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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm—3:30 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. (Preferably at least 6 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, home-bound 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

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 7, 2015

Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Weekday Communion Service

Monday and Friday—9:00AM

WOW!! WHAT A PARTY! How can I express my thanks for the wonderful "sendoff" (or as I like to say, "Good Riddance") party? It was perfect in every way! Thank you to all who attended, gave gifts and especially to those who organized it. It is going to take me awhile, but I am going to try to get an appropriate thank you note to everyone.....in the meantime, this will serve to somewhat, but inadequately, express my heartfelt appreciation for your love and good wishes! (Don't forget June 22nd at MAC's.....6:00 – 8:00 pm)

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL Our assessment for the Bishop's Appeal is \$56,785.00, a 2% increase of \$1,113.00 from last year. At this time we have received 168 gifts/pledges totaling 26,626.00. A letter has gone out this week to all who have not yet responded. If you have not participated, we would ask you to prayerfully consider doing so. Many thanks to all who have participated in the 2015 Bishop's Appeal.

Fr Ed

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Deimeke is a tough act to follow, but I'm going to try. Hopefully I will get to talk with each of you at some point in my time here. I've met quite a few of you already.

I'm originally from Massachusetts, but have been a New Yorker for the last 15 years. I have four kids, eleven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, most of whom live in Massachusetts. The rest live in Georgia, so I don't get to see them much.

Prior to entering the ministry field, I owned a real estate business (when interest rates were 16%). After the demise of my business I was drawn into a Master's degree at Boston College in Pastoral Care and Counseling. That led to a residency in Chaplaincy which then led to Director of Spiritual Care at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy. After five years at St. Mary's, I entered the Parish Life Director "pool" and was offered a position in Bolton Landing. At age 72, I received my doctorate in Ministry. I was called Dr. Sous by the parishioners. In January 2014 I "retired" and eight months later I filled in as Interim Parish Administrator at Transfiguration Parish, Speigletown and Schaghticoke. I "retired" again and was asked to serve Immaculate Heart of Mary as an Interim Administrator.

I'm really happy to be here for the transition between Fr. Ed's retirement and the new permanent pastor being assigned. And some day I'll re-re-retire.



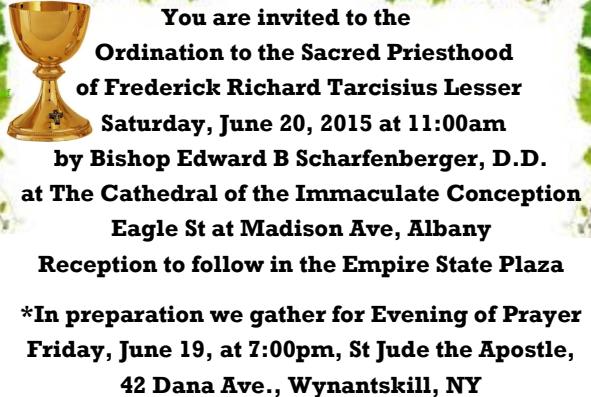
PLEASE NOTE: SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS:

- ◆ MONDAY through THURSDAY, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
- ◆ FRIDAY—CLOSED

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____



JUNE 13/14, FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY-

Saturday, June 13 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 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 13/14 and share in the feast.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

We Said We'd See You Soon...Here's What's Coming Up in May and 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.

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14: Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at IHM

Faith Formation Sessions & CLOW: See You in September!!

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

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

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Our weekly sessions of RCIA are on hiatus until September. We will continue to meet once a month throughout the summer.

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**? Questions about the RCIA?? Contact Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Acts of the Apostles—This week, we will continue with a DVD on Chapter 18 in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul wraps up his second missionary journey, returns to Antioch and then will set out a third time to strengthen the disciples he has left behind.

You are invited to join us, between 6 to 8PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

NEW BEGINNINGS (Evangelization) Meeting Date Change—All who are interested in being part of the parish Evangelization ministry please note the date change for the next meeting. Originally scheduled for June 22 – before we heard that Fr. Ed would be scooping at Mac's that evening – we have re-scheduled it for the following Monday evening, June 29.

IHM Prayer Blanket Ministry Prayer Blankets are given to children baptized in our parish and to those who are dealing with illness, in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers or at home.

Each blanket has a ribbon label on it which reads, "May God's loving presence embrace you as you are wrapped in the warmth of this prayer filled blanket. Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Blanket Ministry."

If you have someone who you feel would benefit from this ministry, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL THE MASSES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE DURING THE WEEK AT THE PARISH OFFICE, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of a friend, or a loved one in need of prayers, contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

"SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY"—Happy Birthday Adopted 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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:30pm—5:30pm—Mary's Kitchen is open Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30pm. All members of the community are invited— both parishioners and non-parishioners alike—to pick up a take out meal during those times.

Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

MARY'S GARDEN—If you are curious as to how Mike and Barb work their horticultural magic in so small a space, take a walk over to the south side of the Faith Formation and Ministry Center. The garden starts there and continues along the west side, along the fence. It is amazing the yield that the garden provides for Mary's Kitchen and we are so appreciative of their efforts!! Questions about how YOU could help with Mary's Garden? Give the parish office a call at 273-6020 and we will connect you with Mike and/or Barb.

Bishop Maginn is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 at our new location, 75 Park Avenue Albany, NY. For more information please contact Tina Resciniti at (518) 463-2247 our visit our website at bishopmaginn.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLE—JUNE 7-13

Francis, Kathleen & Eileen Deck, donated By Karl & Joan

Mass Intentions for June 8—14

Mon., June 8

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Until further notice, there will be no Mass during the week.

Notice to those of you who have reserved requests for Mass Intentions during the week, please contact the parish office to reschedule your Mass intentions. Thank you.

Fri., June 12

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., June 13

4:00pm—Jerry P Valenti, req by wife & family
Sidney Ennis, req by Elaine Hayner
James Anderson, req by M/M Peter Topian

Sun., June 14

8:30am—Norman & Marion Persons, req by Brenda Persons
Stanley Such, Jr, req by Ginny & Sue Ellis
Robert Poloeto, req by the Buchan family

11:00am—Henry R Vogel, req by the family
Patricia Sibincich, req by Toni Delduce
Joanne Velten (1st Anniv), req by Ginny & Sue Ellis

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

May 24-25, 2014.....\$6472.00
May 23-24, 2015.....\$6240.00

May 31-June 1, 2014.....\$7762.00
May 30-31, 2015.....\$7125.00

Special Eastern European Collection

May 24-25, 2014.....\$904.00
May 23-24, 2015.....\$879.00

Memorials for 2015		
 In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 4/17/16	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John g Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family 9/27/15	In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family 8/2/15
In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family 10/25/15	In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren 8/30/15	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/5/15
In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/18/15	In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children 8/16/15	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/5/15
In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan	In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M	