

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

June 30, 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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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.



Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical to-day?

Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Reading: Galatians 5:14 - "For the entire Law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si - "Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance...which takes into account the fundamental rights of the poor and the underprivileged."

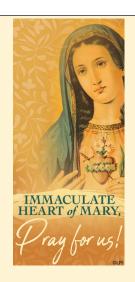
Catholic Social Teachings: - Pope Benedict's "Charity in Truth", issued in 2009, mentioned "to make every effort to ensure that the economic and social costs of using up shared environmental resources are recognized with transparency and fully borne by those who incur them, not by other peoples or future generations."

ROSARY SOCIETY ~ Members of the Rosary Society share in the blessing of maintaining the altar and all Sacred Vestments and cloths necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist throughout the different liturgical seasons of the Church. Please volunteer to do as much or as little as your time allows. Remember you are not only serving your church but also your Lord! **Contact Linda Dunbar at (518) 209-6446 or dunbarld@aol.com.**

PRAYER CHALICE ~ A chalice is used at every Mass to consecrate the wine into the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Each weekend, a different family or person will receive the chalice at Mass and commit themselves to pray daily for vocations.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please make contact through the sign up stubs in the back of he church or call the parish office to be scheduled.

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SCRIPTURE SHARING: "Revealed" Revealed

~ Please note: there will be no Scripture on July 4 due to the July 4th holiday. All are welcome to join us at 2pm on *Thursday, July 11* 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

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 June/July

June 29/30: Feast of IHM

June 30: Breakfast, Parish Life Center

July 1: No Mary's Kitchen

July 4: Fourth of July

July 4: No Scripture Sharing

July 8: Gathering Disciples/Calendar

Meeting

July 11, 18, 25: Scripture Sharing, Parish

Life Center

July 28: Pre-k-K Day, after the 11am Mass

in the 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

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.**

FEAST OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Breakfast in the PLC ~ 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 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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: MondayS, 3 to 5pm \sim Please note: Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, July 1 due to the upcoming holiday. We will re-open at the regular time on July 8.

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.

<u>PLEASE NOTE HOUR CHANGES</u>: The Parish Office Schedule for this Week Only, due to Holiday and pre-scheduled appointments:

MON. - 8:30am - <u>2:30pm</u> TUES. - 8:30am - 3:30pm WED. - 8:30am - <u>12:00pm</u> THUR. - **HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE** FRI. - CLOSED FOR SUMMER

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—The parish Social Justice Committee thanks you for participating in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters on the weekend of June 15/16. We sent letters to Senators Gillibrand and Schumer with a total of 231 of your signatures asking for an increase in funds to address global malnutrition of children and mothers. Advocacy is a way to live the Gospel. Thank you again.

In Memoriam ~ 2019		
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family	In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Galagher Hogan reqyuested by Don & Patti Hogan	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family
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	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family
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	In loving memory of Veronica Gardner requested by the Vertone Family
In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family	In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family	In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope
9/1/19	8/11/19	7/21/19

Recognize God in Your Everyday Moments - Some conversion stories

people tell are so profound and meaningful that they make you want to invent a story for yourself. Some of us have these type of stories to tell, but most of us can only tell stories of slowly coming into a greater maturity of faith over many years and many mistakes. I personally was baptized as an infant, grew up in the Church, and never experienced a time when I was fully the prodigal son. I have sinned quite often throughout my years, but I never drifted so far away where I needed that moment of truth to help me see the light.



However, that does not diminish the fact that I have been made new in Christ and I need to live in a way that leaves the old me behind. If you are like me, you must admit there are times when that former self comes into view. There are times when we fall into our sin to the point where no one would believe we were baptized disciples of Jesus. Thank God there is forgiveness through the sacraments. When we fall, we can always recover and be made new again.

So maybe it is not true that people like me don't have a profound conversion story. Maybe the truth is we simply have MANY conversion stories. As we continually strive to pick up our crosses and follow Him, we fall away and need to come back to Him. Each time, we have a new story. Each time, God's love and healing are profound. Each time, we have something new to tell.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings for the week of June 30, 2019

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17 Next Sunday: Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

RE: MASS INTENTIONS: On July 1st, the Mass book will open the intention requests for month of September, (first come first served basis).



Mass Intentions for the Week

In loving memory of

The Barron & Rys Families

requested by the Family

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

Mon., July 1 - COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., July 2

9:00AM—Living & deceased mem of IHM

Wed., July 3

9:00am—William Meher, req by Lorraine Alund

Thurs., July 4

Fri., July 5

Set July 6

4:00pm—Stanley Lennon, req by Jeanne Perras Collin McCabe, req by Elaine McCabe William Meher, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

Sun., July 7

8:30am—Anna M Passonno, req by the family Living & dec'd mem of IHM

11:00am—Patricia Ann Falzo, req by the family William Meher, req by Brian Moran & family

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly collection (including mail-in/E.G
June 23-24, 2018.......\$6164.00
June 22-23, 2019......\$6031.00