

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

June 2, 2019



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." - Jn 17:20

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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 &

"So that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me." Does technology bring us together, or does it remind us of distance and differences and keep us apart? Most days, I'm not so sure. With the constant inundation of news from across the world, it can be easier to tune out the sufferings and the joys of people we'll never meet, in places we'll never visit. But is this the invitation of Jesus?

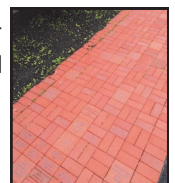
Over the centuries, our Church has become truly universal across the globe. There are Christians across nations and cultures, across lines of rich and poor. There are Christians who live behind white picket fences, and Christians dying in conflict zones. "That they may all be one," Jesus prays. One in what? Love. "That the love with which you loved me may be in them." This is easier said than done, of course. The world is far too vast for us to individually love every human being. I can hardly remember the names of half the regulars at my Sunday Mass! But that doesn't mean we can't try.

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word." Jesus had this religious popular explosion in mind. The mission and message of Christ was not meant to stop in the Apostle's generation or stay cordoned off in the geographic confines of Israel. Jesus' words at the Last Supper are a prayer, a plea to the Father for the spread and unity of the Church across time and space. This week, look up organizations supporting the persecuted Church and make a donation. Next week, visit a struggling parish within your own diocese. When you meet someone new at hospitality Sunday, invite them over for dinner to get to know them better. Whether far off or close to home, let's allow Jesus' prayer to live in us, to be drawn together in love.



Signature Brick(s) 'Memorial Walkway—Just before you enter the church from the parking lot, you might have noticed a brick walkway to the right, running parallel to the building of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Stop by there to view what some of the parishioners have had inscribed on the bricks.

If you would like to request brick(s) to remember a loved one, or family members contact Tom Hanley at 518 273-6020 ext 4—he will help you arrange the wording on the brick(s) if you wish. Tom can be reached between 9:00am and 3pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Large brick; 200.00, small brick; 100.00



HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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.



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm —Please note:

We will open at the regular time on June 3.

Special thanks to those who are helping with desserts while Lauraine Fitzgerald is recovering. Please remember to keep her in your prayers for a quick and complete recovery.

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 328-0427 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION - FOR ALL AGES: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation

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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.

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

June 4: Faith Formation meeting, 6pm in the Faith Formation Center

June 5: Pastoral Council, 6pm Parish Life Center

June 9: Feast of Pentecost

June 12: Rosary, 6pm, Parish Life Center

June 16: Father's Day

June 17: Gathering Disciples, 6pm Parish Life Center

June 23: Feast of Corpus Christi

June 24: Prayer & Worship, 6pm Parish Life Center

June 29/30: Feast of IHM

June 30: Breakfast, Parish Life Center

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

— We currently have about 5 adults who are inquiring about becoming members of the Catholic faith or completing the Sacraments of Initiation. Please keep them in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide them through this process.

Do you 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.

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.

Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Reading: John 17, 20: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one".

Pope Francis, Laudato Si: "The Climate is a common good...it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life".

Catholic Social Teachings: "Help us remember the stories and faces of those victimized by climate change, that we may change our lifestyles to benefit those who are vulnerable today, and those not yet born."

Scripture Sharing— "Revelations"

Revealed—All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, June 6 in the Parish Life Center. We are enjoying a new Scripture study on the book of Revelation. Far from being a road map for the "last days", we are discovering ties to liturgy and messages of hope, not just for the early church but for the church today. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Spiritual Adoption/9 Month Developing Baby



—Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month—nine months after his mother conceived him.

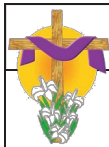
The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby.

He is no different now than he was before birth except that he breathes and eats differently.

He is truly a miracle. He began as a 46 chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby.

You may never meet the mother and baby but your prayers saved his life.

It was decided that the Adoption "Baby Shower" will be extended into the month of June, drop items off in the crib at the rear of the church.



In Memoriam ~ 2019

In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 1/5/20	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 John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 5/12/19		

THINK "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. If it is difficult to get to a **Hannaford** store, bring the filled bag to Church and Matt Carabis can take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a painless way to **donate** to the church. The combination of deposits from many families does add up. **And we are doing something good for the environment at the same time.** 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.

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection—Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Albany to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit: www.usccb.org/cc.

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.



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.

Bringing up the Eucharistic Gifts at Mass - Any parishioner having a special Mass intention at a particular Mass, is welcome to carry up one of the Eucharistic Gifts at the Offertory. Upon arrival at Church, speak with one of the ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., June 1
4:00pm—George McNeff } Bob/Sandra
Patricia Crinigan } Boston

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

Mon., June 3
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., June 4
9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., June 5
9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Thurs., June 6
9:00am—Thomas Fisk, req by the family

Fri., June 7
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., June 8
4:00pm—Carol Lansing, req by family
George McNeff, req by Marlene O'Brien
Patricia Crinigan, req by Audrey O'Hare

Sun., June 9
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
David McMahon, req by wife, Maureen
Eileen Germaine, req by Norma & family
11:00am—Katherine Novak (B'day), req by family
William & Margaret Knapp, req by the family
Helen Cole, req by Toni Delduce



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Due to early deadline the collection totals will be in the next issue of bulletin.