

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

October 6, 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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

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Call for appointment

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 ~

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift. ©LPi



Reading: Luke Chapter 17 - "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle."

Catholic Social Teaching: "Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement."

Season of Creation: "May the calling of country for justice Move us to be like the prophets of old, Speak boldly on behalf of country And oppose the desecration of our land."



FALL KICK-OFF & CHICKEN BBQ: It Was Wonderful!! ~ Many thanks to all who attended our first Chicken BBQ, prepared by the Black Bear Inn. Joe Skumurski and partner Tim Delisle provided us with a delicious meal. Special thanks to all our volunteers who helped serve all 142 dinners with such gracious hospitality. If you missed it, make sure you join us next year for good food, good company and good fun!!

PASTA DINNER OCTOBER 25 ~ And, because we like to keep the momentum going, we are planning on having our annual Pasta Dinner on Friday, October 25 from 4 to 6:30pm. In addition to the dinner, we have 11 Basket Raffles. Tickets for the Basket Raffles will be sold after all the Masses on the weekends of October 12/13 and October 19/20. Winners will be drawn at the Pasta Dinner. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ We would like to thank the vendors – Freihofer's and Schuyler Bakery – that provide bread and baked goods, not only for Mary's Kitchen, but for the Food Pantry as well. May God bless them for their sharing and generosity!!

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS ~ The Watervliet Elks #1500 (in conjunction with the NYS Elks Association) is proud to announce available Scholarships for the Seniors in both Watervliet and Heatly High Schools. Information has been dropped off with the Guidance Counselors at both schools. Eligibility for these Scholarships is available on line at www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm. If you know of someone who might like to apply, please let them know. If they have questions, they may contact Linda @ 518-209-6446.

LIVING ROSARY

The Living Rosary will be held at
5:00pm on October 12 in the Church.

A few of the reasons for the Living Rosary:
To appease the wrath of God on this sinful world through the intercession of the Mother of God, Pray for the blessing for the Church, Evangelization and spreading the faith, and to Restore and strengthen the hearts of people.

ALL ARE INVITED.

Sign up sheets are on the back table
in the Church.

PLEASE JOIN US!



ROSARY SOCIETY ~At the last meeting it was unanimously voted to hold our meetings every other month. The next Rosary meeting will be on **November 13th** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Faith Formation: For All Ages: Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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2019-2020 Faith Formation Sessions Begin: October 6

Faith Formation sessions will begin on October 6. The AM session (Prek-3yr old – gr.7) is 9:45 to 10:45am and the PM session (gr.8 – 12) is 12 noon to 1:15pm.

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.

October 6 – 27: Collection of Winter Gear for Joseph's House

Faith Formation will again be collecting **new** jackets, gloves, hats and scarves for **children** and **new** white socks for **adult** clients of Joseph's House. We will begin collecting on the first day of sessions (October 6) and will end with the delivery of these items on October 27 (World Youth Day). Looking forward to your support!! Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Jammin' with Jesus

Once a month, Angela will join our PM session for a look and a listen to Contemporary Christian music. All in the parish are invited to attend. Contact Angela or Sharon for more details.

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)

Children will join Faith Formation catechists in the CLOW room for special readings directed more towards children. Father will call them forward and they will leave with the catechists and return after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Here's What's Coming Up in October

October 6: Faith Formation begins

October 6-27: Collection of winter gear for Joseph's House

October 12: Rosary Rally

October 19: Men's Spirituality and Enrichment, 9am in PLC

October 21: Gathering Disciples, 6pm in PLC


October 28: Prayer & Worship, 6pm in PLC

October 25: Pasta Dinner, 4 to 6:30pm, PLC

October 27: World Youth Day, 30th Sunday in Ordinary time

Choir Practice: October 10, 17, 24; 6pm in church



In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <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>1/6/20</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>

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!!!!!!



RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN ~ *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.

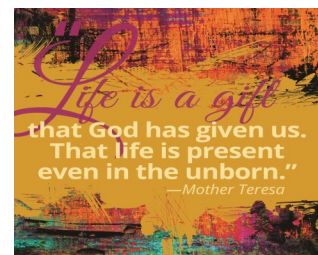
SCRIPTURE SHARING: "Revelations" Revealed ~ All are welcome to join us at 2pm Thursday, October 10 in the Parish Life Center. We are coming to the end of our Scripture study on the book of Revelation. Far from being a road map for the "last days", we are discovering ties to liturgy and messages of hope, 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

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.

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/>.

In loving memory of
Adam & Katherine Novak
John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot
requested by the Family

10/20/19



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Oct 5
4:00pm—Philip J Lacivita, req by mother Edward P Dillon, req by MaryAnn Grace Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Oct 6
8:30am—Robert W Passonno, req by family Selina Hudy, req by her husband Michael Dankulich, Jr, req by Gonsowski family

11:00am—Don Winterbourne, req by children Sr Mavis Jewell, req by Wm Novak & family

Mon., Oct 7—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Oct 8
9:00am—Margaret Halpin, req by family Kathy Collins, req by Food Pantry

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

Thurs., Oct 10
9:00am—The Bulger Family, Estate

Fri., Oct 11—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Oct 12
4:00pm—Edward P Dillon, req by Mary Slattery Eleanor MacFarland, req by Testo family Marge Halpin Testo, req by family

Sun., Oct 13
8:30am—living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Saundra S Cummings, Estate

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Sept 29-30, 2018.....\$6190.00

Sept 28-29, 2019.....\$6270.00