



WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Kathie Sousa
Deacon Mark Leonard

PARISH LIFE CENTER

2416 7th Avenue
Watervliet, NY 12189
(518) 273-6020
Fax: (518) 273-3978
Email: info@ihm.rcpw.org
Website: www.rcpw.weebly.com

Office Hours:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm
Friday—10:30am—3:30pm

Administrative Assistant

Judith Pope
jpope@ihm.rcpw.org

Secretary

Mary Beth Knapik

Archivist

Thomas Hanley
thaney@ihm.rcpw.org

**FAITH FORMATION &
YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER**
2425 7th Avenue
(518) 328-0427

Coordinator

Sharon Kowalski
skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org
Call for appointment



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.

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 27, 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

For whoever is not against us is for us."

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, the disciples tried to prevent someone from driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus set them straight once again by telling them if anyone does a good deed in His name, they certainly couldn't be doing evil.

Can you see that in your own life? If someone did some good in my name, I couldn't imagine them speaking ill of me. They would, obviously, not be against me. This would hold true if we did something in Jesus' name, certainly it would be something good.

Jesus goes one step further by telling the disciples if their hand causes them to sin, they should cut off the hand. That's pretty strong. But what it means to me is that if I am sinning or causing someone else to sin, then I need to "cut off" my behaviors or attitudes that are my stumbling blocks. These stumbling block could be fear, prejudice, past experience, or self-centeredness to name but a few. By "cutting off" these stumbling blocks we are more apt to do things "in Jesus' name."

The more we can do things "in Jesus' name" the closer we are to Jesus and the more likely we would want to be around others of like mind. We join the groups we join because they have the same interests as we do, or they believe the way we do, or we feel a connection. To be a disciple isn't much different. We want to do things in Jesus' name because we have the same interest in the Kingdom of God, and we believe in Jesus and His good works, and we have a relationship with Him.

Are you for or against?

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?

If you are curious about how this all works out, meet us in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, or contact Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus—(Session 4: Chapters 8-10) *Here's the question...* why is God working His signs and wonders in Egypt?? First answer: so that Pharaoh and God's people "may know that there is no one like the Lord our God" (8:10). Exodus 7:25 gives us a clue to the second answer; the plagues take place every seven days. For Israel, the number seven represented the covenant. Since the beginning of creation, the Sabbath - the Lord's day - occurred every seventh day. How does this all tie together??

You are invited to join us on Thursday, 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.

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.

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. **Sign up sheets will be on back tables of church.**

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 Hurtt (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 Sessions: 2015-2016

AM sessions for grades Prek to 7 are on Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 6 to 10+ are 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/October

- ▶ September 27: Children's Liturgy of the Word begins at the 11AM Mass
- ▶ October 10: Rosary Rally
- ▶ October 23: Pasta Dinner
- ▶ October 25: World Youth Day; Coffee Hour

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS: This weekend, 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 this weekend. 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.

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.

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.

HELPING OUR TROOPS—This week we were able to send out four more boxes, two to Virginia and two to Wisconsin to assist our troops. This makes a total of eight boxes so far from our parish. Please keep your donations coming. Thank you for your continued generosity.



DO YOU HAVE YOUR COPY OF THE CD- ‘THE JESUS QUESTION’, by Matthew Kelly? Fr Deimeke is in need of several copies. If you have a copy that you don’t think you will be listening to again, would you drop it off at the parish office. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.





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

MARY'S KITCHEN—3:30 TO 5:30PM—Last week was a takeout bonanza!! We put together a total of 63 meals –49 in the first 30 minutes!!! Our volunteers are truly amazing!!

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.

THE DAILY MASS RECORD BOOK FOR 2016 will be available (open) for Mass intentions on October 1st and thereafter for year 2016, during business hours. If you are homebound, and/or cannot come into the office, please call 273-6020 to list a Mass request. Your donation of \$10 per request can be mailed to 2420 7th Avenue: attention Judy or Mary Beth.

Legnard-Curtin Unit #927 Auxiliary—would like any **Halloween costumes** that your child might have outgrown to give to some needy families the first Sunday in October. Please contact president, Brenda Persons for further details at 271-6184.



Mass Intentions for Sept 28—Oct 4

Mon., Sept 28

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Sept 29 (MASS)

9:00am—Beatrice & Philip Zarlengo

Wed., Sept 30 (MASS)

9:00am—Mary A Dorrance, req by her daughter Theodore Fusco (5th Anniv), req by his wife

Thurs., Oct 1 (MASS)

9:00am—living & deceased members of IHM

Fri., Oct 2

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Oct 3

4:00pm—**Marge Halpin Testo**, req by the family
Margaret Jones req by Brenda Persons
Don Winterbourne (Anniv), req by the family

Sun., Oct 4

8:30am—**Paul Duffey & Marcia King**, req by the family
Don Valente, req by the Duffey family

11:00am—**Thomas & Helen Sullivan**,

Estate of Saundra Cummings



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Sept 20-21, 2014.....\$6813.00

Sept 19-20, 2015.....\$5497.00

The Our Lady of Victory Columbiettes—will be hosting a Vendor & Craft Fair on Sat., Oct 3 from 9 AM—3 PM at 55 North Lake Ave, Troy. Parish Center, we are Handicap Accessible. For information contact Louise at 708-4342.

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