



WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JUNE 21, 2015

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM
Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM
Weekday Communion Service
Monday and Friday—9:00AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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Call for appointment

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.

*“He rebuked the wind and said to the sea,
“Quiet! Be Still!”*

TODAY’S READINGS for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time seem to be, at first glance, about stormy weather. In the first reading, the Lord stilled the waves during the storm for Job. In Psalm 107 the Lord “hushed the storm to a gentle breeze and the billows of the sea were stilled.” This Gospel is the well-known passage about the disciples’ tremendous fear during a violent squall at sea. When they woke Jesus He simply said “Quiet! Be still!” and the wind and the sea obeyed.

Was Jesus teaching them only about the weather? Or was Jesus teaching them about the relationship between God and himself.

Diving deeper into the storms, Jesus was calming the weather, but He was also teaching the disciples about trust and the power of God, just as God was teaching the Israelites, Job, and all who cry to Him in distress. They all knew the disasters that could befall them from the wild winds and churning seas. What was needed from them was faith, trust and a knowledge that God/Jesus will be with them through every storm imaginable.

We all have storms in our lives: emotional, physical, financial, weather-wise and otherwise. Where is our trust? Where is our faith that God will save us from *all* of our storms?

How strong is our faith? Blessings, Kathie



We congratulate our parishioner, Keith Slupski, for recently completing the Kateri Institute for Lay Ministry Formation. During this three-year diocesan process, Keith has grown spiritually, deepened his knowledge of our Catholic faith, and acquired additional skills for ministry. We are grateful for his commitment to the Kateri Institute and thank God for the service that he will continue to offer to our parish community. Keith’s commissioning ceremony is June 27 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral.

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

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 _____

DID YOU KNOW??—When attending/visiting another church on a weekend, you may still drop the envelope of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish into their collection basket and they will forward that envelope on to Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: City Gardens—Approval has been received from the Zoning Board. Work should commence shortly.

Human Trafficking—This is a major problem throughout the Capital District. There will be a workshop on October 12th at the Academy of Holy Names regarding this important issue.

Seeking Donations and Volunteers - "Her Treasure Box" generates revenue by offering sewing, craft and art supplies at low prices. It works similar to other thrift shops; but only accepts cloth, yarn, craft paper, frames, buttons, lace, scissors, craft related books, quilting supplies, paint brushes, artificial flowers, stamps, etc.

Funds accrued by the selling of donated items will be held in escrow for the future use of providing protected housing to those who have been victims of human trafficking. To learn more, please email: debbie.fowler@outlook.com or patc68@verizon.net

JUNE 13/14, FEAST OF IHM: AMAZING!!!—What a wonderful testament to our parish community!! After each of the Masses last weekend, we had a reception in the back of the church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The tables were full of all kinds of delicious treats before the Mass; after the Mass the tables were almost empty...this happened at all three Masses!! Almost every item on those tables was prepared and/or donated by other parishioners – how wonderful is that!! A celebration of parish by the parish...what a wonderful way to honor Our Blessed Mother who continues to intercede on our behalf in all things.

WELCOME MINISTRY: We're Back in Business!!—Are you new to the parish or thinking about becoming a member? The process of joining the parish is begun by filling out the tear off in the bulletin. Once that is received in the parish office, a welcome letter and a membership form will be mailed to you. We ask that you fill that out and drop it off in the collection basket, the parish office or mail it. Your information will then be entered into the parish data base and we will contact you.

Our parish Welcome ministers are also available to help you with any questions you may have about the parish; 4pm Mass, Patrice Adams; 8:30am, Linda Dunbar, Cindy Murzda and Bob Passonno; and 11am, Mary Carabis and Sharon Kowalski. More questions?? Contact the parish office at 273-6020.

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. Our next session will be July 8.

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 process?? Contact Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: The Acts of the Apostles—This week, we will begin Chapter 20 in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul returns to Ephesus and spends 2 to 3 years establishing a base from which the Gospel will spread throughout Asia.

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.

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 July/August

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.

July 26: Pre-k Day

August 2, 9: NCYC Raffle and Bake Sale

August 16: Ice Cream Extravaganza

August 25: Registration for 2015-2016 Faith Formation

We have **3 Mass options every weekend**: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30 and 11am. **See you in Church!!**

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.

IHM Website: What's Happening??? Check out the parish website at www.rcpw.weebly.com for some great pictures of Fr. Ed and recent events. You just might see yourself there!!

MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:30pm–5:30pm—One of the hardest things connected with the soup kitchen is estimating how many meals we will serve on any given Monday. This applies to the take out menu as well as the sit down kitchen. On any given day, the numbers can range from 25 to 60. We usually figure on about 40 to 45 (which is our average). If we have less, we bring it to Joseph's House in Troy. If we have more, we usually have enough back up items that we can substitute. Then...there are days like last Monday. In addition to being short 5 volunteers, we had well over 50 guests!! The only thing left was tossed salad and a couple of deserts!! Our guests started arriving before 3:30 and just kept coming until a little after 5pm!!

Many, many thanks to our volunteers who really stepped up to the challenge and made it all happen!!

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.

 **REMEMBER TO ✓ YOUR CALENDAR—FR ED WILL BE THE 'CHIEF SCOOPER' AT MAC'S DRIVE-IN TUESDAY, JUNE 22; 6–8 PM**

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET LISTING—Any parishioner who submitted their Father's Day envelope with names of loved one for the spiritual bouquet remembrance, will find a copy of the listing on one of the tables in the back of the church this weekend. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

THE EDDY: Eddy Health Alert—SUMMER IS HERE! Let's make sure you and your loved ones are protected home and away from home. *Eddy Health Alert* can provide you with an emergency medical alert that works in your home and away from home ... *take it on vacation with you!* Because accidents do happen, please consider calling for information: 833-1040. Let's not have an accident turn into a tragedy. Only \$31/month.

Mass Intentions for June 22–28

Mon., June 22

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 26

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Sat., June 27

4:00pm—**Sidney Ennis** req by Sophie

Lila J Smith (Anniv), req by Mike & Diane Smith

Jerry P Valenti, req by wife & family

Sun., June 28

8:30am—**Marian A Baciewicz**, req by the

Baciewicz family

Frances DiBell, req by Martha & Ron Soucy

Michael Capitula, Sr, req by

M/M Michael Carroll

11:00am—**Pat Sibincich**, req by Julie Carroll

Kathryn Mohl, req by Mary Gallitelli

Lucy Morrow, req by Marlene O'Brien

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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

June 14-15, 2014.....\$6005.00

June 13-14, 2015.....\$5198.00

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Memorials for 2015</h2>		
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/17/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/25/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>8/16/15</small></p>
<p>BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/18/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>8/2/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/8/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John g Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>9/27/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/5/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/8/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>8/30/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>7/5/15</small></p>