

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 30, 2015

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM

Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm—3:30 pm or by
Appointment

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. (Preferably at least
6 months in advance)

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, home-
bound or seriously ill and desire to
be anointed, contact the Parish
Office. Eucharist can be brought to
any parishioner by a Eucharistic
Minister.

"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..."

HAVE THE COMMANDMENTS DISAPPEARED from today's world? Many of us can recite them in a flash. Some of us give lip service (educated and rationalized) to them, and a few of us try to live them.

The tradition of the Jewish people was to carefully wash their hands before eating, thus ritualistically purifying themselves. Was this because of beliefs, habits, or ritual? Were their hearts also purified by this procedure?

In our humanity, perhaps we do the same as the Jewish people of old. Do we obey the commandments to the fullest? (Do we even obey the laws of our civil communities?) Realistically we need these rules and laws to help keep us safe and on the right track.

If we really think about the first Commandment and take it into our hearts, we would try to eliminate some of the other gods that we place before our God: money, TV, power, status, or sex to name only a few. There are many more. We might meditate on the other Commandments and be fearfully honest about how we manage to justify our actions. How easy it is to be human. How difficult to be Christ-like and really follow the Commandments.

What is it God asks of us? We are asked to honor God by trying to put aside our instant gratification and living the Commandments, both on our lips AND in our hearts. We are asked to purify our inner selves, starting with our minds and hearts, thus effecting our outer actions. God gives us so much and asks so little in return: to love and honor God, and to love and obey God's commandments.

Can we do it? Blessings, Kathie



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Do YOU have questions about the Catholic faith? Need to receive sacraments – either Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation, for yourself, an older teen or young adult?

Our weekly sessions of RCIA begin on September 16. If you are curious about how this all works out, contact **Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427** and we'll guide you through the process.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus—The Lord has heard the cry of His people and will be silent no longer. The stage is set for His personal revelation to Moses at Mt. Horeb. For the first time in all of Scripture, God reveals His own name. This week, we will listen to a DVD presented by Dr. Tim Gray.

You are invited to join us on Thursday, between 6 to 8PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you have someone you would like prayed for: increased health, speedy recovery from surgery or illness, safe travel; contact Brenda at 271-6184.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____



SEPTEMBER 13TH: 10TH ANNUAL FALL KICK-OFF

... and Yes, We Will Have Horses!!

It seems impossible, but this year we will celebrate our 10th Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 13th. We have plans to make it extra special...keep an eye on the bulletin for further details.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: September 26/27—As our young people settle into the new school year, we encourage them to bring their backpacks with them to Mass on the weekend of September 26/27. We will have a brief blessing at the end of Mass. In this way, they will carry with them, symbolically, our prayers and blessings throughout the school year.



PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY—Just a reminder of our Prayer Blanket Ministry at IHM...Prayer Blankets are given to children baptized in our parish and to those who are dealing with illness, residents of nursing homes, those recuperating in rehabilitation centers, and/or others coping with severe emotional distress.



If you have someone who you feel would benefit from this ministry, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

HELP A HERO: Care Packages—Thank you so much for your generosity to "Help the Troops". So far we have sent a large box of items to Operation Troop Care Packages in Amissville, Virginia and another large box to Palmisano Care Package Project in Florence, Wisconsin. Please continue to bring your donations. Again, thank you!!!!

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS—the first meeting of the new year will be September 2, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Faith Formation/Ministry Center. There will be election of new officers. For further information, Questions? contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184.

MARY'S KITCHEN—3:30 TO 5:30PM—

Mary's Kitchen will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. It will re-open the following week, September 14, at the regular time, 3:30 to 5:30pm.



This summer has seen an increase in families with young children who are coming to Mary's Kitchen. Recently, one young mom was hesitant to give her order when our volunteer approached her. She said she didn't have much money and needed to know first how much it would cost, since she also had her children with her. Our volunteer joked with her gently saying, "Well, you're going to love the price—because it's free!!" The mom was very touched and grateful for the meals for her and her children.

Many thanks to all of you who generously give to Mary's Kitchen and to those who take time out of their lives every week to help prepare and serve the meals. We are also deeply grateful to Schuyler Bakery and to Freihofer's who provide us with bread and baked items to share with our guests. Together, we respond to God's call to share what we have with others.

Mary's Kitchen is open Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30pm. All members of the community are invited—both parishioners and non-parishioners alike—to pick up a take out meal during those times. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Faith Formation Theme 2015-2016: The Family and Works of Mercy

Our theme for Faith Formation this year will focus on how the family can experience expressions of mercy in a "hands on" way. Our first project will tie in Cold Hands Hurrtt (for Joseph's House) and World Youth Day with a family activity. There will be more information on this in upcoming bulletins.

Registration for Faith Formation 2015-2016

AM sessions for grades Pre-k to 7 will be on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. **PM sessions for grades 6 to 10+** will be on Sunday, **following the 11AM Mass, from 12:15 to 1:15pm.** (Please note the change in time for the PM sessions.)

There is still one registration meeting on **Wednesday, September 2** at 7pm in the church. Please bring the following to the meeting: **completed registration form(s)** -one for each child ; **a copy of their baptismal certificate** (if not baptized at IHM) ; **Family fee** -\$35 for one child, \$40 for 2 or more. Checks should be made out to: **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.**

If you were unable to attend the scheduled registration meetings or have questions about our programs at IHM, please call Sharon at 328-0427 and we will set up an appointment for you.

Here's What's Coming Up in September

September 2: Registration for 2015-2016 Faith Formation

September 13: Fall Kickoff

September 20: Faith Formation sessions begin

September 27: Children's Liturgy of the Word begins at the 11AM Mass

"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, 8:30 and 11am. See you in Church!!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

All are invited to attend the **Schenectady 40 Days for Life Kick-off Rally** on **Sunday, September 20** from **3-5 PM** at **Christ Church, 970 State St., Schenectady**. Our guest speaker is **The Rt. Rev. Daniel W. Herzog**, Bishop Emeritus, Episcopal Diocese of Albany. Come learn how, in the Spirit of Christ, we (peacefully and lovingly) pray, educate and witness to our community in order to bring an end to abortion and to provide hope and help for women in crisis pregnancies. Bring your family, children, friends and clergy to this informative event. The Fall Campaign takes place **September 23 – November 1** from 7 AM to 7 PM in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schenectady. For more info or to volunteer to be a part of the prayer vigil, please contact: Viviane @ 384-0699 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/schenectady. Please join us as we pray and fast for an end to abortion.

Take a DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS and SAVE on your insurance!

Cost: \$25 per person. Registration REQUIRED. Upcoming Class on Thursday September 10th, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. For more information and to register call 459-2857, extension 303. Colonie Senior Service Centers, Colonie NY 12205. Driver Fitness Center.

HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEKEND—Hannaford gift cards may be purchased next weekend in the back of the church after all the Masses. Don't forget to shop for that last big BBQ of the season!!

IHM Website: What's Happening???—Have you been on the IHM website, www.rcpw.weebly.com lately? If you forgot to pick up a bulletin last week, you can find it on the website, as well as Mass times, information on Faith Formation, Reconciliation, contact information for the staff and parish offices and even some suggested sites for daily prayer and other organizations. Check it out and see for yourself!!

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Due to early deadline of bulletin the collection totals will be published next week.

Mass Intentions for Aug 31–Sept 6

Mon., Aug 31

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Sept 1 (MASS)

9:00am—Fred Harder (80th B'day) req by M/M Charles Adams

Wed., Sept 2 (MASS)

9:00am—Michael Bulmer, req by Lorraine Alund

Thurs., Sept 3 (MASS)

9:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

Fri., Sept 4

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Sept 5

4:00pm—Kathy Egan Law (B'day), req by her aunt Robert & Lorraine Burns, req by the family
Euclid & Yvonne Giroux, req by Diane & family

Sun., Sept 6

8:30am—Stella Callahan, req by Lilia Langford
Mrs Rhonda Bartholomew, req by Martha & Ron Soucy

Frank A Baciewicz, Sr, req by Baciewicz family

11:00am—James J Grady, req by Marlene O'Brien
Jerry Connors, Jr & Jerry Connors, Sr, req by the family



Memorials for 2015		
 <p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/17/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/3/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/18/15</p>
<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2/28/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11/8/15</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9/27/15</p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/31/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11/8/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/3/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/25/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>