

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

September 15, 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

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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

Gospel Meditation ~

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home. - ©LPi



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.

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.



COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY -SEPTEMBER 22nd through OCTOBER 20th

—Looking for new or gently used, clean adult coats and boots - With Fall almost upon us, we are reminded that there are many among us for whom securing a good winter coat will be difficult. Please go through your closets to locate new or gently used coats and boots that are clean. We can use both men and women sizes. Ladies of Charity, a Catholic Women's organization, will be distributing them on October 25th and 26th to people from Cohoes, Green Island, Waterford and Watervliet. You may leave your items at the Parish Life Center or please contact Linda at (518) 209-6446 if you are able to donate but need your items picked up. Thank you for your generosity!!!!!!



SCRIPTURE SHARING: "Revelations" Revealed

~ All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, September 19 in the Parish Life Center. We are in the midst of a 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

Tickets have been sold after the Masses for the Chicken BBQ for a few weeks now. The Black Bear, who is preparing the BBQ, has asked for a count by the end of this week. We will give them our estimate at that time. It will be based on the number of tickets that have been sold. The only way to *guarantee* that we will have a dinner for you is to purchase your tickets ahead of time. 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. Dinners can be take out or eat in.

In addition to the BBQ, we will have games, basket raffles and other activities. For questions or more information about the BBQ, call Sharon at 518-328-0427 or Linda at 518-209-6446.



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

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.

GATHERING DISCIPLES: September 23 ~ Gathering Disciples will meet on Monday at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to attend.

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

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Faith Formation Registration 2019-2020

A registration mailing went out to families who were registered for Faith Formation at Immaculate Heart of Mary last year. We also had our first registration meeting on September 8, Grandparent's Day after the 11am Mass in the Parish Life Center. If you were unable to attend, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org and we will set up an individual registration 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: CLOW will be on hiatus until September 29.


Here's What's Coming Up in September

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. 19, 26; 6pm in church

Volunteers Needed/BIRTHRIGHT

of Ballston Spa needs office volunteers to assist young women by listening to their concerns, helping with a self-administered pregnancy test, reviewing fetal development, and offering information on local community services. Birthright volunteers are compassionate, reliable, and dedicated to a 4-hour weekly commitment. The next 3-part training session is October 15, 22, and 29 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you are pro-life and can listen without judging, please call Susan at 518-430-7922 for more information.

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>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.) Sept 1-2, 2018.....\$5303.00 Aug 31-Sept 1, 2019.....\$6061.00 Sept 8-9, 2018.....\$5472.00 Sept 7-8, 2019.....\$5101.00</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>

Reading: Luke Chapter 15

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si:

"If the laws are to bring about significant, long-lasting effects, the majority of the members of society must be adequately motivated to accept them, and personally transform to respond."

Catholic Social Teaching:

"when it comes to the natural world, we are subject not only to biological laws but also to moral ones, which cannot be violated with impunity."

Season of Creation:

"We are aware that global warming has changed weather patterns around the world. storms are on the increase."

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.

"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 out parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

We have 3 Mass options every weekend: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 Hudy, req by Joanne/Chris Ciara
Jerry Connors/Jerry Connors, Jr, req by family

Mon., Sept 16—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Sept 17

9:00am—William Alund, req by MaryEllen/Bill Sage

Wed., Sept 18

9:00am—Jonathan Rainville, req by aunt Lynne

Thurs., Sept 19

9:00am—James Felicio, req by Mary Esposito

Fri., Sept 20—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Sept 21

4:00pm—Edward P Dillon, req by Peg Allen

Sun., Sept 22

8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
Jack Grinett, req by Helen Cushing Shufon

11:00am—Sr Mavis Jewell, req by Joyce Novak
Michael MacLasco, req by Mary Rose & family
Frank Blair, Jr (Anniv), req by sister & nephew

Catholic University of America ~

Next weekend's second envelope is for the collection for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

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.