



21st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

August 25, 2019

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00 PM

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 ~

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness? ©LPi

Social Justice: *Caring for the Environment*

Reading: Hebrews - Chapter 12: - "all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si - "This responsibility for God's earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibrium existing between the creatures of this world."

Catholic Social Teachings: - "it seems prudent not only to continue to research and monitor this phenomenon, but to take steps now to mitigate possible negative effects in the future."

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.



FLEA MARKET AND ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA

Thanks so much to all who brought items, helped to set up, sell, serve ice cream and/or clean up. It was a real community effort and we so appreciate all your efforts!!

Blessings from Linda and Sharon!!

GRANDPARENT'S 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.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ 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 29 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



FALL KICK-OFF AND CHICKEN BBQ: SEPTEMBER 29
The Kickoff will look a little different this year. In addition to our games and other activities, we will have a Chicken BBQ from 12noon until 2pm. Tickets for the BBQ will be on sale beginning this weekend. The pre-sale price will be \$10. Tickets sold at the door will be \$12. The dinner will consist of: half a chicken, baked beans, potato, roll and a cookie. For questions or more information about the BBQ, call Sharon at 518-328-0427 or Linda at 518-209-6446.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ~

We now have hearing assist earphones that are available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the Church building. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass, they are located on a stand at the rear of the church. Just return the earphone to the same stand where you picked it up. Thank you.



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.

Faith Formation: For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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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 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: CLOW will be on hiatus until September.

Here's What's Coming Up in September

September 8: Grandparent's Day

September 8: Registration for Faith Formation, PLC after 11am Mass


September 10: Faith Formation meeting, 6pm FPMC

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

September 23: Gathering Disciples, 6pm PLC

September 28: Fall Kickoff and Chicken BBQ, 12 to 2pm PLC

Choir Practice: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26; 6pm in church

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 & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & 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 & 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 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 Joseph Bagarose req by the Vertone Family</p> <p>9/1/19</p>

PRAYER & WORSHIP: August 26 ~ The Prayer and Worship ministry will meet on Monday at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center, all are invited to attend.

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.



"The Eucharist, is a gift from Jesus"

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/>.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Aug 18-19, 2018.....\$6975.00

Aug 17-18, 2019.....\$6610.00

The Assumption of BVM

Aug 15, 2018.....\$ 923.00

Aug 15, 2019.....\$1132.00

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Aug 26—9:00AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Aug 27
9:00am—Rita Squadere, req by Pete/Marilyn Barron

Wed., Aug 28
9:00am—William Alund, Req by Peg Cote

Thurs., Aug 29
9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Fri., Aug 30—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Aug 31
4:00pm—Carrie & Angelo (Anniv), req by family
C Donald Alston (50th Anniv), req by family
Frank Blair, Sr (B'day), req by dgtr & grandson

Sun., Sept 1
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Justin E Sawyer, req by Carabis family
Frank A Baciewicz, req by the family

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.

