



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." - Jn 10:27-28b

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

May 12, 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

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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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Gospel Meditation

We all face obstacles in life. Perhaps it's a lost job, the death of a loved one, a sudden accident that places an unexpected dent in our finances. Sometimes the challenges are of our own making. Perhaps we've developed patterns of sin in our personal lives or our family relationships. We've all felt the jolting shock of, "This is all my fault." How do these things affect our relationship with God? Or, perhaps more poignantly, how do we now view God's relationship to us?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' words to us are encouraging ones. "No one can take them out of my hand." Did you catch that? In case you didn't, Jesus reemphasizes the point again a few verses later. "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand." God's grip of providential care and mercy is so strong that nothing can separate us. We might think things take us out of God's hand - life circumstances, tragedy, our lukewarm attitudes towards faith - but Jesus tells us otherwise. Nothing, no one, can take us out of the Father's hand, and we can't take ourselves out! We can't remove ourselves from Him, not entirely. Even when grievous sin hardens us to grace, His love is still sustaining us in existence. And His mercy is always awaiting our repentance.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This Sunday, let us heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. Whatever we feel might take us from God's hand, we can turn back to Him. God is always inviting us to follow Him and to trust in His care and be sustained by His hand.



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 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

IHM Prayer Ministry — If you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one during the Lenten season; or would like to be a part of the prayer team, please call Brenda at 518 271-6184.

Rosary Society News—Baby Shower : The annual baby shower held by the Rosary Society takes place during the month of May. A playpen is set up in the back of the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm —*Please keep our favorite baker in your prayers. Lauraine Fitzgerald broke her hip and is recuperating. Many thanks to Marietta Ragosta who has volunteered to help provide us with desserts!!*

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.



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. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass and then return it to the same stand where you picked it up. Thank you.

Scripture Sharing— “Revelations” Revealed—*There will be no Scripture on Thursday, May 16.* All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, May 23 in the Parish Life Center. We are currently working on a new Scripture study on the book of Revelation. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowski@ihm.rcpw.org

FAITH FORMATION - FOR ALL AGES:

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First Eucharist and May Crowning: May 5, 2019

Last week was truly something special. Congratulations to Alexander Behrens, Avery Donohue, Ryan Ford, Reilly Luke, Gianna Nieves, and Thomas Skumurski who received our Lord for the very first time and participated in the May Crowning. Thanks to all who helped prepare them, who volunteered to be Eucharistic Ministers for the children and their families and who also helped to serve at the reception after Mass. Special thanks to Fr. Rutherford who helped at rehearsal and made this day a truly memorable one for the children and their families.

Confirmation, May 12: 2pm at the Cathedral

Justin William Adams, Luke Connor Burns, Carol Catherine Casale, Michael Patrick Ford and Joseph Daniel Mazzola will be confirmed today at the Cathedral on Mother's Day, May 12. May God bless our young people and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide them this day and every day throughout their lives.

Faith Formation

Although we won't see you in Faith Formation classes until September, we plan on 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 skowski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: CLOW will be on hiatus until September.

Here's What's Coming Up in May

May 12: Mother's Day

May 12: Confirmation, Cathedral 2pm

May 13: Gathering Disciples: 6pm, Parish Life Center

May 17-18: Bazaar: Friday, 6-10; Saturday, 5-10

May 20: Prayer & Worship: 6pm, Parish Life Center



3rd Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Family Bazaar!! May 17th & 18th

A parade kicks it off at 6:00pm on Friday, May 17th. Come join the entire community for some good old-fashioned Fun, Entertainment, Food, and a Silent Auction!

Pony Rides



Magic

Caricature Sketches




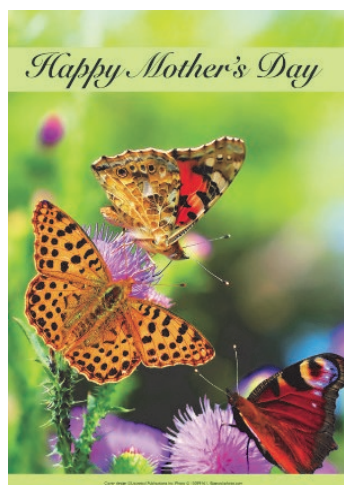
Face Painters

Petting Zoo

Games



In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/10/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>11/3/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>10/13/19</p>	<p>In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/8/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/4/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p>



PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.

We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day.

Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

In loving memory of
John T Sherlock
requested by his wife and Family

5/12/19

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., May 11
4:00pm—Margaret Stebbins, req by the family
Edward/Anita Dillon, req by Dorothy Mitchell & family
George McNeff, req by Peggy Germano

Sun., May 12
8:30am and 11:00am } For All Mothers Living & Deceased

Mon., May 13
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., May 14
9:00am—Judy Willis, req by Fred & Joan Sajler

Wed., May 15
9:00am—David Dipcarins, req by Lilia Langford

Thurs., May 16
9:00am—Dennis E Tracey, req by sisters/ brothers

Fri., May 17
9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., May 18
4:00pm—George McNeff, req by Duffey family
Catherine Blair, req by Chris Adkins/Brian Haner
Carole & Jeff Maloney, req by family

Sun., May 19
8:30am—Joann Somich, req by Helen Somich
11:00am—Elizabeth Hess, req by Lorraine Alund
George McNeff, req by Judy Grady & family
Gary McClure, req by Sandy Cocca

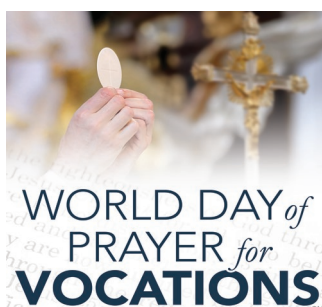
Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Reading-Acts 13:51: “For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: “The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement.”

Catholic Social Teaching: “The United States should lead in contributing to the sustainable development of poorer nations and promoting greater justice in sharing the burden of environmental blight, neglect, and recovery.”

Vocations Ministry—Please pray for increased vocations to the priesthood and religious life 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, drop it into the collection basket and you will be contacted.



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)

Apr 28-29, 2018.....	\$4664.00
Apr 27-28, 2019.....	\$7168.00
May 5-6, 2018.....	\$6853.00
May 4-5, 2019.....	\$7316.00