

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 8, 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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## FAITH FORMATION &

## YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

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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.

ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME

## RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH

Over 170 years after its founding, local parish life is still the center of the Diocese of Albany. Our people are the center of our parishes—communities in which we celebrate our faith and function as a living family in Christ. Looking ahead, it is our responsibility to ensure that this legacy is securely positioned so that future generations may likewise benefit and grow in faith. To accomplish this, we are joining all parishes in our Diocese by participating in the **RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH** campaign.

In partnership with the **Re-Igniting Our Faith** Foundation, we are now embarking on a bold new journey to make long-held dreams a reality at **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. The **Re-Igniting Our Faith** campaign strives to address current and future parish and Diocesan needs. As Catholics, we are members of the universal Church and we are called to embrace this extraordinary endeavor that seeks to secure the future of our parish, our Diocese and our faith.

The Diocese of Albany was built on the sacrifices and dedication of those who came before us. Now it is our turn to make an investment in the future of the Catholic Church in our community. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct our efforts as we begin this historic journey together. Please let us join together in praying for our success throughout the **Re-Igniting Our Faith** campaign.

## Prayer of Re-Igniting Our Faith

God of untiring mercy,

open our hearts to hear your voice.

Send your living flame of love into our hearts

to overflow with abundant generosity of spirit.

May the burning passion of your love for all

transfigure our lives, our families and our parishes.

Re-ignite in us each day the joy of spreading the Gospel.

May our living faith in your real Presence

shine in our hearts so that we may bring it

to whomever you lead us to each day.

We place our prayer in the heart of Mary, under Her title

of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our nation

and our Diocese, through which we consecrate

ourselves to your Divine Mercy.

Amen.



RE-IGNITING  
OUR FAITH



## 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 after all the Masses. The presale 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.



### 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).

**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.



**ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY** ~ The next meeting for the Rosarians will be held on September 11th at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. All women over the age of 18 are invited to attend. Come find out what we are all about. For more information, call Linda Dunbar at 518 209-6446.



**SCRIPTURE SHARING: "Revelations" Revealed** ~ All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, September 19 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 ~

Thanks go to Bob for a delicious meatball soup and to Marietta for a wonderful chocolate zucchini bread!!

Come join us. 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.

### TUESDAY MORNING ADORATION: 9:30-11 AM

Following the Tuesday morning 9:00 AM Mass, we will have Adoration from 9:30am to 11:00am, 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

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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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) and we will set up an individual appointment for you.

### Faith Formation: The Mass is the Class

**We anticipate 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 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 29: Fall Kickoff and Chicken BBQ, 12 to 2pm PLC

September 30: Prayer & Worship, 6pm PLC

Choir Practice: Sept. 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 &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>		

### *Recognize God In Your Every Moments ~ Reach Out In Love*

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ.

This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **Reading: Luke Chapter 14**

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

### **Pope Francis-Laudato Si:**

"The rejection of every form of a self-centered and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment."

### **Catholic Social Teaching:**

"The dominion granted to man by the Creator is not an absolute power, nor can one speak of a freedom to "use and misuse", or to dispose of things as one pleases."

### **Season of Creation:**

"All living things are animated by the very breath/spirit of God."



**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.

### **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

*Due to early deadline the Collection Tally will be in the following issue.*

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Sat., Sept 7**

4:00pm—Living & dec'd members of IHM  
Robert/Lorraine Burns, req by Karl & Joan  
Michael Kerin, req by Michael/Kathy Carroll

**Sun., Sept 8**

8:30am—Susan Hacker (Lv'g/B'day), req by her sister  
Mary Jeffs Macpherson (49th Anniv), req by dgtr Kathy

11:00am—William Alund } req by Ed/Bettianne Smulsky  
Edward Ruping }  
Sr Mavis Jewell, req by Marilyn LaParl

**Mon., Sept 9—COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Tues., Sept 10**

9:00am—Julia F Fahr (5th Anniv), req by family

**Wed., Sept 11**

9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

**Thurs., Sept 12**

9:00am—Wm Johnson/Malasky families, Estate

**Fri., Sept 13—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Sept 14**

4:00pm—Carole/Jeff Maloney, req by family  
Sr Monica Murphy, req by Duffey family  
Living & deceased members of IHM

**Sun., Sept 15**

8:30am—Marion Persons, req by dgtr & sons  
Thomas P Callahan, Sr (1st Anniv), req by family  
Joann Somich (Anniv), req by Helen Somich

11:00am—Rosalie Novak (1st Anniv), req by Joyce Novak  
Frances Hudry, req by Joanne/Chris Ciara  
Jerry Connors/Jerry Connors, Jr, req by family