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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

June 16, 2019

Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Weekday Schedule Communion Service: Monday, 9:00 AM Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments ~

The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. That oneness is mirrored for us in the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons. We are a diverse community with different backgrounds, cultures, realities, and gifts, but we are truly one. Unfortunately, we too often forget this and function as a fractioned body. We needlessly compete against one another, judge one another as opposed to help, and sit silent when our brothers and sisters call out for help.

When we take seriously our stewardship way of life, we see our lives as not truly belonging to ourselves. We want to offer our very existence to God and the Body of Christ. If we find that we are resistant to that fullness of generosity, or we begin to use our gifts in a way that fractures community, we then actively work in contrast to this mark of the Church.

The Church that was established by Jesus and fortified by the institution of the sacraments cannot be destroyed and deprived of Her four marks. The human element may be strained and injured, but not even the gates of hell will prevail against this institution alive in the Spirit. Our actions can either bear witness to that reality or it can bring offense. Let us pray that enough of us will choose the holy way so all the world may see that God is real, Jesus is alive, and we are ONE.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Bread For the World Offering Letters ~ Last weekend we celebrated Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. Acts 2:44-46 tells us that, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need... They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." This action reflects God's concern for the poor and those struggling with hunger. This weekend, June 15-16, our parish is participating in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters. Please take time to sign the letters asking Congress to increase funding for global nutrition programs.

IHM PRAYER MINISTRY—contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184 if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one who is ill or undergoing surgery.

Scripture Sharing: "Revelations" Revealed ~

All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, June 20 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 **Prayer Blanket Tie-In: June 26** ~ The Prayer Blanket

Ministry at IHM provides blankets for the newly baptized and for those who are sick, in nursing homes or in the hospital. Our ministry is based on the belief in the power of prayer. This belief is evident in our witness to one another. Blankets may be knit, crocheted, guilted or tied fleece blankets.



We will meet in the Parish Life Center on June 26 at 6pm for a fleece blanket tie-in. All are welcome to join us. The only skill required is that you have to be able to tie a knot.

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or **skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org**. Please contact Sharon or the parish office at 518-273-6020 if you would like a prayer blanket for a family member or friend who is ill or in a nursing home. We will make arrangements for you to pick it up.



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm

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 nonparishioners 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 and Youth Ministry
 skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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 16: Father's Day June 17: Gathering Disciples, 6pm PLC June 23: Feast of Corpus Christi June 24: Prayer & Worship, 6pm PLC

- June 29/30: Feast of IHM
- June 30:Breakfast/Brunch, PLC

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children ~ We currently have a number of 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 518 328-0427 or **skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org**.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART



On Sunday, June 30, we will have breakfast in the Parish Life Center; from 9:30 to

IUNE 30, 2019 - BREAKFAST

10:30, after the 8:30am Mass and from 12:15 to 1:15, after the 11am Mass. Tickets are \$10 ea for adults and children under 10 are free. They will be available after the Masses. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Questions?? Contact Linda Dunbar.

RE: MASS INTENTIONS: The Weekend Masses for the month of August are now available. (first come first served basis).

The Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet listing will be displayed on a table at the back of the Church this weekend.



In Memoríam ~ 2019		
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Galagher Hogan requuested by Don & Patti Hogan 1520	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children
In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by the 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
In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family 98/19	In loving memory of Veronica Gardner requested by the Vertone Family 825/19	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 844/19	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family 777/19

Signature Brick(s) 'Memorial' Walkway-Just before you enter the



church from the parking lot, you might have noticed a brick walkway that runs parallel to the building of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. 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 soon (since it takes time to prepare and etch each brick) at 518 273-6020 ext 4 - he will help you arrange

the wording on the brick(s) if you wish. This offer will only be available for a limited time this season.

Tom can be reached between 9:00am and 3:00pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Large brick; \$200.00, small brick; \$100.00.

Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Reading: John 16:13 - "But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si - "I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet."

Catholic Social Teachings: - Pope Benedict XVI reflected in his 2008 *World Peace Day message* that "respecting the environment does not mean considering material or animal nature more important than man, but, rather, it means not selfishly considering nature to be at the complete disposal of our own interests."

THINK "**CLYNK**"**!!!!** -- We have specially tagged recycling bags on the table in the rear of the church and parishioners are invited to take one and fill it with beverage containers: *glass, plastic or cans* —(*can be mixed together with the tops on*) taken to any Hannaford store and deposit the bag into the marked "**CLYNK**" kiosk and IHM parish will get credit for the deposit. OR if you are not near a Hannaford store, bring the bag to church and Matt Carabis can take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a great way to donate to the church

take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a great way to donate to the church and good for the environment at the same time.. This is a win-win situation.

"PUN INTENDED".... I THOUGHT I SAW AN EYE DOCTOR ON AN ALASKAN ISLAND, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE AN OPTICAL ALEUTIAN.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., June 15 4:00pm—Living & Dec'd mem of IHM Bill Meher, req by the Germano family

Sun., June 16 8:30am 11:00am Mon., June 17 Tues., June 18 Wed., June 19

<u>f</u>iving & Deceased 9:00 AM

For All Father's

ine 18 COMMUNION SERVICE

Thurs., June 20 -Fri., June 21

NO-COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., June 22 4:00pm—Cynthia Roberts (Lv'g/B'day), req mother

Nicholas Mitchell, Sr, req by wife, Dorothy & family

William Meher, req by Jean Sullivan

Sun., June 23

8:30am—Joan Ross, req by Cindy & Gene Cocca

Mrs Frances DiBell, req by Martha/Ron Soucy

Jack VanBuskirk, req by Norma & family

11:00am—Jack McBain, req by Kathy/Bob Falzo

John J Guzy, req by Bob Falzo Peter Moscatiello (Papa), req by Jeremy, Jayla, Jaimo, Jaxon

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly collection (including mail-in/E.G June 9-10, 2018......\$6818.00 June 8-9, 2019......\$7368.00

Catholic Communications Campaign June 16-17, 2018.......\$429.00 June 1-2, 2019\$601.00