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6th
SUNDAY OF EASTER
"I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate to be with you always, the
Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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MAY 14, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am





"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, 7:30am and 11am. **See you in church!!**

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Scripture Sharing: The Chosen – Season Three

This week's episode is entitled "Clean, Part 1.". Two by two, the disciples, carry out Jesus' mission to heal, cast out demons, and preach His word. But upon returning, they struggle with understanding what really happened.

Come join us. All are invited. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org



Baby Shower ~ For the Month of May - The Rosary Society will hold its annual baby shower from **May 1 through May 31**.

Items most needed: Receiving blankets, baby socks, onesies, newborn to size 24 month clothing, crib sheets, teething rings, grooming kits, burping cloths, swaddlers, baby towels and formula.

Monetary donation checks should be made **payable to: IHM Rosary** for equal distribution between Community Maternity Services and BirthRight. Please place donations in the wooden box on the table at the back of the church.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the week

If we love Christ, we will keep his commandments, and the world will not accept us. But we are not left orphans — God sends us an Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

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Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, **"I will not leave you orphans."** God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now. — *Father John Muir*

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Faith Formation For All Ages -

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Faith Formation: 2022-2023:


Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm - ALL WELCOME!!

Many thanks to the members of the Notre Dame Club of Northeastern New York who recently volunteered at Mary's Kitchen. It was an unusually quiet Monday but we enjoyed meeting all of them and were very appreciative of their help!! Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>2/18/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/4/24</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/29/23</small></p>
<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/17/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/20/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/16/23</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/16/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>6/11/23</small></p>



Last Weekend for Geranium Sale **Pre-order and Pre-pay**

Available to pick up on Saturday, May 20th
from 10-12 noon in the Parish Life Center
ONE RED PLANT IN 4 INCH POT - \$6.00

Order forms are on the table at back of the church. Place form and money in an envelope marked **ROSARY SOCIETY** and put in collection basket. **Envelopes will be available.**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MAY 17 - VIGIL MASS AT 5:30 PM
MAY 18 - MASS AT 9:00 AM

Question of the Week—To Reflect and Respond

First Reading:

We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized.
Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."
When do you experience Jesus' presence in your life?

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 13

4:00pm—Santa DelBrocco, req by dgtrs, Jo-Ann & Natalie
Bianca Razzano, req by Bob & Sandy Beston
Barbara Bouchard, req by family

Sun., May 14

7:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM
Marilyn & Pete Barron, req by Kathy Bisceglia

11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Martha Fandl

Theresa Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy
Kathleen Raleigh, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo

Tues., May 16

9:00am—in mem. of Sr. Margaret Straney,
Wm Straney, Sherron Straney Winkler, req by Donna Tallman

Wed., May 17

9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky Families, Estate

HOLY DAY VIGIL/ASCENSION OF LORD
5:30pm—Lv'g & dec'd mem of IHM

Thurs., May 18-ASCENSION OF THE LORD
9:00am—Jack Roberts, req by the family

Sat., May 20

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife/ family
Helen Connery, req by IHM Rosary Society
Mary Ellen Legnard, req by Peggy Fisk

Sun., May 21

7:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Maurice Clough, req by Mary/Barbara Crowley

11:00am—Nancy Comley, req by Bob/Sandy Beston

Kathleen Raleigh, req by Lorraine Bulson
Marge Centanni, req by Lorraine Bulson

Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda at 518-961-0169.**

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
April 29-30.....\$4938.00