

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

June 23, 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



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Pastor
Deacon Mark Leonard
Shawn Allen, Business Manager

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Call for appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday prior to the 4:00pm Mass

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.

Anointing of the Sick

The Anointing of the Sick will be administered the first full weekend of each month, immediately after each Mass.

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Gospel Meditation:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ~

"They all ate and were satisfied." Why read the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves this Sunday? Here we see the mystery of our physical and spiritual realities intermingling. Too often, they can feel separate. When we go to Mass, how often we appear more ordinarily human rather than stretching toward the divine.

Perhaps our experience of the Eucharist is fairly mundane. We notice when a new sacramental wine has been selected. We feel the varying textures of the host and wonder if they'll ever bring back the one that tasted distinctly like wheat. As we shuffle up to the front and stride back to our pew, we notice the looks on people's faces and the clothes on their backs. We get distracted by the crying child, the man blowing his nose, and the mechanical sound of the air conditioner kicking in. How human we are, how earth-bound, how material!

And how good God is for entering into these selfsame realities. How good God is for proclaiming "the kingdom of God," for "healing those who needed to be cured," for having mercy on a tired and hungry crowd. How many of the crowd noticed what had been done for them? Did they realize their dinner was a miracle? How often do we miss the deeper reality of the Eucharist? Even if in the moment of receiving Communion we don't experience radical ecstasy and don't feel any different, there is a tangible reality to cling to. Our God loves us enough to become bread for us, not only to feed us but to be fed upon by us.

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 OF MARY JUNE 30, 2019 - BREAKFAST

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

Scripture Sharing: "Revelations" Revealed ~ All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, 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

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 be available for only a limited time for this season.** Tom can be reached between 9:00am and 3:00pm on Thursdays and Fridays. Large brick; \$200.00, small brick; \$100.00.

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, quilted 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.

Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:25 - "This cup is a new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si - "Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems."

Catholic Social Teachings: - Pope Benedict's "Charity in Truth", issued in 2009, "The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole."

Faith Formation: For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski,
Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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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 23: Feast of Corpus Christi

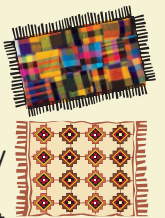
June 24: Prayer & Worship, 6pm PLC


June 29/30: Feast of IHM

June 30: Breakfast/Brunch, PLC

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 non-parishioners 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.



| In Memoriam ~ 2019 | | |
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|  <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/5/20</p> | <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>1/5/20</p> | <p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/10/19</p> |
| <p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by the Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>11/3/19</p> | <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p> | <p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>10/13/19</p> |
| <p>In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/8/19</p> | <p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p> | <p>In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>8/25/19</p> |
| <p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/4/19</p> | <p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/7/19</p> | <p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/7/19</p> |

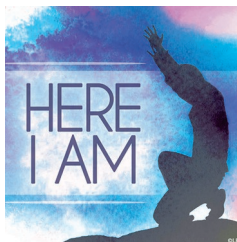
Recognize God in Your Everyday Moments - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

When I was a child, I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the Holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard in those days was along the lines of "We need to be as good as we are able." Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently, and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days, and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the Holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see true love knows no bounds.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., June 24

Tues., June 25

Wed., June 26

COMMUNION
SERVICE AT
9:00 AM

Thurs., June 27

Fri., June 28

NO COMMUNION
SERVICE

Sat., June 29

4:00pm—Charles W Kerls, req by Peggy Germano
Dorothy Devine/Peg Schilling, req by Dan & Diane Devine
Marian A Baciewicz, req by Baciewicz family

Sun., June 30

8:30am—Kathy Brennan, req by family
Joseph P Murphy, req by Tom & Jane Hanley
11:00am—William Meher, req by Kathy & Bob Falzo
Peter Moscatiello, req by Marilyn LaParl & Tony Cassidy

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly collection (including mail-in/E.G
June 16-17, 2018.....\$7668.00
June 15-16, 2019.....\$4156.00