

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet & Green Island, NY



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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AUGUST 20, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Scheduled Masses - 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am





AUGUST DVD: The Ultimate Gift, Thursday, August 24 at 1:30pm, Parish Life Center

"The Ultimate Gift" follows a young man of privilege on an improbable journey. When his wealthy grandfather dies, he receives a most unusual inheritance: twelve tasks (or gifts) to challenge him to grow as a man. If he succeeds, the experience will not only change him forever, but he will discover what is truly valuable in this life.

Come join us August 24, at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center. What is most valuable to you in this life?? What is God calling each of us to do, to share, and to be??

All are welcome. Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

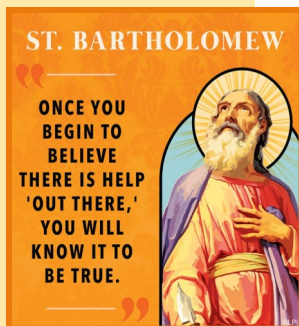
To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28 ©LPi



RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children ~

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: "The Chosen"~ Season Three

Please note: Because of the August DVD, we will not meet on August 24. We will meet again for *The Chosen* on the following Thursday, August 31. We are revisiting *The Chosen*, Season 3. So much happens in each episode, to keep track of characters and events, can be difficult to absorb it all in one viewing. Come join us. All are invited. We meet most Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call directly: 518-328-0427.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES - Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation - Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

MARY'S KITCHEN: MONDAY'S 3 to 5PM ALL WELCOME!! 'air conditioned'

Is the heat getting to you?? Don't heat up YOUR kitchen. Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for more information.

Question of the Week...


Reflect and respond

First Reading:

The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to "foreigners" (nations other than Israel) for God's covenant with Israel is intended for all people.

How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

IMPORTANT MESSAGE—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: On **Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm** there will be a meeting in the Parish Life Center for anyone willing to volunteer to assist with the Flea Market which will be held September 23, 2023. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NECESSARY.** If we do not get enough volunteers we cannot have the flea market. Please contact Linda at (518) 209-6446 if you are willing to help or if you have any questions. Thank you.

In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24		
 <p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>9/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>8/20/23</p>

REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on **October 20-22, 2023** to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>



8/20/23

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Unity

Dear Lord,
Your love knows no bounds, your compassion no borders.
Your mercy extends to all people and places.
Form our hearts after yours.
Help us to open our doors, our minds, and ourselves to others.
In the discomfort, be with us.
Amen.
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~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Aug 19
4:00pm—Dale Alix, req by Brady family
Ted Testo, Jr, req by Bob & Sandy Beston
Living & Deceased members of IHM

Sun., Aug 20
7:30am—Ann Marie Simmons, req by Carol Carlson and family
John & Norma Brennan (Anniv), req by children
11:00am—Nicoletta Romanelli & Brian Bloomfield, req by family
Dale Alix, req by Pat Fitzgerald

Tues., Aug 22
9:00am—Helen Kuentzel, parish

Wed., Aug 23
9:00am—Paul A Marziani, Sr, parish

Thurs., Aug 24
9:00am—Gary M Adkins, parish

Sat., Aug 26
4:00pm—Arthur W Connery (20th Anniv) & Mary A Connery (12th Anniv), req by children
Joseph B Torre, req by Bob/Sandra Beston

Sun., Aug 27
7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
George Delong, req by T & K Wendt
11:00am—Helen S Baciewicz, req by family
Frank Blair, Sr (B'day), req by daughter/grandson
Maureen McMahon, req by Rose Avery

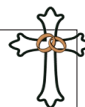


PRAYER TREE MINISTRY ~ If you would like prayers said for someone, Contact Brenda at (518) 961-0169.

LEGARD-CURTIN AUXILIARY 927 ~ Save your Price Chopper cash register tapes for "Tools of Schools". Please leave them in the box in the main lobby of the Church. Any questions call Brenda at (cell) 518 961-0169.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:

The 51st Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held **Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at 4:00 PM** at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 4:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.



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