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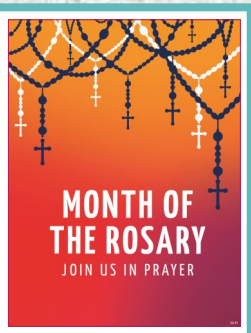


26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him; but tax collectors and
prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did
not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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OCTOBER 1, 2023

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekend Masses - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Scheduled Masses - 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am



FORMATION ~FOR ALL AGES -

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator
of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation: 2023-2024

Faith Formation sessions for 2023-2024 will begin on October 8, 2022. Registration will take place on October 1 and October 8 in the Faith Formation Center after the 11am Mass. Registration forms will be mailed to families who have previously attended sessions or have been baptized at IHM. Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation in the Faith Formation sessions.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.



DO YOU HAVE??... Any old small metal crosses, or old stone, metal, or glass rosary beads that you no longer use, please call Linda at 518 209-6446 for further details.



SCRIPTURE SHARING: "The Chosen" Season Three

This week's episode is entitled "Sustenance." Thousands arrive to first argue with and then listen to Jesus as He preaches. Shmuel and Atticus become aware of what has happened and journey towards the Decapolis* to possibly catch Jesus in the act of fomenting a revolt. In the midst of all this, as the preaching extends to the next day, the disciples realize they have a problem: the crowds are hungry and there is no food. (*The Decapolis was a group of 10 ancient Greek cities on the eastern frontier of the Roman Empire, formed after the Roman conquest of Palestine in 63 BC. It was one of the few regions where Jesus traveled in which Gentiles were in the majority).

Come join us. All are invited. We meet most Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

God invites each of us to work in His vineyard,
but it's our choice whether
we "clock in" or stay home.

Let's never fail to
show up. It's the
most important
job we will ever
have.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Is It the Thought That Counts?



I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could

think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are,

simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found. - Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

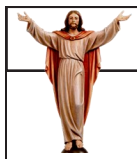
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



In Memoriam ~ 2023 ~ '24

<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p>6/2/24</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>2/18/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p>2/18/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson</p> <p>2/4/24</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/14/24</p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>12/31/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>12/17/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/29/23</p>

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK ~ *Reflect and Respond*

In the Second Reading - Paul encourages the believers in Philippi to have the same attitude of humility as Jesus. *Is humility one of your strengths?*

Gospel:

Jesus criticizes the religious leaders of Jerusalem for lacking self-reflection. *How often do you examine your own behavior and choices?*

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Prayer to Respect Life

Dear Lord,
What a gift You have given in every human life.
Inspire us to respect Your handiwork
in every human we encounter.
Embolden us to protect the dignity
of the most vulnerable members of society.
Amen.
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National Life Chain Sunday ~

Sunday, October 1, 2pm - 3 pm. Please join the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe to stand in silent, prayerful witness to the sanctity of pre-born human life on the public sidewalk on Central Ave. (route 5) at the Wolf Rd. intersection at Colonie Center shopping mall, Albany, NY 12205. Signs provided for this interfaith event visibly proclaiming the sacredness of pre-born human life. Please call 518-339-9594 for more information.

Prayer Team Ministry - If you would like prayers said for someone, Contact Brenda at 518-961-0169.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)
Sept 16-17 '23.....\$3035.00

~ MASS INTENTIONS ~

Sat., Sept 30

4:00pm—Ted Testo, Jr, req by the family
Mary Grace McGowan, req by Ginny/Diane
Arthur Connery, req by Jack/Marion Hupe

Sun., Oct 1

7:30am—living & deceased members of IHM
Anna Gicobbi, req by Gicobbi family

11:00am—Carole Maloney, req by Don
Frank Blair, Jr (Anniv), req by sister & nephew
Madeline Theresa Whaley, req by Dolores A
Shaw

Tues., Oct 3

9:00am—Frances E Schmitt, parish
(THERE WILL NOT BE ADORATION)

Wed., Oct 4

9:00am—Charles W Rutherford, parish

Thurs., Oct 5

9:00am—Patricia Biehl Connors, parish

Sat., Oct 7

4:00pm—Macy & Terese Enders, req by
daughter & granddaughter
Arthur J Connery, req by Frederick Hudyt
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Oct 8

7:30am—Joan Bisio, req by Don Rosekraus

11:00am—Betty Tracey, req by Don/Lucy Alund
Arthur Connery, req by Paul & Joanne Crispo

UPCOMING EVENTS ~

FROM OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES

Our Lady of Victory, Columbiettes-hosting a vendor & Craft Fair-

Sat Oct 7th, 9 - 3 at 55 North Lake Ave, Troy,
Parish Hall (handicap accessible). For info call
Louise @ olv_columbiette_events@aol.com.

Latham-Colonie Columbiettes: October
Breakfast Buffet, Sun. October 8, from 8:30 to
11:30am at the Latham-Colonie Knights of
Columbus Council, 328 Troy-Schenectady
Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110. Got ??? call: 518
272-8831.