

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## February 17, 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

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Behold, your reward will  
be great in heaven."

- Lk 6:22, 23b

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCB.

### 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

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### Secretary

Mary Beth Knapik

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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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### "Deacon Al's Last Corner" ...

Wow! What a wonderful surprise retirement party! A week before Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> Fr. Rutherford invited my wife Maureen and I to go to lunch with him and his friend Susan. "Oh, by the way", he said "he would have to stop at the Elk's Club to say some prayers before we go to lunch in Valatie." So, a week later, on Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> off we go after Mass to stop in at the Elk's Club —we open the door and "surprise!" so many wonderful, loving people from Immaculate Heart of Mary, including my daughter Kathleen, sons Michael and Christopher and grandchildren Emiko, Noah, Renee and Sam! There are so many people to thank, including my wife, Fr. Rutherford, Susan, our trusted Trustees Linda Dunbar and Bob Passonno, Paul and Patrice Adams; and all of you who came to celebrate and wish me well. Thank you one and all who planned, pulled off and participated in a wonderful surprise party.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

God bless you with gifts of Peace, Joy and Love.

### Gospel Meditation

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich, who are filled now, who laugh when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor, you who are now hungry, when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now", that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?

## Presidents Day Observed Monday, February 18—The Parish Office will be closed

**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 Pre-k 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 Pre-K 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.

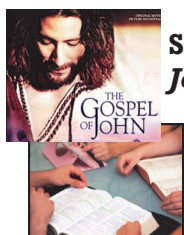
Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent's help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them.

### Here's What's Coming Up in February

**February 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.



### 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).



### 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).



**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.

**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.

 In Memoriam ~ 2019		
In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan 1/5/20	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children 11/10/19	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/20/19
In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/4/19	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/7/19	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/7/19
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/7/19	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 5/12/19	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 4/28/19
In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John Novak, Rosalie & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 4/7/19		

### HEAR ABOUT "CLYNK"???

We (IHM) procure specially tagged **recycling bags** and parishioners are invited to take one and fill it with beverage containers: **glass, plastic or cans** --- (they can be mixed together with the tops on) then taken to any **Hannaford** store and deposit the bag into the marked **"CLYNK"** kiosk and we, (IHM parish) get credit for the deposit. Alternatively, if it is difficult to get to a **Hannaford** store, they can bring the filled bag to Church and Matt Carabis or someone else can take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a relatively painless way to **donate** to the church. While each deposit generates only pocket change, the combination of many such deposits from many parishioner families does add up. **And we are doing something good for the environment at the same time.** Right now the money raised is earmarked for our Social Justice Committee to help fund its projects. This is a win-win situation. The church benefits as well as the environment. **THINK—"CLYNK"**

The plastic bags are available on a table at the back of the church.

### Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

**Jeremiah 17:**— "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord".

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si:**—"May our struggles and concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope".

**Catholic Social Teaching:**—"We can begin, in these ordinary settings, to care in deeper ways for the good things God has given us. This attitude of stewardship...to participate in the...care for the Earth and for the future generations".

**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.



**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.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Feb 18

9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE (Holiday)

Tues., Feb 19

9:00am—Matthew Teichner, req by Rose Madlin & family

Wed., Feb 20

9:00am—Eleanor Legnard, req by Eleanor Hack

Thurs., Feb 21

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Fri., Feb 22

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 23

4:00pm—Tom & Mary Holton, req by family  
Dean Holmes, req by Suzanne Trzcinski  
Leo & Ruth Raymond, req by the family

Sun., Feb 24

8:30am—Matthew Crudo, req by Diana Bleau  
In thanksgiving for favors granted, req by Ann Gicobbi  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Richard Crinigan (5th Anniv), req by the family

**WHEN DOING YOUR  
ESTATE REMEMBER  
YOUR PARISH**



**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**Weekly collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)**  
Feb 10-11, 2018.....\$6125.00  
Feb 9-10, 2019.....\$4274.00