

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

August 18, 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

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## PARISH LIFE CENTER

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## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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## Administrative Assistant

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## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

2425 7th Avenue  
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Coordinator, Sharon Kowalski  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)  
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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

## Gospel Meditation ~

The Prince of Peace wants to set the world on fire? This Sunday's Gospel can sound more intense than what we may be accustomed to. It's a passage of contradictions. Jesus so clearly prays for unity, yet here he speaks of division. Why would our God who comes as an offering of love speak so frankly about causing relationships to be torn apart?

The sobering truth is that Jesus is divisive. We see this throughout the Gospels, as the Pharisees critique him, the Romans condemn him, and not everyone in the crowd is enthusiastic about his words. Jesus has not come for the purpose of dividing, but what he does is so radical that it upends the status quo. And it doesn't end with his preaching and miracles! "There is a baptism with which I must be baptized." Jesus isn't talking about his baptism at the Jordan River, which has already occurred, but the passing through the waters of death on the Cross and rising again to new life in the resurrection. This is divisive stuff! Christ's spiritual fire turned the "fathers" - the Jewish people and Pharisees - against the "sons" - the common people. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants to be set on fire with the desire to love others. Some prefer to put on a warm sweater and curl up in front of the TV.

In living and loving as Jesus did, we, too, might ruffle some feathers. In disciplining our teenage child for sneaking out, we may cause some division (temporarily, we hope!). In standing up to gossip and the spread of cruel rumors in our workplace, we might cause division. In emphasizing the dignity of both the desperate mother and the unborn child, we might cause division. Not everyone wants the Gospel Jesus is preaching. Not everyone wants the Gospel we are invited to live. But that's no excuse not to live it. ©LPi

## Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

**Reading: Hebrews - Chapter 12:** - "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si** - "Those who are committed to defending human dignity can find in the Christian Faith the deepest reasons for this commitment."

**Catholic Social Teachings:** - "The dialogue and our response to the challenge of climate change must be rooted in the virtue of prudence. While some uncertainty remains, most experts agree that something significant is happening to the atmosphere."

**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING ADORATION: 9:30 TO 12 NOON** ~ Following the Tuesday morning 9:00 AM Mass, we will have Adoration from 9:30 AM to 12 noon, closing with Benediction. All are invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.



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

**Faith Formation Registration 2019-2020: September 8**

A registration mailing has gone out to families who were registered for Faith Formation at Immaculate Heart of Mary last year. You can register your young people and celebrate Grandparent's Day after the 11am Mass in the Parish Life Center on September 8. If that date does not work for you, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) and we will set up an individual appointment for you.

**Faith Formation: The Mass is the Class**

**We hoped to see you at Mass every Sunday this summer.** 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 29.

**Here's What's Coming Up in August/September**

August 19: Gathering Disciples, 6pm, PLC

August 26: Prayer & Worship, 6pm, PLC

September 8: Grandparent's Day

September 8: Faith Formation 2019-2020 registration in PLC

September 10: Faith Formation meeting, 6pm in FFMC

September 21: Men's Spirituality and Enrichment, 9am in PLC

September 23: Gathering Disciples, 6pm in PLC

September 29: Fall Kickoff and Chicken BBQ, 12 to 2pm, PLC

September 30: Prayer & Worship, 6pm in PLC

Choir Practice: August 22, 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26 6pm in church

**Flea Market and Ice Cream Extravaganza** ~ On Saturday, August 17 from 10am to 6pm and on Sunday, August 18 from 10 to 1pm, IHM is hosting a Flea Market in the Parish Life Center. There are all kinds of Treasures to Tchochke at incredibly reasonable prices in air-conditioned comfort. We are also celebrating our annual Ice Cream Extravaganza – "make your own or have a cone". All are welcome. Don't miss it!! We'll let you know the results next week!!



**Grandparents' Day: September 8** ~ Grandparents are invited to attend the 11am Mass on September 8 with their children and grandchildren. They will receive a special blessing at the Mass. Immediately following the Mass they are invited over to the Parish Life Center for coffee, juice, bagels and danish. There will also be an opportunity for families to register their children for Faith Formation at this time. All are welcome to attend.

**Gathering Disciples: August 19** ~ Members of all the parish ministries are invited to attend a Gathering Disciples (Evangelization) meeting at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center.

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm** ~ Thanks again to Bob for preparing a soup and to Marietta and Judy for providing dessert for Mary's Kitchen last week. Really appreciate it!!

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 22 in the Parish Life Center. The book of Revelation is a challenging study. Written for the early church, which was experiencing tremendous persecution, it was a message of hope that the faithful would be rewarded. It is filled with imagery, references to books and revelations and prophecy from the Old Testament that Jews and Christians from that era would understand. Over the past few weeks, we have begun to understand that those messages are there for us in the modern world as well. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**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.




**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).

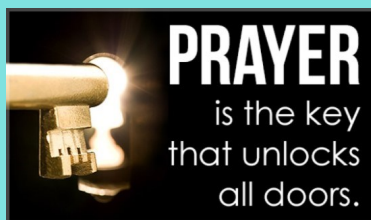


In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/9/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>1/19/20</p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>1/12/20</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 Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/1/19</p>

<p>In loving memory of Veronica Gardner requested by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/1/19</p>
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**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**Weekly collection (incl. mail-in/E.G)**  
 Aug 11-12, 2018.....\$4646.00  
 Aug 10-11, 2019.....\$4073.00

**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 the phone number above.



**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.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** ~ "My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me." Learn how God is calling you to more in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in ALBANY, NY and Nov 1-3, 2019 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sat., Aug 17**  
 4:00pm—Margaret R Gonsowski, req by nephew David  
 Mr & Mrs Arthur Connery, req by children  
 Living & deceased members of IHM

**Sun., Aug 18**  
 8:30am—John Brennan, req by the family  
 Patrick Dunbar, req by his wife, Linda  
 Daniel Bailey, req by his daughter Corinne

1100am—James W Connors, req by Marge Centanni  
 William Alund, req by Ann & Phil DiNuzzo  
 Kevin DiGirolamo, req by Brannigan family

**Mon., Aug 19—9:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Tues., Aug 20**  
 9:00am—Beatrice/Philip Zarlengo family, Estate

**Wed., Aug 21**  
 9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

**Thurs., Aug 22**  
 9:00am—DiNuzzo, LoParco & Burnham families, Estate

**Fri., Aug 23—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Aug 24**  
 4:00pm—Michael Kerin, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo  
 Sophie Jillisky, req by nephew David

**Sun., Aug 25**  
 8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—John Somich (B'day), req by Helen Somich  
 Willy Alund, req by Toni Delduce



*"The Eucharist,  
is a gift from Jesus"*

**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.