



WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2016

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday & Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
Deacon Mark Leonard

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, homebound or seriously ill and desire to be anointed, contact the Parish Office. Eucharist can be brought to any parishioner by a Eucharistic Minister.

Deacon Al's Corner

Family Reunion/Back to Church Weekend – These are exciting times! There is a lot of planning and effort taking place as we prepare for our Family Reunion the weekend of September 17/18. The Family Reunion/ Back to Church Committee has as one of its' goals the task of commemorating the historical backgrounds of the six (6) parishes that have come together to form the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. We hope to accomplish this by representing each of the parishes with "a memory board" framed display containing information and pictures describing their histories. In order to obtain accurate information we are asking members of the former parishes to volunteer their time and talents to create a visual display of their former parish. We will form six sub-committees to work on these displays. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the back of the church next weekend for each of the former parishes:

- Immaculate Conception
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Sacred Heart of Mary
- St. Brigid's
- St. Joseph's
- St. Patrick's

Please help us remember our spiritual heritage by signing up no later than July 24th. And please come to the first meeting on **July 25th at 6:30PM** in the Parish Hall with your ideas and enthusiasm.

Mark Your Calendars – for our Family Reunion Celebration September 17/18!

Bishop's Appeal – We are still only a little over half way to our annual assessment. If we don't meet our assessment we have to make up the difference from our operating budget which will take money away from our day to day programs. If you have not made a pledge or a donation please prayerfully consider doing so. Your donation will help our Church to love and to serve others in many different ways, and geographic areas every day of the year. Simply put, the ministries and programs of the Church could not possibly continue to function without your financial support. Thank you

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.

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 _____

Pre-k Day: July 10—We will be having a special Prek Day on Sunday, July 10th immediately following the 11am Mass in the Parish Life Center. All pre-k children are invited — and they can even bring their parents and siblings!! There will be snacks, crafts, games and ideas to help keep God in their lives. Don't forget to invite family, neighbors and friends who have PreK-ers!! For additional information contact Sharon Kowalski at 518 328-0427.



MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30—5:30pm—All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take out meal or have an eat in meal in our newly renovated Parish Life Center during those times. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

Backpacks, School Supplies and the Year of Mercy—Each year at this time we normally have a Backpack Raffle to raise funds for Faith Formation. Because this is the Year of Mercy, however, we will be doing things a little differently. We have 10 backpacks and our goal is to fill these with school supplies and donate these to members of the Food Pantry or guests of the Soup Kitchen who have children. Beginning July 23/24, there will be a large plastic bin in the back of the church in which to put your donations. Thank you in advance for your caring and generosity.



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 Happening in July

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 10: Prek Day: 11am Mass, followed by lunch, activities, PLC
- July 11: Evangelization, 6:30pm PLC
- July 19: Pastoral Care
- July 25: Back to Church Committee

Faith Formation Sessions & CLOW

Faith Formation sessions and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on hiatus until September.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew

Please note: There will be no Scripture sessions on July 21, 28, and August 4.

You are invited to join us Thursday, August 11, between 6 to 7PM, in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center. We will begin Chapter 7 of the Gospel of Matthew, Choices in the Kingdom. For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults

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**?

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your particular area of need. Want more information? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

SUMMERTIME: the living may be easy, but the weather is hot and humid!!

We are looking for volunteers to help us on Wednesdays in the Parish Life Center, from 1 to 3pm. Our goal is to provide a respite from the summer heat for those in our community who do not have air conditioning. We are looking for four teams of two volunteers; each team to do one Wednesday a month. There is no food to prepare – all that is required is your presence.

Bring a book to read, watch the news on TV or play a game of cards. Sign up sheets will be in the back of church or contact Sharon at 328-0427, or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



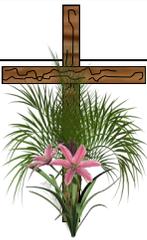
Just a Reminder...

Remember to drink plenty of fluids during these hot summer days.

Friendly Visitors

—WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Many times we do not know the names of parishioners who are in the hospital and/or in a nursing home, rehabilitation center or homebound. Due to HIPPA laws it is almost impossible to get this information unless **you** let us know. **PLEASE**, if you know of any parishioner who is sick, call the Parish Office at 273-6020 and/or Linda at 209-6446. We would like to send cards and/or visit to let them know that their "parish family" cares about their well-being.

Memorials for 2016

 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/23/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">1/1/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">1/1/17</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; font-size: small;">10/23/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/16/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/28/16</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/31/16</p>	<p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">MEMORIAL BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"He replied to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'" In today's Gospel a scholar questions Jesus about how to gain eternal life. In case anyone ever wonders whether heaven is within reach, one only needs to refer to this Gospel. Jesus provides a clear answer that gives us a clear plan of action: We are to love God with all that we are, and also to

love our neighbors. Really, it's that simple.

The scholar, however, complicated things to make himself look better. Instead of accepting the simplicity of Jesus' instruction, he wanted to split hairs, asking, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with the story of the Good Samaritan—and the lesson that our neighbors are not just those we know or love. Rather, our neighbor is the person that needs our help, the person whom we would rather ignore, the person whom God puts in our path. In short, everyone is our neighbor and we are called to treat everyone with mercy. This is part of how we gain eternal life.

But this flows from the first element of Jesus' answer. First and foremost, Jesus instructs us to love God "with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind." When we love God in this way, truly as the Lord of our life, then loving our neighbors becomes the easy part. When our hearts and minds are full of the love of God—who loves all people—then it will necessarily follow that we too will desire to share that love with others and not count the cost.

The Good Samaritan is an excellent example of this kind of love. Without hope of repayment, he gave of his time and his money to help the poor victim. But in return, the Samaritan will surely "gain eternal life."

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of someone who would like prayers said for them on their behalf, or for yourself, please contact Brenda at 271-6184.

PLEASE NOTICE SLIGHT CHANGE TO FORMAT OF WEEKLY MASS INTENTION LISTING BELOW.

Mass Intentions for July 9—16

Sat., July 9

4:00pm—**Dorothy Slupski**, req by Linda Dunbar
Gilbert G DeBlasiis, req by Barbara Crowley & family
Helen Vartigian (B'day), req by her sisters

Sun., July 10

8:30am—**Joan Foglia**, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Debra Bariteau, req by Lucille Lacosse
Bernice Clark, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
11:00am—**Art H Cody**, req by Dave & Maureen McMahon
Jack Cronin (5th Anniv), req by the family
Tom Healy (2nd Anniv), req by Terri

Mon., July 11

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tues., July 12 MASS

9:00am—no requests

Wed., July 13 MASS

9:00am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Thurs., July 14 MASS

9:00am—no requests

Fri., July 15

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Sat., July 16

4:00pm—**Jerry Valenti**, req by wife & family
Gilbert G DeBlasiis, req by Mary Crowley
Joan Foglia, req by Germano family

PLEASE NOTE SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY thru THURSDAY
8:30am to 3:30pm.

FRIDAY CLOSED

Have a Fun Safe Summer!!



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Due to early deadline of this bulletin, the collection totals will be in next week's issue.