

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

October 27, 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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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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments ~

Training for the Race

If you were going to run a race, wouldn't you need to train? My wife is not a runner, but a few years back, she wanted to participate in a race with my youngest son. She embarked on a journey which included a healthy diet, exercise, and a lot of running. After several months, she was ready. The race came and went but what remained was a sense of accomplishment. She would have never made it through that event if not for her training. When the time came, she was ready.

Our life in Christ is a race of sorts. It is not a race that starts and stops again and again but one that continues from our baptism until eternal life with him (hopefully). Even though we never stop the race, we do have moments where we need to hydrate, take nourishment, and gain strength. That's what we do at the Mass and in our parish community. It is in our parish where we find what we need to keep running that race.

The problem is that too many assume we only are running the race when we are involved with the parish. Living out our discipleship in stewardship is not only to be done in the Church. In fact, what we do in the Church is to prepare us for what we are called to do during all the times we are not at Church. We encounter Christ in his Church so that we may bring him into a world that needs him. In community, we train and take nourishment so that we have any chance of running the race every day. Don't let your stewardship stop at the church doors. Outside those doors, the race is on!

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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RCIA AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION for ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN ~ We are currently meeting Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm. Ed and Don are preparing to receive their sacraments on the Easter Vigil in the spring. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and are curious about the process, feel free to stop in and see what it is all about.

Need more information?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st ~ ALL SAINTS DAY, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

OCTOBER 31st ~ VIGIL MASS; 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER 1st ~ MASS; 9:00 AM

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

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2019-2020 Faith Formation Sessions: It's Not too Late!!

Faith Formation sessions began 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 register your children to date, 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 27: Collection of Winter Gear for Joseph's House Wraps Up

Faith Formation has been collecting **new** jackets, gloves, hats and scarves for **children** and **new** white socks for **adult** clients of Joseph's House. The items will be delivered to Joseph's House on Sunday, October 27 (World Youth Day) after the 11am Mass. Thanks to all who supported this project!! 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. Next session is Sunday, November 3rd in the Parish Life Center at 12 noon.

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 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/November

October 6-27: Collection of winter gear for Joseph's House
October 27: World Youth Day, 30th Sunday in Ordinary time
October 28: Prayer & Worship, 6pm in PLC
October 31: Halloween, Trick or Treat in Faith Formation Center
November 1: All Saint's Day
November 2: All Soul's Day
November 3: Jammin' with Jesus, PLC after 11am Mass
November 4: Memorial Mass, 7pm in church
November 10: Veteran's Day breakfast, PLC immediately following 11am Mass
November 13: Rosary meeting, 6pm in PLC
November 16: Men's Spirituality & Enrichment Group, 9am PLC
November 18: Gathering Disciples, 6pm in PLC
November 25: Prayer & Worship: 6pm in PLC
Choir Practice: November 7, 14, 21 6pm in church



MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ Bob Falzo has joined our soup making team. Many thanks to Bob for his generous sharing of his time with our volunteers and guests 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.

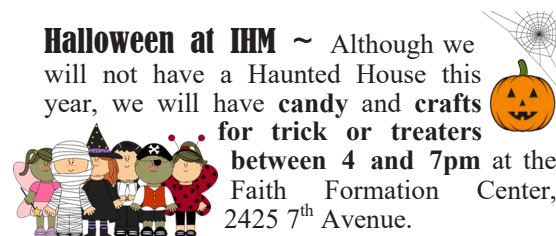
PRAYER AND WORSHIP: October 28 ~ Members of all the parish choirs, musicians and those who would like to be a part of this ministry are invited to attend a Prayer & Worship meeting at 6pm in the Parish Life Center. Questions?? Contact Angela after the Masses or email: agracy423@aol.com.

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— toilet tissue.



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

Halloween at IHM ~ Although we will not have a Haunted House this year, we will have **candy and crafts for trick or treaters between 4 and 7pm** at the Faith Formation Center, 2425 7th Avenue.




Pasta Dinner & Basket Raffle Results to

Follow ~ Results of our Pasta Dinner and winners of Basket Raffles will be in next week's bulletin.

CHOIR PRACTICE ~ New members welcome!!

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 help you feel more comfortable singing with the congregation. Speak with Angela after Mass on any given Sunday.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: "Revelations" Complete ~ Please note: we will not have Scripture on October 31. We will finish our journey through Revelations on November 7 and begin a new study on James in November. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

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>



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.

Reading: Luke 18: - "I tell you...whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: "It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment."

Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "The whole human race suffers as a result of environmental blight...But in most countries today...it is the poor and the powerless who most directly bear the burden of current environmental carelessness."

Care 4 Creation: "Who alone is life unfathomable, Have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Saints

Question: Why do we pray to saints?

Answer:

Have you ever heard jokes about Catholics and big families? Well, our family is much, much bigger than most of us can imagine! Our family transcends the here and now. It includes heaven! Your great, great grandmother may have passed away, but does that make her any less your family? Of course not! We have a similar perspective when it comes to our baptized Christian community. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and that extends beyond the grave.

The saints are women and men who have led such exemplary lives on earth we can be certain that they're in heaven. That means their focus is on worshipping God and loving all that God loves, including us. When we pray to saints, we're actually asking for their prayers. If something challenging was going on in your life, you might consider asking someone close to you for their prayers. When we ask for the intercession of saints, we're inviting them into our needs and concerns. I hope we're ready to help a loved one who needs it. The saints are ready to pray for us, so we can grow in relationship with God, love our neighbor, and join them in heaven one day! ©LPi



ROSARY SOCIETY ~

The next Rosary meeting will be on **November 13th** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.



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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Oct 26

4:00pm—Dennis Tracey, req by the children
Stephen Haner (2nd Anniv), req by his mother
Philip A Lacivita, req by wife, Carmela

Sun., Oct 27

8:30am—Danny Bailey, req by his sister,
Corinne
Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Bud Halpin, req by the family
Stanley Cote, req by wife, Peg
Sr. Mavis Jewell, req by Patty/Ray Novak

Mon., Oct 28

Tues., Oct 29 } COMMUNION SERVICES

Wed., Oct 30 }

Thurs., Oct 31

9:00am—Tom/Mary Cusack, req by family
Joan Chaloux & family, req by daughter Sally

Thurs., **VIGIL MASS FOR ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY**
5:30pm—living & deceased members of IHM

Fri., Nov 1—**ALL SAINTS DAY/Holy Day of Obligation**
9:00am—Living & Deceased members of IHM

Sat., Nov 2

4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM
Debbie Alcombright, req by Brenda Persons
Carole Anne Maloney(Wed. Ann), req by husband

Sun., Nov 3

8:30am—Fred Ross, req by Gene/Cindy Cocca
Dara Martin, req by Joe Early

11:00am—David McMahon, req by wife Maureen
Sr Mavis Jewell, req by Donna Hoinski

NOTICE: Fr Rutherford will not be available for Mass on Oct. 30, therefore the intention requests will be rescheduled for Nov. 6th. Please call the parish office 518 273-6020 if need to make a change other than the re-scheduled date. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Oct 13-14, 2018.....\$6925.00

Oct 12-13, 2019.....\$6081.00

Oct 20-21, 2018.....\$4942.00

Oct 19-20, 2019.....\$4635.00

Mission Sunday Collection Special

Oct 20-21, 2018.....\$857.00

Oct 19-20, 2019.....\$786.00