

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

6th Sunday of Easter  
May 26, 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  
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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 &

Theology has two words to describe the space between God and us - transcendent and immanent. When we say God is transcendent, we speak of the One whose ways are not our ways, the placer of stars and maker of mountains. This is God who transcends our understanding, whose being goes beyond what we can know. When we say God is immanent, we mean His nearness to us. This is the way Jesus speaks of himself in today's Gospel. "Whoever loves me keeps my word...and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

The Hebrews saw God as intimately involved with the fate of their people. But for all His care, God was still distant to most. He spoke through prophets and was represented in blazes of fire and pillars of cloud. Priests offered animal sacrifice to atone for the nation's sins. While we still know that God is transcendent - any morning's resplendent sunrise confirms this - Jesus introduces us to himself in a new way. Not only does Jesus walk among us, but the Holy Spirit dwells within us. "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit...will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you!"

How do you tend to view God? For many of us, the transcendent sense of a distant God might fill our perception. Today's Gospel reminds us of something altogether different, something more intimate. Our God remains with us. He overcomes the confusion of the world and speaks peace to our troubled hearts. Our God is not far from us. The more we remain connected to Him and love as He loved, the more we will experience His nearness. We can have confidence in His presence and rest in His encouragement: "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

## Prayer for the Fallen

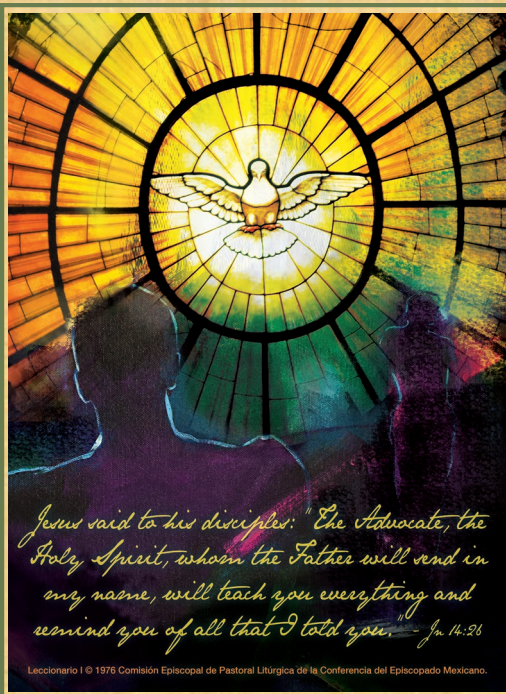
God our creator and sustainer, today our country brings to our memory those who have defended this nation in times of trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our shores from those who would limit our freedoms or enslave us to ways that are against your will.

Bring all those who have died in service to our country into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still serving; grant your heavenly protection to these men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



**FAITH FORMATION - FOR ALL AGES:**  
**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith**  
**Formation & Youth Ministry**  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@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 [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@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/June**

May 27: Memorial Day parade; meet in Parish Life Center at 9am or at WHS at 9:45am  
May 29: Vigil, Ascension, 5:30pm  
May 30: Ascension, 9am  
June 5: Pastoral Council, 6pm Parish Life Center  
June 9: Feast of Pentecost  
June 16: Father's Day  
June 17: Gathering Disciples, 6pm Parish Life Center  
June 24: Prayer & Worship, 6pm Parish Life Center  
June 29/30: Feast of IHM  
June 30: Breakfast, Parish Life Center

**Social Justice: Caring for the Environment**

**Reading-John: 14: 26** "the Advocate, the Holy spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

**Pope Francis-Laudato Si:** Pope Benedict XVI proposed "eliminating the structural causes of the dysfunctions of the world economy and correcting models of growth which have proved incapable of ensuring respect for the environment."

**Catholic Social Teaching:** "While it is true that an unequal distribution of the population and of available resources creates obstacles to development, our efforts should, instead, focus on working with the poor to help them build a future of hope and opportunity for themselves and their children."



**Adopt-A-Baby Program**—Next weekend we will conclude our program. We are planning a "baby shower" for our local crisis pregnancy center. We will be collecting disposable diapers, formula, layette items, and new baby clothes (up to 24 months size) for mothers who cannot afford these items.

Please bring your item to church next weekend and place it in the box we will have in the back of the church.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27TH, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**



**Food Pantry Needs**—At this time we are out of dish soap and laundry detergent, which clients cannot purchase with food stamps. If your means allow, would you consider buying an extra bottle of dish soap or laundry detergent for the food pantry shelf, it would be greatly appreciated. Just drop the item off in the wicker basket inside the lobby of the church or at the parish office during business hours.

Thank you for your continuing care and generosity in helping those in need in our community. God bless you.

**Scripture Sharing— "Revelations"**

**Revealed**—All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, May 30 in the Parish Life Center. We are enjoying a new Scripture study on the book of Revelation. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)



**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.

**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).


**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

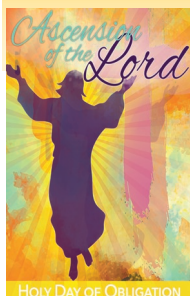


 <b>In Memoriam ~ 2019</b>		
In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <small>1/5/20</small>	In loving memory of <b>Albert P Morelli,</b> <b>Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan</b> requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/5/20</small>	In loving memory of <b>J. Vince Cocca</b> requested by his wife and Children <small>11/10/19</small>
In loving memory of the <b>Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family</b> <b>&amp; Monticup Family</b> requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>11/3/19</small>	In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <small>10/20/19</small>	In loving memory of <b>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak</b> <b>John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot</b> requested by the Family <small>10/13/19</small>
In memory of <b>Justin Berthiaume</b> requested by the Vertone Family <small>9/8/19</small>	In loving memory of <b>Veronica Gardner</b> req by the Vertone Family <small>8/25/19</small>	In loving memory of <b>Joseph Bagarose</b> req by the Vertone Family <small>8/25/19</small>
In loving memory of <b>William T, Sr, Julia F</b> <b>and Robert A Fahr</b> requested by the Family <small>8/4/19</small>	In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)</b> <b>Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by Judith Pope <small>7/7/19</small>	In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <small>7/7/19</small>
		In loving memory of <b>John T Sherlock</b> requested by his wife and Family <small>5/12/19</small>

### *Mass Schedule for Holy Day of Obligation* *The Ascension of the Lord*

**Wednesday Vigil, May 29th—at 5:30 PM**

**Thursday, May 30—9:00 AM**



***The Ascension of the Lord***—What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He...raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They...returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!

**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.



### *Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sat., May 25**

**4:00pm**—George McNeff, req by Dolores Wickware  
 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

**Mon., May 27**

**9:00am**—NO COMMUNION SVC/MEMORIAL DAY

**Tues., May 28**

**9:00am**—Bryan Roberts (B'day), req by mother

**Wed., May 29-VIGIL MASS**

**5:30PM**—Madeline Whaley, req by Dolores Shaw

**Thurs., May 30-ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**9:00am**—Michael Cusack, req by family

**Fri., May 31**

**9:00am**—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sat., June 1**

**4:00pm**—George McNeff } **Bob/Sandra**  
 Patricia Crinigan } **Beston**

**Sun., June 2**

**8:30am**—Living & deceased members of IHM  
 Michael Capitula (4th Anniv), req by the family

**11:00am**—Paul Esposito (B'day), req by family  
 Helen Cole, req by mem of St Patrick's Craft Guild

### **WHEN DOING YOUR ESTATE** **REMEMBER YOUR PARISH**

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)**  
 May 19-20, 2018.....\$4639.00  
 May 18-19, 2019.....4110.00