

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

5th Sunday of Easter  
May 19, 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

### 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

Judith Pope  
[jpope@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:jpope@ihm.rcpw.org)

### Secretary

Mary Beth Knapik

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Thomas Hanley:  
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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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## Gospel Meditation &

"I give you a new commandment: love one another." With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you'd think we'd have it figured out by now! But all too often we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake "love" for mere "common decency." Perhaps we've been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn't leave us without a guide.

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus "emptied Himself." In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane privations of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people's homes or outdoors.

Jesus' love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in his disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

## Smile Train Results: 3X Matching Grant



Many thanks to all who contributed to the Smile Train collection. We have been waiting for notification of a matching funds program. We received that notification recently. Through this program, the \$2918 we raised will become \$8754. Thanks to your generous support and that of the Smile Train medical professionals, a young child's untreated cleft will be surgically repaired - free of charge - every five minutes of every day around the world. God bless you for your generosity and caring for these children that we may never meet, but whose lives will be changed forever.

**Social Justice Committee**—The Social Justice ministry has been rescheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 22nd at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center Conference room. All are invited to attend.

### Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**Reading-Acts 14:22:** "Paul and Barnabas "Strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to their faith."

**Pope Francis-Laudato Si:** "Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us."

**Catholic Social Teaching:** "Our Conference offers a distinctive call to seriously address global climate change, focusing on the virtue of prudence, pursuit of the common good, and the impact on the poor, particularly on vulnerable workers and the poorest nations."

### 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.

**Scripture Sharing—"Revelations" Revealed**—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](mailto:skowski@ihm.rcpw.org)

## FAITH FORMATION - FOR ALL AGES:

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry**

[skowski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### 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](mailto: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 17-18: Bazaar:** Friday, 6-10; Saturday, 5-10

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

*"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, 8:30am and 11am. *See you in church!!*

### **Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm**

*Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen at the regular time on June 3.*

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.

## 3rd Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Family Bazaar!! Don't miss it! Saturday Night - 5 to 10 PM!!

Come join the entire community for some good old-fashioned Fun, Entertainment, Food, and a Silent Auction!



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Face Painters



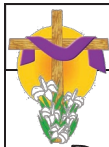
Caricature Sketches  
Games

Petting Zoo

Pony Rides







## 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 the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 11/3/19
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/20/19	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 10/13/19	In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family 9/8/19
In loving memory of Veronica Gardner req by the Vertone Family 8/25/19	In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family 8/25/19	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

### 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.

### WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

**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.



**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.

**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 loving memory of  
John T Sherlock  
requested by his wife and Family  
5/12/19

### Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., May 20

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., May 21

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Wed., May 22

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Thurs., May 23

9:00am—Michael Cusack, req by family

Fri., May 24

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., May 25

4:00pm—George McNeff, req by Dolores Wick-ware  
Theresa Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy  
Patricia Crinigan, req by Marian Corbett

Sun., May 26

8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM  
11:00am—Gary McClure, req by Joe Squillace  
Stanley Byer, Jr, req by Ed/Bettianne Smulsky  
Fr Erwin Schweigardt, req by Ann/Phil DiNuzzo



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)**  
May 12-13, 2018.....\$6861.00  
May 11-12, 2019.....\$7009.00