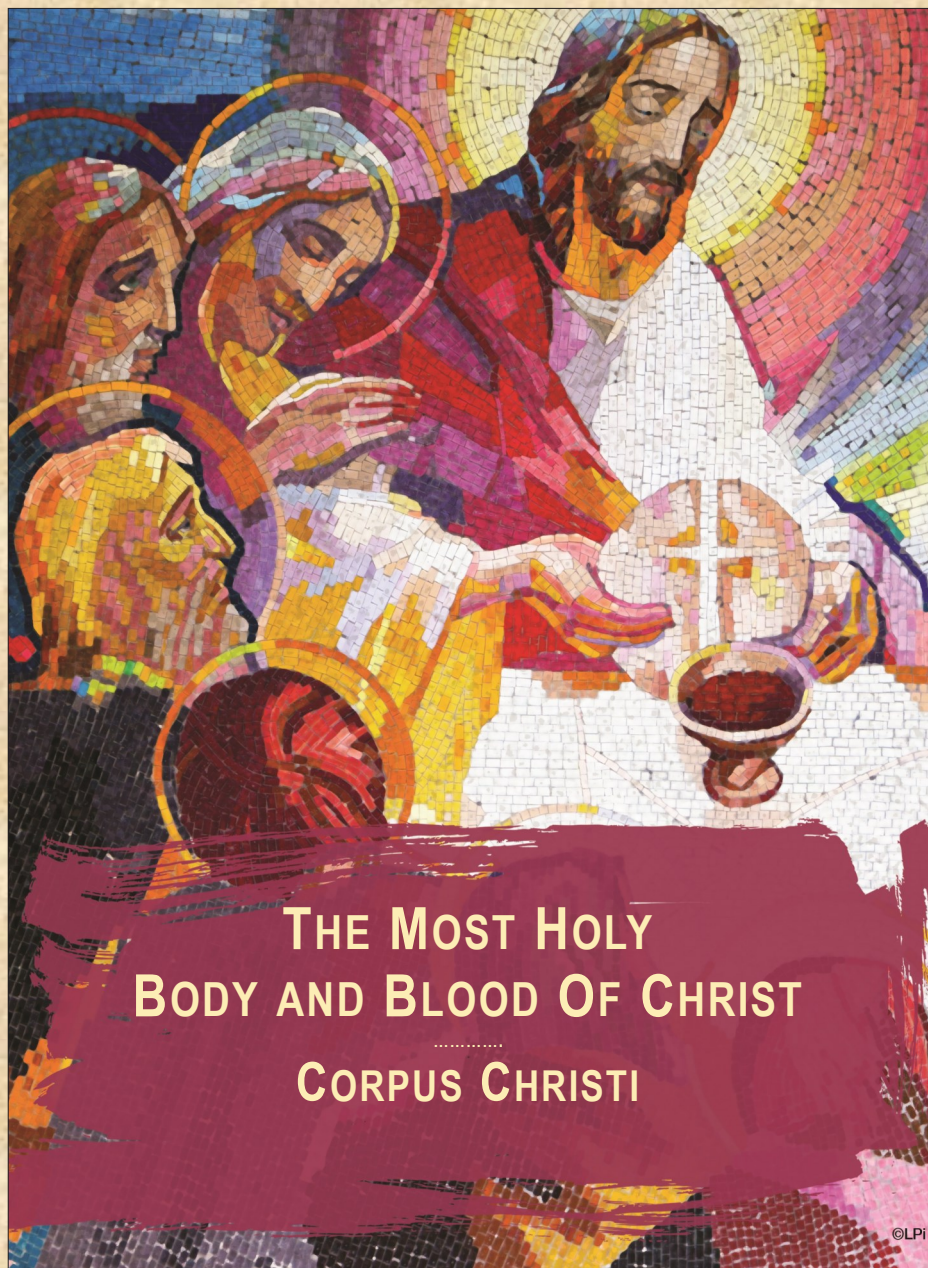


# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI

**JUNE 6, 2021**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

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

**Weekday Schedule**

**9:00 AM Mass: Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday**

**Adoration: Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 AM**

## WELCOME

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**"PRAISE AND  
BLESS MY LORD,  
AND GIVE HIM  
THANKS AND SERVE  
HIM WITH GREAT  
HUMILITY."**

**—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

## Gospel Meditation ~

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

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## Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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### Faith Formation 2020-2021: JUNE

First Eucharist will take place at the 11am Mass on June 6 and 13. Please keep our young people in prayer as they prepare to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the very first time.

First Eucharist June 6: Cortlyn Hoefer, William Keefer, Kennedy Skumurski

First Eucharist June 13: Erin Irvine, Addison Parmatier, Caleb Strock, Anthony VanPatten

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

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

## Scripture Sharing: Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life ~This

series is produced by Ascension Press, presented by Jeff Cavins, Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Edward Sri. This week's session is entitled "New Passover, New Exodus". Jesus is preparing for a new Passover; a new Exodus; a New Covenant. Through his sacrifice he will win for his people a new freedom and a new power. For those interested, we meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**Joseph's House and Shelter-Troy ~** They need cereal/soup bowls. Bowls may be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours between June 6 and 20, and then will be delivered to Joseph's House on June 22nd. Thank you for helping! - MaryBeth



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


Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! Thanks again to Kathy M. and Trudy for some delicious treats to share with our guests.

For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. We are looking into the possibility of having eat in meals again. We will need more volunteers for this to happen.



Volunteers to work the service counter, as well as putting together the meals for take out. Tables must be sanitized in between guests. We will also need volunteers for clean up at 4:30 to 5pm. Anyone interested please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



In Memoriam ~ 2021		
 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan 1/23/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/24/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 9/26/21</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 9/19/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/5/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 8/22/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/11/21</p>		

**Do You Like to Sing?** Our small funeral choir ministry group sings at the scheduled funerals at Immaculate Heart of Mary. If you think you might like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, and are available during week days, contact the parish office at 518 273-6020 for details. A representative of group notifies members ahead of the scheduled funeral and all hymns are from the Breaking Bread book.

## REFLECTION

### First Reading:

Moses and the ancient Israelites ratified the covenant God established with them at Mount Sinai with the blood of a sacrificed animal. The sacrificed animal affirmed Israel's commitment: "We will do everything the Lord has told us." Why do you think Israel tied sacrificed blood to their verbal commitment?

### Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews teaches us that the sacrificed blood of Christ sanctifies us and offers us eternal redemption. How do you see this connected to ancient Israel's practice of sacrificing animals for their blood?

### Gospel:

Mark's account of the institution of the Eucharist is linked to the Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread when a Passover lamb was sacrificed. What do you think Mark is teaching us in making this connection?

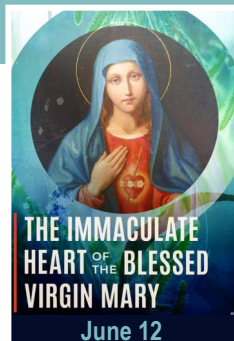
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*"I will take the cup of salvation,  
and call on the name of the Lord."  
(Ps 116)*

**PRAYER MINISTRY** ~ If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at 271-6184.

## Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26  
Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37  
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 5

4:00pm—Charles Rutherford, req by Susan Goard

John Ebenhoch, req by the Raleigh family  
Carol Lansing, req by the family

Sun., June 6

8:30am—Charles Rutherford, req by Linda Dunbar

Gerald Beston, req by Mary & Barb Crowley  
Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—John K Connors, Sr, req by Kay & family

Paul Esposito, req by the family  
Living & dec'd members of Class of '52 of St. Patrick's school

Tues., June 8

Wed., June 9

Thurs., June 10

FR RUTHERFORD  
AWAY  
NO MASS

Sat., June 12

4:00pm—Gerald Beston, req by Ginny & Sue Ellis

Charles Rutherford, req by Martha & Ron Soucy  
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Sun., June 13

8:30am—Jim Mantello, req by family  
Joanne O'Neill, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Jack Owens, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—John Sherlock, req by the family  
William & Margaret Knapp, req by family  
John Ebenhoch, req by Geri & Mike Dydych

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