



"I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28, 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  
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## PARISH LIFE CENTER

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## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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Friday—CLOSED

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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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## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments ~

After more than two decades in parish ministry, my life changed course when LPi reached out to me with an offer to do something different with my life. I hadn't been looking for a new job, but I had been working for some time to grow a ministry of speaking, writing, and consulting outside of my parish. It occurred to me I just might be throwing away a long career of stability and certainty for a situation that was new and anything but certain. My family was relying on me. I was moving from a comfort zone into a place where I was going to have to trust in God. There was the question on the surface of whether this move would work out in the end. However, the real question was whether I had the ability to put all my trust in God.

The fact that you are reading this reflection is a testament that it all worked out for the best. I did place my faith and trust in God, and He came through as always. When I look back over my life and identify those times of greatest struggle, I can honestly say those were times when I trusted more in myself or let fear take over.

We all are faced with decisions in life where we are met with uncertainty or fear. Often, our stewardship is limited by our inability to trust fully in God. Our comfort zones really become prisons of fear we never leave. If you find yourself unable to face the future or to make the big decisions in life, where does your trust lie?

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Social Justice: Caring for the Environment

**Reading: Luke - Chapter 11:** - For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si** - "Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realize that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality."

**Catholic Social Teachings:** - "We believe our response to global climate change should be a sign of our respect for God's creation."

**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.

# DO WE TRUST GOD FOR TODAY?

## MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~

Schuyler Bakery and Freihofer's provide us with bread and rolls for the soup kitchen and food pantry. Clients of both really appreciate these donated food items. It really is a cost savings for them. Have you checked out the price of a loaf of bread lately?? Many thanks for the generosity of these caring vendors!!

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.

## SCRIPTURE SHARING:

**"Revelations" Revealed** ~ All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, August 1 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

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



On Saturday, August 17 from 10am to 6pm 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.



**Faith Formation: For All Ages:** Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### July 28: Prek and K Day – All Are Welcome!! Cant Wait to Meet You!!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 28:** Prek-K Day, after 11am Mass in Faith Formation Center

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

**August 17/18:** Flea Market and Ice Cream Extravaganza

**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](mailto: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.





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 &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; 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 &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; 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 &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; 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 &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/19/20</p>

**CHOIR PRACTICE** ~ Choir practice is held on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. Practice is open to all who would like to be a part of this ministry and praise the Lord in song. This is a great opportunity to learn the songs that will be sung at the weekend Masses.



In loving memory of  
The Barron & Rys Families  
requested by the Family

1/19/20

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY** ~ There will be a meeting of the Social Justice committee on Wednesday, July 31 at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to join us.

**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.

**HANDS TOGETHER** ~ Next weekend 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.



### PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS ~

Any parishioner who has a Mass intention at a specific Mass, please speak with a 'greeter or usher' as soon as you arrive at church that you would like to bring up the Eucharistic Gifts for that Mass. They will be happy to assist you.

### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

July 21-22, 2018.....\$3766.00

July 20-21, 2019.....\$5694.00

### Mass Intentions for the Week of July 28

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—Charles R Wendt, req by Ron Boisvert  
Michael Kerin, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

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

Mon., July 29 - COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., July 30

9:00AM—Wm Johnson & Malaski families

Wed., July 31

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Thurs., Aug 1

9:00am—Margaret Tracey, req by children

Fri., Aug 2—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Aug 3

4:00pm—Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family  
Margaret Stebbins, req by the family  
Frank Thompson, Jr, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo

Sun., Aug 4

8:30am—Charles R Wendt, req by the family  
Alexandria Grimmick, req by Helen Cushing  
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11:00am—William Alund, req by Tracey family

James Connors, req by Tracey family

Living & dec'd members of IHM