



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

July 21, 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

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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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Gospel Meditation:

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.



Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

Reading: Colossians - chapter 1: - "... of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si - "Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality."

Catholic Social Teachings: - "The search for the common good and the voices of poor people and poor countries sometimes are neglected."

IHM PRAYER MINISTRY ~ Anyone who would like to have someone prayed for, please call Brenda at 518 271-6184. If you would be interested in joining the prayer tree ministry, call Brenda.

PRAYER BLANKET TIE-IN: JULY 31 ~ 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.



Our next Tie-in will be **Wednesday, July 31 at 6pm**. 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.

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

July 28: Prek and K Day – All Are Welcome!!

On July 28, we are inviting families with children in Prek – Kdg to a special Prek – K day in the **Faith Formation Center** (directly across the street from the church parking lot) after the 11am Mass. You don't have to presently be a member of the parish or currently enrolled in Faith Formation. We'll have snacks, crafts and games for our special young people. Call Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

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 July/August

July 25: Scripture Sharing, Parish Life Center

July 28: Prek-K Day, after 11am Mass in the PLC

July 31: Prayer Blanket Tie-In, 6pm in PLC

August 17/18: Flea Market
and Ice Cream Extravaganza

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.

COMING SOON!! Aug. 17/18: Flea Market AND Ice Cream Extravaganza



On Saturday, August 17 from 10:30am to 5:30pm and on Sunday, August 18 from 12 to 1pm, IHM will host a Flea Market in the Parish Life Center. There will be all kinds of Treasures to Tchotchke at incredibly reasonable prices in air-conditioned comfort. On that weekend we will also celebrate our annual Ice Cream Extravaganza – “make your own or have a cone”. All are welcome. Come join us!!



Any and all are welcome to volunteer to help with set up, which will take place on Tuesday, August 13 to Friday, August 16 from 6 to 7pm. You may also bring your items to be donated at that time. Furniture, household items, jewelry, decorations, dishes, glassware, knickknacks, and toys are just a few of the items we are looking for. Unfortunately, we **CANNOT** accept any of the following: **books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, or clothing.** For questions or more information contact Linda Dunbar at 518-209-6446 or Sharon at 518-328-0427.

**The word of God
is a light to the mind
and a fire to the will.**

–St. Lawrence of Brindisi

SCRIPTURE SHARING:

“Revelations” Revealed ~


All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, July 25 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

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ Many thanks to Bob Falzo who prepared the soup for last week. We are also looking

for volunteers to provide dessert for our guests.

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 518 328-0427 for more information.



In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/12/2</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 John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>12/29/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p>11/17/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by the Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>11/10/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/27/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>10/20/19</p>	<p>In memory of Justin Berthiaume requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/15/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/1/19</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/1/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/11/19</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/21/19</p>
<p>NEXT WEEK PETER'S PENCE: We will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.</p>		<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/21/19</p>

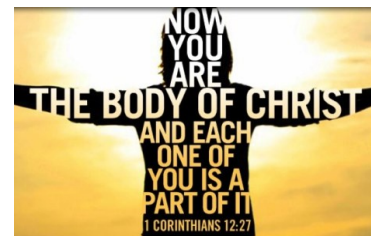
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HANDS TOGETHER ~ On the weekend of August 3/4 our parish participates in the diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan and the missions in Haiti. The Church in Haiti is struggling to bring God's love to the many hurting people and we are the comfort. "Hands Together" runs free schools, medical clinics and nutrition programs; providing 25,000 daily school meals and helping thousands of people, the poorest of the poor, who struggle to survive. Vince Santilli, who works with the missions in Haiti, and a faithful volunteer for 'Hands Together', will share (from the Ambo) his experiences of working with the Catholic missionaries in Haiti.

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 the church or call the parish office to be scheduled.



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.**

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass requests are still being taken for the months of August and September. October will be available beginning August 1.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly collection (incl. mail-in/E.G

July 14-15, 2018.....\$6486.00

July 13-14, 2019.....\$4584.00

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 21st

Sat., July 20

4:00pm—Frank Cocca, req by Gene & Cindy
Stephen Hogan/Diane Giroux, req by Lynn Hogan
Robert Fahr (3rd Anniv), req by family

Sun., July 21

8:30am—Living & dec'd members of IHM
James Connors, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
11:00am—Elizabeth Crammer, req by daughter
Stephen Haner (B'day), req by mother & brother
Brian
Olga Somich (B'day), req by Helen Somich

Mon., July 22 - COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., July 23

9:00AM—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Wed., July 24

9:00am—Frank & Vincenza DiNuzzo, Estate

Thurs., July 25

9:00am—William Lofink, Jr (B'day), req by
Marion/Stan

Fri., July 26—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., July 27

4:00pm—Living & dec'd members of IHM
Elizabeth Hanley, (B'day/Anniv), req by family
William/Patricia Mailloux, req by Lynne

Sun., July 28

8:30am—Michael Kerin, req by Bob/Carol
Carlson
Charles R Wendt, req by Ron Boisvert

11:00am—Helen S Baciewicz, req by the family
James Connors, req by Ann/Phil DiNuzzo
Emanuel (Manny) Biondi, req by the family