

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet & Green Island, NY

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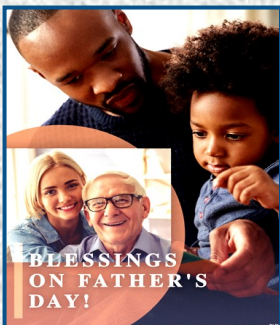
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**JUNE 18, 2023**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule: 9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am

**Church and Parish Life Center Handicapped accessible**

**Faith Formation For All Ages** - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**Faith Formation: 2022-2023: Confirmation, June 4**

On June 4 at 5:30pm, two young men from our parish were confirmed with young people from three other local parishes at St. Ambrose. Father Rutherford was the presider. Sheadon "James" Burns and Caleb "Francis" Konteh completed their formation for the sacrament during some of the most difficult years of Covid, persevering through lockdowns, shutdowns and frequent restrictions and mandates. We congratulate them and their families and pray that they continue to seek the Lord and all that He calls them to do.

Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.



**Gospel Meditation**

June 18, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

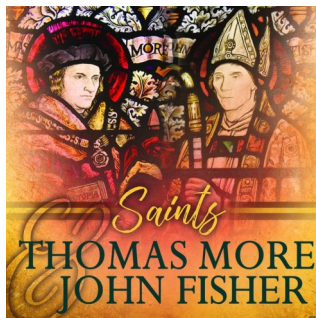
In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



**June DVD: June 22, "Have a Little Faith"** - On Thursday, June 22 at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center, we will see another film based on a book by Mitch Albom. "Have a Little Faith" is a story about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. It is one man's journey, but it is everyone's story. Come join us. All are welcome. Contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for more information.



*"We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock."*  
(Ps 100)

**Volunteers Are Needed!!** ~ We're partnering with the Watervliet Housing Authority and Regional Food Bank to help with a food drop at the Quinn and Hanratta Apartments on June 22 at 10 am! We need volunteers to help pack and deliver food to our neighbors. If you're interested please contact the parish office or Fr. Sam at [Samuel.Bellafiore@rcda.org](mailto:Samuel.Bellafiore@rcda.org).

**Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ Season Three**

**Please note:** because of the showing of the DVD, "Have a Little Faith" we will not have Scripture this week. We will resume next week, June 29 with the episode "Sustenance" from The Chosen.

Come join us. All are invited. We meet most 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)


**Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm All Welcome!!**

**Please note:** Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, June 19 because of the Juneteenth holiday. We will re-open at the regular time on Monday, June 26.

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

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



In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/20/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/16/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/16/23</p>



### IHM Memorial Brick Walkway ~ 2023

The **2023** Brick Campaign is underway and will run from **June 15 through July 15, 2023**. The requested bricks will be engraved sometime in August and placed in the "Walkway" in the Fall.

The Brick Campaign application sheets give full detail and can be found on the table at the back of the church or at the office during business hours.

**The 4X8 size brick is available for engraving.**

If you need additional information please call Linda Dunbar at (518) 209-6446 or the parish office at (518) 273-6020.

### 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).

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 17

4:00pm—Kathleen Raleigh  
Marilyn/Peter Barron  
Joanne Rootes

req by Fred  
& Margaret  
Gonsowski

Sun., June 18

7:30am—All Fathers Living & Deceased  
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Joan Ross, req by Gene/Cindy Cocca  
Michael Anthony Lazzaro  
Mary Ellen Legnard

req by Marla  
Martini

Tues., June 20

9:00am - Frances Pazzo, req by parish

Wed., June 21

9:00am - Teresa M Chartrand, req by parish

Thurs., June 22

9:00am - Cynthia Roberts (Lv'g, B'day), req by  
the family

Sat., June 24

4:00pm—Nicholas Crudo (B'day), req by family  
Mrs Frances DiBell, req by Martha/Ronald  
Soucy  
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., June 25

7:30am—Charles Rutherford, req by brother  
Marian A Baciewicz, req by Baciewicz family  
Gene Hanley, req by Lorraine Alund

11:00am—Marilyn/Peter Barron, req by Mary's  
Kitchen

Mary Ellen Legnard, req by Patrick & Sherry  
Brannigan

Jaimison (Jaimo) Hall, req by Marilyn LaParl &  
Tony Cassidy



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION  
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)  
June 3-4 '23.....\$5226.00

**LEGNARD CURTIN AUXILLIARY 927** would like your Price Chopper cash register tapes. There is a drop box in the entry lobby to the church. Any questions contact Brenda at 518 961-0169. Thank you.

### Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

