

## 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 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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### HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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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.

### *“Because of the hardness of your hearts...”*

IN TODAY’S GOSPEL, Jesus chastises both the Pharises and the disciples when they questioned Him about divorce. Jesus told them Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of their hearts.

This sounds a little tough in today’s world where so many marriages end up in divorce. The Church has reconciled that edict through the annulment process allowing Catholics to be in full unity with our sacramental Church. They have brought “openness of heart” to the formerly rigid Church.

It is this “openness of heart” that Jesus wants us to have. The Kingdom of God is about having life-giving relationships. Relationships can be hard work with many struggles, however, relationships get better the more you think of the other person first. Hardness of heart is when we focus on our own needs. Relationships can die out if there is no forgiveness, love or growth.

In our relationship with Jesus, He has done all the hard work. He forgives, He loves, He helps us to grow. His arms are always open to us. All we have to do is respond with openness of heart.

Taking time in prayer is when we can open our hearts to Jesus. It’s a wonderful time to listen to Him and to build or rebuild our relationship with Him.

Where does your heart lie? In openness or hardness?

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 would all work out, contact Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus**—(Session 4: Chapters 8-10) This Thursday, we will listen to a DVD presented by Tim Gray, helping us to understand all the nuances of what is happening with Pharaoh and the Hebrew people.

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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**ROSARY SOCIETY**—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. All are welcome to join us. **Next Rosary Meeting**; October 7th at 6pm in the Faith Formation/Ministry Center.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**—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.

**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](mailto: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 Pre-k 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: 11AM Sunday Mass**

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from Pre-K to grade 3 to go to the CLOW room 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.

Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent’s 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 October**

- ✓October 10: Rosary Rally
- ✓October 23: Pasta Dinner
- ✓October 25: World Youth Day; Coffee Hour

**Pasta Dinner perfecto, Friday, October 23**

The **Pasta Perfecto is coming Friday!!** We are preparing several different pasta dishes for your tasting pleasure. Serving times are between 4:15pm to 6:15PM, the place is the **Faith Formation and Ministry Center** on 7th Avenue. Food is available as take out or eat in

Because we do not have use of the Parish Life Center this year, we have had to get a bit creative. There are three sessions of reserved seating in 4 classrooms: 4:15 to 5pm, 5 to 5:45 and 5:45 to 6:30PM. Sign up sheets for reserved seating will be on the tables in the back of the church. Take outs will be available anytime between 4:30 and 6:30pm. Guests may wait in the Chapel while their takeout meal is being prepared or reserved seating is being set up.

Tickets for the Pasta Dinner will be available at all the Masses on October 10/11 and 17/18 and at the Pasta Dinner. Price for the dinner is: \$6(adults); \$3(youth) and children under 5 free.

Included is your choice of pasta, meatballs or sausage, salad, bread & butter and dessert.

The drawing for the TEN Basket Raffles will take place at the Pasta Dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$1.00 each and will be sold after the Masses on October 10/11, 17/18 and at the Pasta Dinner.

**Call Sharon Kowalski at 328-0427 for more information or tickets.**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Listening to the Call**—Many thanks to those who responded to our call for help. We would like to welcome volunteers Theresa Jarvis, Geraldine Link, Sr. Mary Catherine and Sr. Carolyn. If you have been thinking about it, but haven’t acted on it yet, please give us a call. We can always use people who would be willing to help out on a regular basis or substitute when our regulars can’t make it.

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.

**IHM FOOD PANTRY**— We are gearing up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and we are in need of several items. Ed says we need:



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| Coffee/Tea   | Canned Sweet Potatoes | Cranberry Sauce | Boxed Potatoes        |
| Canned Fruit | Stuffing Mix          | Turkey Gravy    | Peanut Butter & Jelly |

So when you are at the market, please pick up an extra item or two for your neighbors in need. You may leave any donated items in the food pantry box in the lobby of the church. Thank you for all you do to help us prepare the meal baskets for the upcoming holidays. Until then—keep us in your prayers and may God bless the friends of the IHM Food Pantry!

**MARY'S KITCHEN—3:30 TO 5:30PM**—Another bonanza Monday!! Last week we served an all-time record of take-out meals – 75 in just two hours!! Whether it was because of back to school expenses, the economy, or end of the month issues – it was a “sell out”, and we were very happy to be able to provide for all those who came.

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.

**HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS**—Don't forget to purchase **Hannaford Gift Cards** after all the Masses **this weekend** in the back of the church. This is another way to help Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

**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.



**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**  
**Weekly Collection (including mail-in)**

9/ 27-28/14: \$6841.00 — 9/26-27/15: \$5319.00

Mass Intentions for Oct 5—11

**Mon., Oct 5**

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Tues., Oct 6 (MASS)**

9:00am—**living & deceased members of IHM**

**Wed., Oct 7 (MASS)**

9:00am—**Edward F Legnard (1st Anniv)**, req by his mother & family

**Thurs., Oct 8 (MASS)**

9:00am—**Thomas Raleigh (B'day)**, req by family

**Fri., Oct 9**

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Oct 10**

4:00pm—**Father Kelly**, req by Brenda Persons  
**Michael Cocca** req by Brenda Persons  
**Raymond Couillard (1st Anniv)**, req by Jean Perras

**Sun., Oct 11**

8:30am—**Julia Mahaney**, req by Michael & Sharon Kowalski

11:00am—**Michelina Pascarella**, req by the family



**PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS:** Any parishioner who has a Mass intention at a specific Mass; when you come to church, please notify one of the ushers that you would like to bring up the Eucharistic Gifts for that Mass. They will be happy to assist you.

**THE DAILY MASS RECORD BOOK FOR 2016 IS OPEN. MASS**

**REQUESTS:** We ask that you come into the Parish office to book your Masses. If you are unable, we will take the request over the phone. The stipend of \$10 per request should be mailed to Parish Office at 2420 7th Avenue: attention Judy or Mary Beth. Requests are first come first serve basis.



**Memorials for 2015**

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