



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

February 2, 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

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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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Gospel Meditation ~

Presentation of the Lord

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

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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.

A SINGLE
ACT OF *love*
MAKES THE *soul*
RETURN TO *life*.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Resurrection Bake Sale for Smile Train: February 9 ~

Our young people in the PM session of Faith Formation, along with Mr. Gleason's AM class, will host a Bake Sale for Smile Train on February 9, after the 11am Mass. You may put your green envelope in at any time or hold it until February 9. All monies raised from the Bake Sale and/or collection



envelopes will be donated to Smile Train.

Smile Train is an organization that provides surgery for children with cleft palates or cleft lips in countries throughout the world. It provides these children with an opportunity for "rebirth". In many countries - before the surgery - they are not allowed to attend school, play with other children, or be an active participant in the community. Without the surgery, many do not survive infancy. Through your caring and generosity, their lives are changed forever. For questions, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



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 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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 would like to thank the volunteers who have offered to bring food items to Joseph's House in Troy occasionally on Tuesday mornings. It won't be every week, but it is good to know we have people we can contact if we need the help. Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

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.

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 any Wednesday and see what it is all about.

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

Faith Formation: For All Ages - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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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 February

February 4: Faith Formation meeting, 6pm FFMC
February 9: Smile Train/Resurrection Bake Sale, after 11am Mass
February 10: Gathering Disciples (Evangelization), 6pm PLC
February 16: No AM/PM sessions - Faith Formation
February 22: First Reconciliation
February 25: Mardi Gras
February 26: Ash Wednesday




See You
On
Sunday!

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. Thank you

Name _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Address _____

In Memoriam ~ 2020		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/10/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/25/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 7/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 5/24/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 5/10/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 2/9/20</p>

Recognize God In Your Everyday Moments ~ Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a

perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple

who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Reading-Hebrews 2:17 - "Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people."

Pope Francis- Laudato Si: "Yet God, who wishes to work with us and who counts on our cooperation, can also bring good out of the evil we have done."

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "For believers, our faith is tested by our concern and care for creation. Within our tradition are important resources and values that can help us assess problems and shape constructive solutions."

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

Respect Life:

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

-Blessed
Mother
Teresa



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 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 Donna
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

Mon., Feb 3

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Feb 4

9:00am—Leo Tracey, req by his brother & sister

Wed., Feb 5

9:00am—Walter Tracey, req by the family

Thurs., Feb 6

9:00am—Thomas Falzo, req by the family

Fri., Feb 7—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 8

4:00pm—Mary/Edward Ashline, req by daughter
Marie Kanser, req by Christine/Michael McGraw
Anthony Stellone, Jr, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Sun., Feb 9

8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by Gloria Colarusso
Rose Madlin, req by Lorraine Bulson

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM
Thomas Alund, req by Lorraine Alund

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G)

Jan 19-20, 2019.....\$4869.00

Jan 18-19,2020.....\$3914.00

Jan 26-27, 2019.....\$5542.00

Jan 25-26,2020.....\$4880.00