



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5

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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 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 10, 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**

## Gospel Meditation

Do you have enough? Many of us come from a nation of material abundance. We have all the things we could possibly need not only to survive, but to thrive - food, shelter, mental ability, income, access to medical care. Most people in human history lived with far less than we. So why are we so dissatisfied? Some Christians can be drawn to the "prosperity Gospel." This is the idea that following God will bring us material abundance in this life.

That surely seems to be the story of today's Gospel! Peter and his friends chose - with some faith - to put out their nets a final time at Jesus' command. "They caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking." What gift! What abundance! What prosperity! Peter and his friends caught more fish than they'd ever seen. Yet what is their response to this material abundance, this gift from God? They leave it behind. "When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."

Praying for God to meet our physical, material needs is not a bad thing! Jesus himself includes "give us this day our daily bread" in the prayer he teaches his disciples. The question is, how do we respond when our prayers are answered? Do we thank God briefly, or perhaps ignore Him completely and move on with our lives? Or do we respond as Peter did? "God? You showed up in an area that has no bearing on my eternal salvation. You gave me a gift I didn't even really need. You love me! You really do love me." Is our gratitude only surface level? Or do we allow ourselves, like Peter did, to respond with wonder, awe, and deeper discipleship?

## Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**1 Corinthians 15:**— "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective".

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**—"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change".

**Catholic Social Teaching:**—"The foundational relationship in our lives is the one with God, who invites us to turn to him in daily prayer... We can turn, then, in confidence to our Lord in prayer and ask for his grace and assistance".

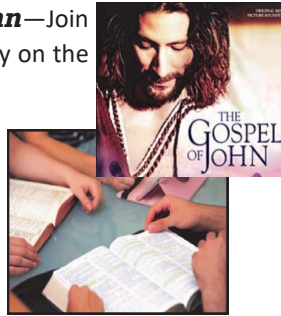
**Vocations Ministry**—Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood through our Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name, telephone number and/or email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



**Gathering Disciples: Monday February 11**—There will be a Gathering Disciples meeting on Monday, February 11 at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. Representatives from all parish ministries or interested parishioners are invited.

**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).



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

**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.

**Faith Formation - For All Ages:**  
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**Faith Formation Schedule:**

**“No Longer Strangers, 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 email [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 11:** Gathering Disciples, 6pm, 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



## **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.

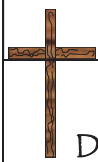
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**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

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

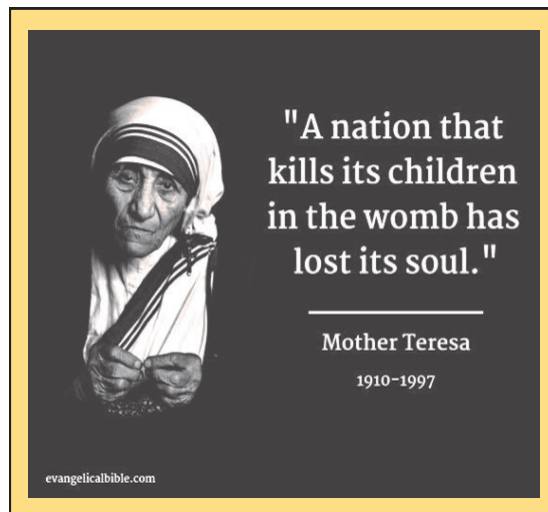


## In Memoriam ~ 2019

In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/5/20</small>	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children <small>11/10/19</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/20/19</small>
In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/4/19</small>	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>5/12/19</small>	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>4/28/19</small>
		In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>4/7/19</small>

**TAX LETTERS:** If you wish to have a statement of contributions for tax purposes of 2018, please call the parish office, (518) 273-6020; leave your name, address and envelope ID number and we will prepare one for you. Thank you.

**Bringing up the Eucharistic Gifts at Mass**—Any parishioner having a special Mass intention at a particular Mass, is welcome to carry up one of the Eucharistic Gifts at the Offertory. Upon arrival at Church, speak with one of the ushers and they will be happy to assist you.



**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.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**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  
Dec'd members of Braun & Crinigan families, req by the family

**Mon., Feb 11**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Feb 12**  
9:00am—Sarah Roberts (Lv'g/B'day), req by grandmother

**Wed., Feb 13**  
9:00am—Joanne Carlson & Ursula Carlson, req by the sisters & daughters  
Mary Beth & Robert Carlson, req by sisters & daughters

**Thurs., Feb 14**  
9:00am—Joan Flynn, req by George/MaryAnne Forslin  
Eleanor Legnard, req by Peggy Fisk

**Fri., Feb 15**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sat., Feb 16**  
4:00pm—Joseph Germano, req by family  
William Warren, req by Pam & Grace  
J. Donald O'Hare, req by O'Hare family

**Sun., Feb 17**  
8:30am—Mariette Fredette, req by Mary Rose MacLasco  
Jim Culliton, req by Tim Hughes  
11:00—Living & deceased members of IHM

**Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat** (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on **Saturday, March 9** from 9 AM – 12 PM at the **Holiday Inn Express Latham**, 400 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, NY. **Tickets: \$20.00; Clergy & Religious – Free (RSVP required).** Our Guest Speaker is **Alicia Nevins**. Alicia is a retired registered nurse and an active member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Waterford, NY, and a member of the Albany Diocesan Charismatic Service Committee's Healing Ministry. Alicia will share her deep love of God and His word, and how God has used her to bring His healing to people who need his healing love. **All must register by March 1** - send your \$20 check payable to *Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat*, PO Box 340, Clifton Park, NY, 12065. Include your name, address and phone # and email address. Register online at [magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany](http://magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany).

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** This breakfast has limited seating available and tickets will sell *fast!* Register Today! No walk-ins at the door. Questions, call Kathleen @ 518-930-8380. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED! You do not need to be a member to attend.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**Weekly collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)**  
Feb 3-4, 2018.....\$6140.00  
Feb 2-3, 2019.....\$6440.00