

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

August 4, 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

## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### PASTORAL STAFF

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### Coordinator, Sharon Kowalski

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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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### *Encourage Deeper Understanding of the Scripture ~*

The cake is frosted, the guests have arrived, and the gifts are piled high. One by one, the packages are opened, and one by one, the child reaches for another. Who among us hasn't seen a child who appears crestfallen when the gifts run out? Even the abundance isn't quite enough. Today's Gospel tackles a key question in the spiritual life - grateful or greedy?

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest." We all recognize the need to be practical. Raising a family, there's need to save for all sorts of things beyond normal day-to-day costs - medical bills, family vacations, private school, rainy day funds, retirement. Jesus doesn't critique the rich man for simply having an abundant harvest. It's his mentality. Does the rich man sell off the extra to make the needed repairs to the back fence or to invest in some additional livestock to grow the business? Perhaps donate some of the excess to the poor? No. "You have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" The man wants to hoard and indulge with no concern for others.

Jesus doesn't condemn prudent saving or owning necessary items. He calls us to purify our attitudes. "Guard against all greed... one's life does not consist of possessions." We are called to be good stewards. This means being practical. It also means remaining open to God's invitation with our resources. Are we tithing to our parish? Do we give alms to the poor? Does our weekly entertainment far outstrip what we offer to others? Life is not about "stor[ing] up treasure for [our]selves." The more we grow in gratitude and generosity, the more we become "rich in what matters to God." ©LPi

### **Social Justice: Caring for the Environment**

**Reading: Luke - Chapter 12:** - "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si** - "The laws found in the Bible dwell on relationships, not only among individuals but also with other living beings."

**Catholic Social Teachings:** - "At its core, global climate change...is about the future of God's creation...protecting both "the human environment" and the natural environment."

**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.

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

**Laudato Si and the Crayon Initiative**

From June 16<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> this year, A. C. Moore was a collection center for The Crayon Initiative. Since 2015, The Crayon Initiative has prevented more than 220,000 pounds of wax from going into landfills. One pound of unwanted crayons can be recycled into five packs of new crayons. 275,000 new packs of crayons have been donated to 245 children's hospitals since the initiative began.

We have been collecting our broken and used crayons through Faith Formation this past year. Last week, we dropped off six Price Chopper bags and two small shipping cartons of crayons to A. C. Moore to be recycled. Beginning in October, we will have waste baskets in the hallway of the Faith Formation Center to once again collect these items. In this way, we are participating in a hands-on manner to reinforce our commitment to being good stewards of the earth.

**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 August**

August 4: Happy Birthday, Fr. Rutherford!!

August 6: Faith Formation meeting, FPMC, 6pm

August 7: Pastoral Council, 6pm PLC

August 15: Assumption; August 14, Vigil Mass, 5:30pm; August 15, 9am

August 17/18: Flea Market and Ice Cream Extravaganza

August 19: Gathering Disciples, 6pm, PLC

August 26: Prayer & Worship, 6pm, PLC

Choir Practice: August 8, 15, 22, 29; 6pm in church

**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)

**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.



**BEGINNING AUGUST 6: ADORATION 9:30 TO 12 NOON** ~ Starting August 6th, following the morning Mass, we will have Adoration every Tuesday morning from 9:30am to 12 noon following with Benediction.

**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 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 Tchochke 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 through 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.



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>8/1/19</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>

## When Doing Your Estate Remember Your Parish

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** ~ There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Council on Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center.

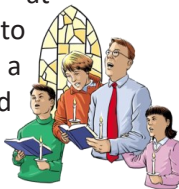
*"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.*

We have **3 Mass options every weekend**: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am.

See you in Church!!



**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. Speak to Angela, our Leader of Song before or after Mass on Sunday.



**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 at 518 273-6020.



## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

July 29-30, 2018.....\$4523.00

July 27-28, 2019.....\$4179.00

**Special Collection/Peter's Pence**

July 28-29, 2018.....\$829.00

July 27-28, 2019.....\$759.00

## Mass Intentions for the Week of August 4th

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 Shufon

11:00am—William Alund, req by Tracey family  
James Connors, req by Tracey family  
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Mon., Aug 5 - COMMUNION SERVICE 9AM

Tues., Aug 6

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

Wed., Aug 7

9:00am—Thomas Falzo (6mo Anniv), req by Kathy & Bob Falzo

Thurs., Aug 8

9:00am—Richard Bleau, req by Diane Bleau & family

Fri., Aug 9—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Aug 10

4:00pm—Carol Lansing, req by family  
Margorie Lomot (Lv'g/B'day), req by friend  
Ralph Signoracci, req by Mary Rose MacLasco

Sun., Aug 11

8:30am—Jack & Jane Geary, req by children  
William Alund, req by Tom & Jane Hanley  
Marylou Whitney, req by Fred Gonsowski

11:00am—Nicoletta Romanelli & Brian

Bloomfield, req by the family  
Margaret/Tom Alund (Anniv), req by Lorraine Alund