

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## February 3, 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

### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Donald Rutherford, Pastor  
Deacon Mark Leonard  
Shawn Allen, Business Administrator

### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### Administrative Assistant

Judith Pope  
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### Secretary

Mary Beth Knapik

### Archivist

Thomas Hanley:  
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### Facility Manager

Matthew Carabis

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

2425 7th Avenue  
(518) 328-0427

### Coordinator

Sharon Kowalski  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)  
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

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

### Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**1 Corinthians:**— "If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing".

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**—"The culture of relativism is the same disorder which drives one person to take advantage of another, to treat others as mere objects".

**Catholic Social Teaching:**—"Action to mitigate global climate change must be built upon a foundation of social and economic justice that does not put the poor at greater risk or place disproportionate and unfair burdens on developing nations".

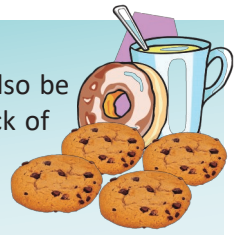
**Vocations Ministry**—Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood through our Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name, telephone number and/or email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



## Rescheduled: Prek-grade 2 Coffee Hour: February 3

On Sunday, February 3, Grades Pre-k, K and grades 1-2 will be assisting at the 11AM Mass. They will also be hosting, with the help of their parents and catechists, a Coffee hour immediately after Mass in the back of the church. All are invited.

*Please join us for a snack, a little conversation and the best little hosts and hostesses around!!*



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

[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

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

**Note:** There will be no AM or PM sessions for Faith Formation on Sunday, February 17. Sessions will resume on February 24 at the regular times.

**AM sessions** for grades Prek 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](mailto: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 February

**February 3:** Reschedule of Pre-k to Grade 2

Coffee Hour & Family Mass

**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

**Please note:** Mary's Kitchen will be closed in observance of President's Day, February 18.

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.

## 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

*Like to Sing??*  *Choir Practice, Thursday February 7th at 6 PM in Church. Come join us!!*

**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)???**

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

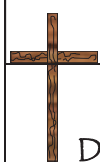
The PM session and Mr. Gleason's class will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale on February 24 after the 11AM Mass in the back of the church. All monies raised from the sale will go to The Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children living in poor countries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

Questions? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).





## In Memoriam ~ 2019

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| In loving memory of<br>Albert P Morelli,<br>Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan<br>requested by Don & Patti Hogan<br><small>1/5/20</small>  | In loving memory of<br>J. Vince Cocca<br>requested by<br>his wife and Children<br><small>11/10/19</small>                             | In loving memory of<br>John A O'Brien<br>requested by the Family<br><small>10/20/19</small>  |
| In loving memory of<br>William T, Sr, Julia F<br>and Robert A Fahr<br>requested by the Family<br><small>8/4/19</small>  | In loving memory of<br>Bryan T Roberts (son)<br>Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)<br>requested by Judith Pope<br><small>7/7/19</small> | In loving memory of<br>The Barron & Rys Families<br>requested by the Family<br><small>7/7/19</small>   |
| In loving memory of<br>Joseph V Germano<br>requested by the Family<br><small>7/7/19</small>   | In loving memory of<br>John T Sherlock<br>requested by his wife and Family<br><small>5/12/19</small>                                  | In loving memory of the<br>Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family<br>& Monticup Family<br>requested by Rose Brooks & Family<br><small>4/28/19</small> |
| <b>Spiritual Adoption/4 Month Developing Baby</b> —Well your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged until he dies. His tastebuds are working. His sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. |   | In loving memory of<br>Adam & Katherine Novak<br>John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot<br>requested by the Family<br><small>4/7/19</small>          |



### WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

**Excerpts of a letter from the Medical Missionaries of Mary to Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary** “....Please thank all parishioners for their generosity of \$1351.76 as a result of the Mission Appeal in October 2018. (through the Propagation of the Faith Office) Assure them they are in our thoughts and prayers with gratitude.”

“....Our Sisters on the missions deeply appreciate your help and we assure you it will be well used as we continue to bring healing and hope to our world. For years, Africa has been experiencing drought and with that comes famine.”

Gratefully in Christ,  
Sister Joanne Bierl, MMM - Development Director

### Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Feb 4  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Feb 5  
9:00am—Eleanor Legnard, req by Susan & Donald Radigan

Wed., Feb 6  
9:00am—Domenica Krakat, req by Michelle Brown & family

Thurs., Feb 7  
9:00am—Bryan Roberts (Anniv), req by mother

Fri., Feb 8  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 9  
4:00pm—David McMahon, req by wife, Maureen  
Domenica Krakat, req by Virginia Esposito & Family  
Marty DiBiase, req by Steve Halayko family

Sun., Feb 10  
8:30am—Walter Tracey, req by sister & brother  
Dr. Daniel Duprey, req by Bulson family  
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
Marty DiBiase, req by Mark B Seely, Jr

Please join

**Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger**  
Bishop of Albany, Main Celebrant

as he celebrates Mass with  
the Religious Communities  
serving the Diocese of Albany  
in celebration of the

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Sat., Feb. 2, 5:15 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Albany

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### 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.



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)

Jan 20-21, 2018.....\$6642.00

Jan 19-20, 2019.....\$4869.00 (major snow storm)

Jan 27-28, 2018.....\$5942.00

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