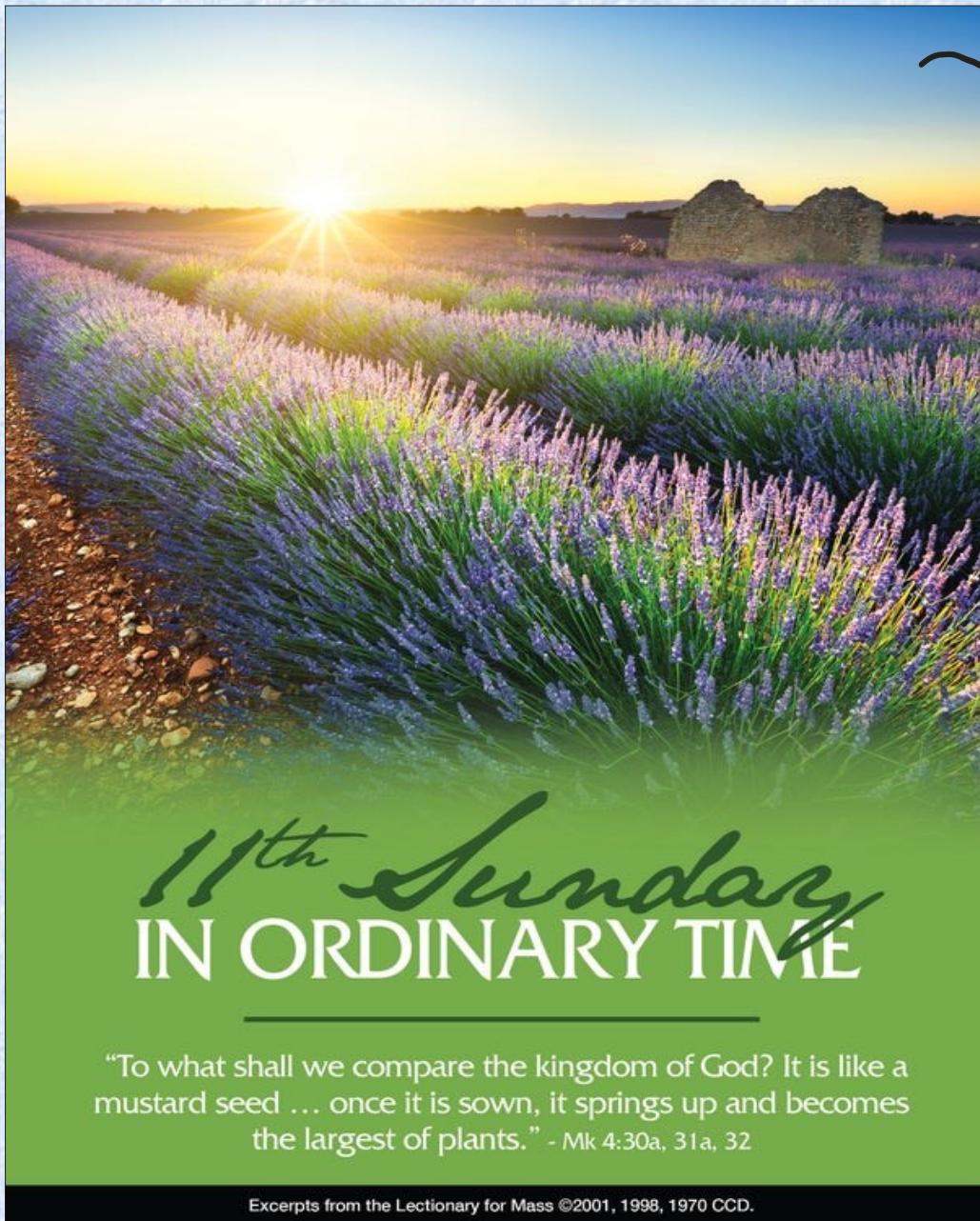


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CHURCH AND

PARISH LIFE CENTER
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JUNE 13, 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



Gospel Meditation – Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture



A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, “do small things with great love.” This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly.

People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God’s kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people’s faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God’s kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows! ©LPi

PRAYER MINISTRY ~ If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at 518-271-6184.

Joseph’s House and Shelter-Troy ~ They need cereal/soup bowls. Bowls may be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours until June 20th, and then will be delivered to Joseph’s House on June 22nd.



Thank you for helping! - MaryBeth

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

This is our last session of “Jesus: the Way, the Truth and the Life”. Entitled “Resurrection and Life”, the Resurrection of Jesus is more than the happy ending of a gospel story. After a Sabbath rest of silence in the tomb, the body of Jesus was raised by the Father on the first day of the week. This came to be known as the eighth day since it was the beginning of a new work of God, a new creation. And as promised, Jesus does not leave us as orphans. He sends the Holy Spirit to guide and empower our lives.

Please note: We will not meet on June 24, July 1, and July 8. On Thursday, July 15 we will begin watching episodes of “The Chosen”. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski,

Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Faith Formation JUNE 2020-2021: First Eucharist will take place at the 11am Mass on June 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 13: Erin Irvine, Addison Parmatier, Caleb Strock, Anthony VanPatten.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions.

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



Refresh... and Focus

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.


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!!

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.

Many thanks to those who have already responded to our appeal for help. We still need a few more people. Even if you aren’t able to commit to every week, we can work with that. Anyone interested please contact Sharon at 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 & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson 2/6/22</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & 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 & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & 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 & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 7/18/21</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 7/18/21</p>

The Diocesan Appeal 2021 ~

As you know the Annual Diocesan Appeal (*formally known as the Bishop's Appeal*) is well underway; unlike most years when the parishes have had hands on control of gifts from parishioners, this year the diocese has centralized all giving. A few weeks back a mailing was sent out from the diocese soliciting your support for this year's appeal. In the name of the bishop and the various ministries of the diocese, we ask you to be as generous as possible. Thank you for your support.

Memorial Brick Walkway Campaign Has Opened for 2021 ~

The 2021 brick campaign began June 1st and will run through June 30, 2021. The requested bricks will be engraved sometime in July and August and will be placed in the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 'Walkway'** approximately September/October 2021. If you are interested in having a brick memorialized contact Tom Hanley, archivist at 518 273-6020 for details. Parishioner's Brick Campaign application sheets can be picked up at the parish office.



Colonie Elks Spaghetti Dinner - June 17th - To help support the Elks and their service to the community, the Colonie Elks will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner (sauce by Bob Beston) for \$10. from **4 - 7pm on June 17th. TAKE-OUT ONLY.**
Pre-orders call: 518 810-9961.

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Ezekiel's image of God growing Israel into a mighty majestic cedar tree bearing fruit, with birds nesting in its branches was intended to be words of comfort for the exiled Israelites in Babylon.

How do you find God's comfort in times of distress?

Second Reading:

Paul encourages the believers in Corinth to be courageous in knowing one day all will appear before "the judgment seat of Christ."

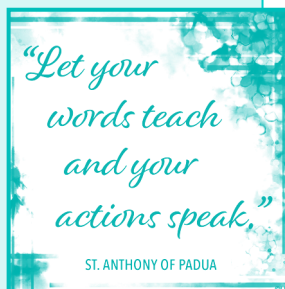
How confident are you in reflecting on judgment day?

Gospel:

Mark tells us that Jesus often spoke in parables to the crowds about the kingdom of God. Today's parables speak to the often unseen and subtle growth of the kingdom of God in our midst.

How might you better observe the kingdom of God at work in your life?

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tues., June 15

9:00am—living & deceased members of IHM

Wed., June 16

9:00am—Kathleen Werner (Lv'g/B'day), req by her sister

Thurs., June 17

9:00am—Jerry Beston, req by Katherine Hughes & family

Sat., June 19

4:00pm—Jerry Beston, req by Sophie Germano & family
Brian McCarthy, Sr, req by LCP Aux/Unit 927
Tammi Morgan, req by Rachel, Julie & Lisa

Sun., June 20

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Margaret Rose & Fred Gonsowski, req by son and daughter
Anna & Walter Gonsowski req by Gonsowski family

11:00am—Michael Kowalski, req by Jim & Sharon Kowalski

Jerry Beston, req by Kay Connors
Jimmy Tracey, req by Frank family

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Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
May 29-30, 21—\$4045.00