

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20, 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: 3:30 pm—3:45 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.

*“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”*

JESUS TRIED ONCE AGAIN to teach the disciples by telling them that he would be killed, but would rise again three days later. However, they still didn't get it.

If I had been Jesus walking along with the disciples and heard them fussing about who was the greatest, I would have been frustrated and hurt. Sure, they were afraid to ask Him questions about his being killed. And then they were embarrassed to admit they were squabbling about their own agenda. How would you feel?

Jesus patiently persisted by using the concrete example of serving a small, dependent child. Serving the least among us means more than picking and choosing whom we will serve. Mary's Kitchen is a good example of serving the least among us. Jesus chose to serve every last one of us by dying on the cross.

Look at how many times Jesus had to teach and teach and teach the disciples before they could comprehend. This should give us encouragement if we don't understand. It might take us our lifetime to truly understand His teachings. However, one way to get to know Jesus is to spend time with Him.

Someone once said, “The best way to get to know Jesus is to tell Him who you are.” Take time in prayer to shut out all outside noise, distractions of a busy life, or whirling thoughts about your To-Do list. Perhaps you could ask Jesus whom He would like you to serve. Then wait for His answer.

Are we willing to serve the least among us? Blessings, Kathie

SOCIAL JUSTICE—last year, through your generosity, we were successful in raising funds to build a home in Haiti through the “**No Room at the Inn**” campaign sponsored by Cross Catholic Outreach. We will once again be participating in this program beginning the first Sunday in Advent and continuing through the Holiday Season.

We are looking for new members. Why not join us!

A **Human Trafficking Awareness Workshop** will be held at the Academy of the Holy Names Upper School on Oct 12th from 9am to 12:30pm. Cost: \$10 for advance tickets; \$5 for students; \$15 at the door. Please bring a smart phone or tablet for a demonstration. Flyers are on the table in the back of the church.

ROSARY SOCIETY—On Saturday, Oct 3rd and Sunday, Oct 4th we will hold our *Spiritual Adoption Campaign*. Please sign-up for a Spiritual Adoption. There is no cost involved, simply your prayers for an unborn child. **We need to celebrate God's Gift of Life and commit ourselves to protecting life at every stage.**

October 7th is the Feast of the Holy Rosary. On **Saturday, October 10th** we will hold a Rosary Rally at **noon** in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin on 25th Street. Join us to celebrate the glories of Mary and to implore her protection upon the entire world.

Next Rosary Meeting—October 7th at 6pm in the Faith Formation/Ministry Center.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Are you free in the morning?? Retired or work nights?? We need volunteers for various roles in the Food Pantry and Mary's Kitchen. We need volunteers in the Food Pantry on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings from 9am to 10am – just one hour – to help with distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables (and the occasional box of food. Our clients receive a food box every 8 weeks).

On Monday, we need a volunteer to pick up our bread at Freihofer's in Latham – sometime between 8:30am and 10am. On Tuesday, we need help bringing food and bread over to Joseph's House in Troy. If you would be able to help at any of these times, please contact the parish office at 273-6020. God bless you for considering this very worthwhile effort.

The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society—is hosting a *walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 10, 2015* at Siena College. Our parishioner, **Jeanne Brennan**, is asking for sponsors. Donation should be made payable to **The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society**. Any questions, call Jeanne Brennan at 268-3501.

Fall Kickoff: A Perfect Day!!!!—What a perfect fall day!! The weather report said 80-90% chance of rain/thunderstorms, but not a drop fell...God blessed us again with a wonderful afternoon.

Our young people had a great time playing all kinds of games, doing crafts...even riding a horse!! We had three horses this year!! Our young people also had the opportunity to enjoy a bouncy bounce and the talents of a clown who created all kinds of balloon animals – even a balloon microphone!!

Many, many thanks to all who helped in the ways it takes to put on a successful event like this: setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up; we really appreciate your help and could not do it without you!!

Just a quick FYI: Not all who attended were from our parish. A member of Grace Fellowship stopped by with his two girls. He said that he wasn't sure what he was going to do with them that day. He was so pleased and wanted to make sure we knew how wonderful an event this was. Kudos to all those who helped our parish provide this great Evangelization opportunity!!!!

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 families can experience expressions of mercy in a "hands on" way. Our first project will tie in Cold Hands Hurrrt (for Joseph's House) and World Youth Day with a family activity. Hats, coats, gloves, mittens and other cold weather gear will be collected for Joseph's House (in Troy), beginning September 20 to October 25. In addition, we are asking each Faith Formation family to purchase one yard of fleece, from which they will make four scarves. Directions are available through the Faith Formation office.

Faith Formation 2015-2016: Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to all our Faith Formation families!! AM sessions for grades Prek 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.)

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: September 27

Great news!!! Mrs. Pontari and Ms. Kelly will be back to offer our younger parishioners a kid friendly version of the Scripture readings during the Liturgy of the Word.

Following the opening prayer, Father will invite all children from **PreK to grade 3** to go with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

We are always looking for parents to help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them

Here's What's Coming Up in September

September 20: Faith Formation sessions begin

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

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 began on September 16. If you missed it, but are still interested in how this all works, contact **Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427** and we'll guide you through the process.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus—The question the Hebrews must wrestle with is very clear...are they willing to trust God **completely** for their protection and freedom, or remain with the arduous – but familiar – life of slavery under Pharaoh??

You are invited to join us on Thursdays, between 6 to 7:30PM, 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.

HELP A HERO: Care Packages—Please continue to bring your donations. This drive will go until Veterans Day, November 11th. For all who have donated to this cause, thank you for your support.



MARY'S KITCHEN—3:30 TO 5:30PM—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.



**BLESSING OF THE PETS:
SATURDAY, OCT 3RD AT
10:00AM IN THE PARKING
LOT.**



Mass Intentions for Sept 21—27

- Mon., Sept 21**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Sept 22 (MASS)**
9:00am—Margaret Halpin, req by the children & grandchildren
- Wed., Sept 23 (MASS)**
9:00am—living & deceased members of IHM
- Thurs., Sept 24 (MASS)**
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo
- Fri., Sept 25**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Sept 26**
4:00pm—Rocco Favata, req by the family
Caroline, Frank & Frank Jr, Germano req by Sophie
Frank Ellsworth, req by Lilia Langford
- Sun., Sept 27**
8:30am—Elizabeth O'Neill, req by Tom Brennan
11:00am—Amelia Calciano, req by Gail Carlson
Barbara Hennessy, req by Rodney, Jenn & Joey



THE DAILY MASS RECORD BOOK FOR 2016 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR ON OCTOBER 1ST AND THEREAFTER, DURING DAILY BUSINESS HOURS. IF YOU ARE HOMEBOUND, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND SPEAK WITH JUDY OR MARY BETH. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 273-6020.

GRANNIES FOR PEACE—will hold a vigil to End Endless War on Monday, Sept 21st, 4:30 to 6:00pm at the Central Ave & Wolf Rd, Colonie. They are asking people to dress in black tops and light colored pants or skirts.

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.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE	
<u>Weekly Collection (including mail-in)</u>	
Sept 6-7, 2014...\$7079.00	
Sept 5-6, 2015...\$5416.00	
Sept 13-14, 2014.....\$6496.00	
Sept 12-13, 2015.....\$5387.00	

When Doing Your Estate Remember Your Parish

 Memorials for 2015		
<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/24/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/3/16</small></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;"><small>10/25/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/17/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/3/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/18/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/28/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/8/15</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>9/27/15</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/31/16</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/8/15</small></p>	<p>BLOCK AVAILABLE</p>