



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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

February 9, 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

## Gospel Meditation ~

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us. ©LPi



**Reading-Corinthians 2:5** - "When I came to you...my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power."

**Pope Francis- Laudato Si:** "The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge."

**Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991:** "The overarching moral issue is to achieve during the twenty-first century a just and sustainable world."

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

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

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

*\*Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on February 17 because of President's Day. We will re-open at the regular time on February 24.*

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](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. On February 13, we will read and discuss questions based on James 3:1-12, *Wisdom is Known Through Speech*. Why not join us?? For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**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.

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

## GATHERING DISCIPLES (Evangelization): February 10



On Monday, February 10th, we will meet in the Parish Life Center at 6pm to discuss what's coming up in the parish, with an emphasis on the upcoming season of Lent. Representatives from all ministries and any interested parishioners are invited to attend.

## Faith Formation: For All Ages

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

### 2019-2020 Faith Formation Sessions

*\* Please note: we will not have any AM or PM sessions on February 16 because of Winter Break. Sessions will resume at the regular times on February 23.*

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 February

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



## See You On Sunday - Bring A Friend!

*"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.


## Respect Life ~

"When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

- Elizabeth Cady Stanton





In Memoriam ~ 2020		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; 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 &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family 7/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; 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 &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family 5/24/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; 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 ~ What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* <sup>©LPi</sup>

### A "Thank You" from Joseph's House & Shelter in Troy

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish received a letter of thanks from Joseph's House & Shelter for the donations of 'Personal Care' items from Faith Formation's program and also for the proceeds from "CLYNK" Returnable Bottle program.

Through your continued participation in the beverage bottle and can return program, not only are you helping the environment but also our neighbors who are in need. Labeled Recycling bags are in rear of Church.

**Parish Registration Update:** In an effort to keep our records up to date, we are asking all parishioners to kindly fill out the form below with your current address, phone number and email and include it in your tithing envelope or a regular white envelope and drop in collection basket when you come to Church. Thank you for your assistance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** ~ "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 27-29, 2020 in Albany, NY & July 10-12, 2020 in East Windsor, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Mon., Feb 10**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Feb 11**  
9:00am—Rose Madlin, req by Mr & Mrs Charles Adams

**Wed., Feb 12**  
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

**Thurs., Feb 13**  
9:00am—Jim Mantello, req by Gail

**Fri., Feb 14—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Feb 15**  
4:00pm—Judy Culkin, req by Duffey family Living & deceased members of IHM

**Sun., Feb 16**  
8:30am—Joseph Germano, req by family Sr Jeanine Ratelle, req by Mary Rose MacLasco

11:00am—Catherine Hynes, req by the family Jack Whited, req by Pat Fitzgerald & family

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**Weekly Collection (incl Mail-in/E.G)**  
Feb 2-3, 2019.....\$6440.00  
Feb 1-2, 2020.....\$6856.00