



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

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all  
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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 16, 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 ~

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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**Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6** - "We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages of our glory."

**Pope Francis- Laudato Si:** "Nature is nothing other than a certain kind of art, namely God's art...whereby those things are moved to a determinate end."

**Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991:** "we face the challenging years ahead, we must all rely on the preeminent Christian virtues of faith, hope, and love to sustain us and direct us."

**Care 4 Creation:** "To save us from all apathy towards our neighbor, O Holy Trinity, Deliver us."



**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY**

**Resurrection Bake Sale for Smile Train: Results Next Week** - Many thanks to all who made or purchased food items or donated to Smile Train. Your caring and generosity will truly change the lives of many children!! Last week, we received information that we are again able to participate in a 5x matching funds program!! We will post our totals collected in next week's bulletin.

**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 current series is on the Letter of James. On February 20, we will watch a DVD 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)

## Faith Formation: For All Ages

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**2019-2020 Faith Formation: No AM or PM sessions on February 16**

Because of winter break, we will have no AM or PM sessions on February 16. We will resume our regular sessions on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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 16: No AM/PM sessions - Faith Formation

February 22: First Reconciliation for Faith Formation

February 25: Mardi Gras

February 26: Ash Wednesday

February 28: Stations of the Cross, Traditional

## February 25: Mardi Gras



Before we fast, we feast!! On Tuesday, February 25, we will have our annual pancakes and sausage dinner from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to attend. Questions?? Call Linda at 518-209-6446.

## February 26: Ash Wednesday



Lent begins in just 10 days!! Masses are at 9am and 5:30pm on February 26.

## Lenten Tuesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

Beginning on March 3, Tuesdays in Lent will start out at 5:30pm with a simple soup and salad supper in the Parish Life Center. Following that, we will alternate weeks with Adoration, a viewing of a DVD by Bishop Robert Barron, or a Lenten presentation.

We are inviting people to make soup or a salad or bring bread for one of the weeks. There are sign-up sheets on the tables in the back of the church for the weeks of Lent.

## Stations of the Cross: February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3



Share a special gift with your families this Lent; take some time out of your busy lives to attend the Stations as a family at **7PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the Cross.

**February 28:** Traditional

**March 6:** Rosarians: Stations for Seniors

**March 13:** Bearing the Cross Today

**March 20:** Everyone's Way of Cross

**March 27:** Through the Eyes of Mary

**April 3:** Living Stations

## 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 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.

**Respect Life ~** "The primary moral judgment on candidates and their positions is to be made in the light of their concern for protecting human life from conception to natural death." - Cardinal Francis George



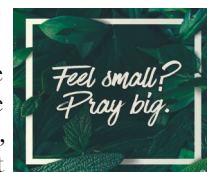
|  <b>In Memoriam ~ 2020-21</b>   |  |   |
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| In loving memory of our Families:<br>The Carlsons, The Mardigans,<br>The Foleys & The Butlers<br>requested by Bob & Carol Carlson<br><small>2/7/21</small> | In loving memory of<br>Albert P Morelli,<br>Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan<br>requested by Don & Patti Hogan<br><small>1/10/21</small>            | In loving memory of<br>Joseph V Germano<br>requested by the Family<br><small>1/10/21</small>  |
| In loving memory of<br>John A O'Brien<br>requested by the Family<br><small>10/25/20</small>  | In loving memory of<br>The Barron & Rys Families<br>requested by the Family<br><small>7/19/20</small>  | In loving memory of<br>Bryan T Roberts (son)<br>Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)<br>requested by Judith Pope<br><small>7/19/20</small>      |
| In loving memory of<br>John T Sherlock<br>requested by his wife and Family<br><small>7/19/20</small>   | In loving memory of the<br>Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family<br>& Monticup Family<br>requested by Rose Brooks & Family<br><small>5/24/20</small> | In loving memory of<br>Adam & Katherine Novak<br>John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot<br>requested by the Family<br><small>5/10/20</small> |

## Recognize God In Your Everyday Moments ~ Don't Live a Lie

One day, my son was explaining to his mother that he felt she had lied to him. It was nothing very important, but he wanted to take this opportunity to share how important telling the truth is to him. He explained that he simply tells it like it is in all aspects of his life. But an hour later, we caught him in a lie! Again, it was not about a matter of life and death, but it was a lie. When confronted with his own previous words on how important the telling the truth was to him, he just smiled. Yes, the guilty often have no words of defense.

Jesus said it best in Matthew 5: "Let your 'yes' mean 'yes' and your 'no' mean 'no.'" He was warning his disciples about false oaths and then instructing them on the fullness of the Hebrew laws. We may try to do what we say and say what we mean, but it can be all too easy to fall short. We call ourselves disciples yet provide evidence to the contrary by our actions (or lack of them).

Even if we feel that we have lied to no one, we may have lied to ourselves. We portray ourselves as generous, thankful, and loving people, yet fail to answer God's call in a situation because we perceive the cost to be too great. Jesus did not simply mean for his message to be about two words. He also meant that when you say you are a disciple, make sure you are a disciple as well. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*  
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## 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.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ~** We now have hearing assist earphones that are available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the Church building. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass, they are located on a stand at the rear of the church. Just return the earphone to the same stand where you picked it up.



*When Doing Your Estate Remember  
Your Parish*

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

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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

**Mon., Feb 17**

9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE-HOLIDAY

**Tues., Feb 18**

9:00am—Wayne Simmons, req by Walter/Ellen  
 Clickner

**Wed., Feb 19**

9:00am—Margaret Stebbins (1st Anniv), daughter  
 Kathleen

**Thurs., Feb 20**

9:00am—Sally Colbert, Walter & Ellen Clickner

**Fri., Feb 21—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Feb 22**

4:00pm—Thomas Falzo, req by family  
 Judith Culkin, req by Bill/Rita Fahr & family  
 Carol Anne Maloney, req by husband, Don

**Sun., Feb 23**

8:30am—Mary Polaro, req by the Polaro family  
 John Hynes, req by Tom & Jane Hanley  
 Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Sally Colbert, req by Bob/Carol Carlson  
 Wayne Simmons, req by Gail Mantello  
 Wm Maloney, Helen/Art W Cody, req by Maureen  
 McMahon

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Collection totals will be in next issue of bulletin