

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



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*12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 2021*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

**9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday
Adoration of Eucharist: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00am**

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

Faith Formation JUNE 2020-2021: Congratulations to all our First Communicants: Cortlyn Hoefer, William Keefer, Jr., Kennedy Skumurski, Erin Irvine, Caleb Strock and Anthony Van Patten. May they continue to welcome Our Lord into their hearts at Sunday Mass in Eucharist and in their prayers and actions every day of their lives.

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



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

Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

Gospel:

Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?

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Scripture Sharing: The Chosen

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". The first episode is entitled, "I Have Called You by Name."

For more information, please contact Sharon; skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427.

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

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.

Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm:

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! 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.

Beginning July 12, we will again be serving eat in meals, as well as take outs. We do need more volunteers.

People to work the service counter, as well as those who will be putting together the meals for take out. Tables must be sanitized in between guests. We also need one or two volunteers for clean up from 4:30 to 5pm.

Many thanks to those who have already responded to our appeal for help. 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 Carls, 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>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 7/11/21</p>		

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless. ©LPi



Memorial Brick Walkway Campaign Has Opened for 2021 ~

The 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' in approximately September or October 2021. If you are interested in having a brick memorialized call Tom Hanley, archivist at 518 273-6020 for details. Parishioner's Brick Campaign application sheets can be picked up at the parish office during business hours.

Legnard Curtin Auxiliary - would like your Price Chopper Cash Register tapes. We can put them through on our Education Committee. Please take your Advantage card to customer service, have cashier register it under "Tools For Schools" for the school of your choice. Any questions, contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

The Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet sheets are on the back table in the church. Please feel free to take one.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

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/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

Tues., June 2
9:00am—Charles Rutherford (B'day), req by his brother
Cynthia Roberts (Lv'g/B'day), req by mother

Wed., June 23
9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Thurs., June 24
9:00am—In celebration of Immaculate Conception school/Class of '61, req by Judy Ostapovich Maloney

Sat., June 26
4:00pm—John Glogowski, Sr, req by children
Gloria Glogowski, req by brother/sister
Theresa Lazzaro, req y Weinlein family

Sun., June 27
8:30am—Jerry Beston, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
Joan Ross, req by Cindy/Gene Cocca
Virginia Mahar, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Norma
Frances DiBell, req by Martha/Ronald Soucy
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
June 5-6, 21—\$5993.00