

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." - Lk 16:10

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

September 22, 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

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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.

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Gospel Meditation ~

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go? ©LPi

Reading: Luke Chapter 16

"Jesus said to his disciples, A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si:

"Only by cultivating sound virtues will people be able to make a selfless ecological commitment."

Catholic Social Teaching:

"A true concept of development cannot ignore 1) the use of the elements of nature, 2) the renewability of resources and 3) the consequences of haphazard industrialization—three considerations which alert our consciences to the moral dimension of development."

Season of Creation:

"In our confession we recall how we have focused on our human selves as the centre of the universe and treated planet Earth as a garbage dump."



FALL KICK-OFF AND CHICKEN BBQ: SEPTEMBER 29, 12 to 2pm

Thanks to all who have purchased their tickets for the Chicken BBQ. We have a few tickets left for the presale price of \$10 and a limited amount that will be available at the door for \$12. Dinners can be take out or eat in.

In addition to the BBQ, we will have games, basket raffles and other activities. As always, we will have hot dogs and chips – free of charge – for our young people.

For questions or more information about the BBQ, call Sharon at 518-328-0427 or Linda at 518-209-6446.



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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS—At this time our pantry is in need of the following items.

Food Items: Jelly, crackers (eg. Ritz/Saltines), Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper—Cleaning products: Laundry detergents, toilet tissue.

Thank you for your ongoing support of helping those who are in need in our community. May God continue to bless you.



SCRIPTURE SHARING: “Revelations” Revealed ~ All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, September 26 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

CHOIR PRACTICE ~ New members always welcome!! Choir rehearsal is held regularly on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to learn the songs that will be sung at the weekend Masses and to help you feel more comfortable singing out with the congregation. See Angela before or after Mass on Sunday if you are interested to find out what it is all about.

MARY’S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~

LAURAINE’S BACK!!! Last week, Lauraine provided us with a carrot cake for our guests. We’re so glad she is feeling so much better that – word has it – she is even returning to work. Special thanks to Marietta for filling in while Lauraine was recovering. Marietta’s chocolate zucchini bread was out of this world and my personal favorite!!

Come join us at Mary’s Kitchen. 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.

COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY -SEPTEMBER 22nd thru 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!!!!!!



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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. If you were unable to attend the registration meeting, 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 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. 26; 6pm in church



In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <p>block is available call Parish office for details 518 273-6020</p>	<p>block is available call Parish office for details 518 273-6020</p>	<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>

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.

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.

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.

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.

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/>.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon., Sept 23—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Sept 24
9:00am—John J Postulka, req by Mike/Leslie Brady

Wed., Sept 25
9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo, Estate

Thurs., Sept 26
9:00am—Anthony Grasso, req by Gram

Fri., Sept 27—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Sept 28
4:00pm—Edward P Dillon, req by Peg Dessinger
Doris Gronau (3rd Anniv), req by family

Sun., Sept 29
8:30am—Roy Wright, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
Kathleen Ann Collins, req by Helen Shufon
11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM
Tessie Bennett, req by Toni Delduce

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Sept 15-16, 2018.....\$6050.00

Sept 14-15, 2019.....\$6996.00

