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OF CHRIST**  
*feeding the hungry*



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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 pm or  
by appointment

**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**

If you are hospital bound, homebound  
or seriously ill and desire to be anointed,  
contact the Parish Office. Eucharist  
can be brought to any parishioner by a  
Eucharistic Minister.

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## May 29, 2016

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM**

**Weekday Schedule**

**Communion Service: Monday & Friday at 9:00 AM**

**Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM**

*Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.*

### Deacon Al's Corner

**Memorial Day** – As we celebrate Memorial Day tomorrow let us give thanks to all our Veteran's and their families for the sacrifices they made in service to our country. When I served in the Army it was, and is, my belief that our Military exists, not to wage war, but to preserve the peace. May peace prevail in our hearts, in our homes, in our country and in our world. And may God bless America.

**Social Justice** - Human Trafficking is one of the largest and most lucrative criminal activities in the world. Come to the Parish Center on Monday evening June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. and learn about "human trafficking" and how you can help end this crime against humanity.

**Baby Shower** – two more days left in May. Thanks to all who participated in the Month of May "Baby Shower" project.

**Personal Care Closet Drive** – during the month of June we will be collecting laundry detergent, dish soap, and household cleaning products. The items provided will help clients of Catholic Charities living with HIV/AIDS and others living with chronic illnesses. These clients generally have fixed limited income with little or no money for these personal care products. Thank you for your help.

**Congratulations - Miguel Keefe** – at the Saturday Vigil Mass on May 21<sup>st</sup> Miguel received the first of the sacraments of initiation. Congratulations to Miguel and to his parents Jim and Mary Keefe! Welcome to the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish family.

**Congratulations - Elizabeth and Richard Place** were joined together in the Sacrament of Marriage. May they live long and blessed lives together, may their love grow stronger each and every day, and may their family be rooted in faith and unconditional love.

**Consecration to Jesus and His Blessed Mother**

On Saturday and Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> we will congregate at the statue of Mary on 25<sup>th</sup> Street before Mass, recite the prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a group, and process into church at each of the Masses that weekend.

**Third Annual Rosary Walk for Life**—Please join Albany Bishop Edward B.

Scharfenberger on Friday, June 3, in praying for growth in the Culture of Life. Participants will gather at historic St. Mary's Church on Lodge Street in downtown Albany at 5 pm, with prayers beginning at 5:30, followed by recitation of the Rosary and a public procession around the State Capitol Building. This event is sponsored by the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Please come!

**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. Thank you**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

## "Scoop-a-thon"

...at MAC's on June 20th.

Father Ed will be "scooping" again at MAC's from 5-8PM. "MAC" will donate 10% of the proceeds that day (all day long) to Immaculate Heart of Mary. In addition to **great ice cream**, MAC's serves other *delicious real food*.



SEE YOU THERE!!! .... MAC's DRIVE-IN  
HOURS ARE FROM  
11:00AM TO 10:00PM



### **PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF PARISH OFFICE HOUR CHANGES:**

\*Monday May 30th, Memorial Day, the office will be closed for the holiday. For the *remainder* of the week the schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday— 8:30am to 3:30pm. Friday Closed (start of summer schedule)

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:** commencing June 3rd the office will be closed on Fridays throughout the summer until September 2nd (the last Friday before Labor Day).

**\*\*Due to staff vacation schedule, the office hours for the week of June 6th through 9th will be: 8:30am to 12:30pm.**

**From the Social Justice Committee:** Sister Doreen Glynn, CSJ, and other members of The Coalition to End Human Trafficking will be here on **Monday, June 6, from 6:30-8pm** to speak with us about this modern-day slavery. Whether we see it or not, it's happening in every zip code right here in our country. Human Trafficking is one of the largest and most lucrative criminal activities in the world. Come and learn how you can help end this crime against humanity.

**City Gardens**—The beds have been prepared and plating should be able to be down right after Memorial Day. Two boxes were prepared at the Green Island Community Center so that they could grow vegetables for their needs.

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Bob Lewis** for not only the use of his garage and tools but for also sharing his knowledge and talent. Also thanks to **Mike McGlynn** for all his hard work in getting this project off the ground. If you are interested in planting, please contact the Parish Life Center at 273-6020.

**Soap & Cleaning Products**—In conjunction with Catholic Charities we will be collecting soap, detergent, dish soap and household cleaning products during the month of June. A box will be placed in the vestibule clearly marked for this purpose. Please be as generous as possible.

**Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act**—Members of the committee sent letters to Gov. Andrew Cuomo asking him to support this act. Presently farmers are excluded from the Fair Labor Law. This is not fair. They deserve equality.

Next meeting will be held on **June 15 at 11am** in the Parish Life Center. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 209-6446.

**ANNUAL BABY SHOWER**—A reminder that our collection for the Baby Shower is still in progress until the end of May. Please be as generous as you can. A crib is in the back area of the church for your baby gifts. Items needed are: onesies, outfits, blankets, sweaters, one piece outfits, disposable diapers, etc. Sizes are from newborn to 24 months. **PLEASE HELP US CLOTHE POOR BABIES. THANK YOU.**

**IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY**—If you know of someone who would like prayers said for them on their behalf, or for yourself, please contact Brenda at 271-6184. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team, just call the above number.

**Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**—Saturday, June 4 is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We would like to have a small reception after *all* the weekend Masses, but we need volunteers to help with food items and serving at the 4pm and 8:30am Masses. If you would like to help with this celebration of the patroness of our parish and regularly attend the 4pm or 8:30 Mass, please contact the parish office at 273-6020 or the faith formation office at 328-0427 and leave your name and phone number.



All parishioners are encouraged to take part in the celebration. Our hope is to truly make this a celebration of *parish*. Please stop by the tables in the back after Mass on June 4/5 and share in the feast.

**Can You Help Us??**—The Welcome Back to Church Committee is working on updating our mailing list. If anyone has copies of the Memorial Service All Soul's Day booklets from 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, and 2013 we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to borrow them. Thank you!!

### **FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages**

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### **We Said We'd See You Soon...Here's What's Happening in May/June**

Over the next few months, we'll see you for special celebrations, as well as at Mass: As important as Sacraments are, we are not just a "Sacramental Church". Faith Formation begins the journey with Jesus at our Baptism and continues throughout our lives. Attendance at sessions doesn't end with the reception of a Sacrament; it takes a lifetime to develop a relationship with the God who loves us.

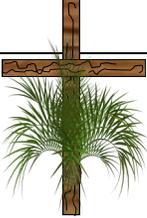
May 30: Memorial Day Parade

June 4/5: Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; Receptions after all Masses

#### **Faith Formation Sessions & CLOW**

**Faith Formation sessions and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on hiatus until September.**

## Memorials for 2016

 In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <small>4/23/17</small>	In loving memory of the <b>Edward Brooks Family,                  Foglia Family                  &amp; Monticup Family</b> requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>10/23/16</small>	In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <small>10/16/16</small>
In loving memory of <b>Genevieve M Dyer</b> requested by her beloved husband <b>Bill, Children &amp; Grandchildren</b> <small>8/28/16</small>	In loving memory of <b>William T Fahr, Sr &amp; Julia F Fahr</b> requested by the Family <small>7/31/16</small>	In loving memory of <b>Adam &amp; Katherine Novak                  John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot</b> requested by the Family <small>7/31/16</small>
In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)                  Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by Judith Pope <small>7/3/16</small>	In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <small>7/3/16</small>	In loving memory of <b>James D Langford</b> requested by <b>Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</b> <small>6/12/16</small>

**IHM "SIGNATURE BRICK" WALKWAY**—We have an area alongside the church near the parking lot for commemoration by parishioners of Watervliet and Green Island with "Signature Bricks". You can order either a 4x8 size brick or 8x8 size brick to have a commemorative expression of your choice engraved on it. Stop by the area to browse the walkway. If you would like further information as to adding a commemorative brick to the walkway, please contact Tom Hanley at 273-6020 as soon as possible.

**This offer will only be available for the month of June.**

**MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30—5:30pm**—Please note: *Mary's Kitchen will closed on May 30<sup>th</sup> because of Memorial Day. We will reopen the following Monday at the regular time.*

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take out meal or have an eat in meal in our newly renovated Parish Life Center during those times. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults**—Do you have **questions** about the Catholic faith? Is becoming a Catholic something you've thought about, but never actively pursued the **"How can I do this?"** Have you been Baptized or made your First Communion, but still **need to complete the sacramental process**? Are other family members Catholic and you would like to be able to **share fully with them in worship**?

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your particular area of need. Want more information? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew**—You are invited to join us Thursday, June 2, between 6 to 7:30PM, in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center. We will begin Chapter 5 of the Gospel of Matthew, "the Bar is Raised by the King". It was no accident that Jesus began his ministry in Galilee; the place where Israel's long exile began. For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**ROSARY SOCIETY**—The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held **June 1st at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Life Center. There will be no regular meetings in July and August. If interested in joining the Rosary Society, please contact Linda at 209-6446.

### Mass Intentions for May 30-June 5

- Mon., May 30**  
8:30am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., May 31**  
9:00am—**Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo**
- Wed., June 1 MASS**  
9:00am—**Thomas & Helen Sullivan**
- Thurs., June 2**  
9:00am—**Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM**
- Fri., June 3**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., June 4**  
4:00pm—**Carol Lansing**, req by the family  
**Eileen Deck**, req by Karl & Joan  
**Donna Murray**, req by Debbie & Dave Stark
- Sun., June 5**  
8:30am—**Suk Semoon**, req by Joe & family  
**Frances Medici**, req by Gloria Colarusso  
**Margaret McNally**, req by Pat Fitzgerald & family  
11:00am—**Paul Esposito, Sr**, req by the family  
**Gary Gingeresky**, req by Bettianne & Ed Smulsky  
**Margaret & William Knapp**, req by the family



**REMEMBER OUR  
NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**Weekly Collection (including mail-in)**  
 May 23-24, 2015.....\$6240.00  
 May 21-22, 2016.....\$6341.00