gathering Disciples, 6:30pm, PLC

February 13: Mardi Gras, February 14: Ash Wednesday



## In Memoriam ~ 2018

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/23/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/14/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/29/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/8/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/8/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Francis X Lacosse, Sr requested by wife Lucille, Toni &amp; Frank, Jr</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">5/20/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/22/18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">3/4/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Norman A &amp; Marion E Persons requested by dgtr. Brenda, sons Norman M &amp; Edgar Persons</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/18/18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/11/18</p>

**RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children**—Need to receive sacraments—Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? **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)???

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**Social Justice: Caring of the Environment—1 Corinthians 7: 35**

“ I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.”

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**

“ The rich heritage of Christian spirituality, the fruit of twenty centuries of personal and communal experience, has a precious contribution to make to the renewal of humanity.”



**IHM Prayer Ministry**—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, please contact Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184 .

“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!!

***Mass Intentions for Week***

- Sat., Jan 27  
4:00pm—Helen Baranowski, req by Brenda Persons  
Edward J Legnard, (33rd Anniv), req by wife, Eleanor  
Stephen Halayko, req by Sr Carolyn Schanz & Sr Mary Catherine Barron
- Sun., Jan 28  
8:30am—Joseph Crowley Sr, req by wife & family  
Raymond & Helen Werner (Anniv) req by family  
John J Brennan, req by wife & family  
11:00am—Norman Stebbins, req by family  
Frederick Ross, req by Gene/Cindy Cocca  
Margaret & William Knapp, req by family
- Mon., Jan., 29  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Jan 30  
9:00am—Anthony Grasso (6th Anniv), req by family
- Wed., Jan 31  
9:00am—Stephen Halayko, req by Anne Carson & family
- Thurs., Feb 1  
9:00am—Christine Callahan (Lv’g), req by Lilia Langford
- Fri., Feb 2  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Feb 3  
4:00pm—Walter Tracey, req by sister & brothers  
John/Rose Natarelli & daughter Mary, req by Santa & Anna  
Rose Madlin (B’day), req by her children
- Sun., Feb 4  
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
11:00am—Paul Esposito, req by the family  
Edward Kennedy, req by Eleanor Winnie  
Stephen Halayko, req by Bettianne & Ed Smulsky

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

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

Jan 14-15, 2017.....	\$6950.00
Jan 13-14, 2018.....	<b>\$6649.00</b>
Jan 21-22, 2017.....	\$6088.00
Jan 20-21, 2018.....	<b>\$6642.00</b>