



31st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

November 3, 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 Every Moments ~

The Enthusiastic Steward

Have you ever been at a concert and rushed the stage to get closer to your favorite act? Has your favorite sports team won a championship, and you just wanted to celebrate for hours? For those of us who are parents, have you ever gone to great lengths to get the perfect photo at a first Communion, graduation, or some other ceremony in which your child was involved?

When moments in our life are filled with enthusiasm, we can find ourselves overwhelmed and doing things we might not normally do. I bet Zacchaeus didn't have a regular habit of climbing trees. However, he climbed one so he could see Jesus more clearly. His enthusiasm led him up a tree, an action he probably would not normally do.

Following Jesus Christ is not easy in this world of ours. Trying to do it without feeling any enthusiasm makes it doubly difficult. Enthusiasm is something that can be grown, but we must be the ones who foster it. When we see the fruits of our stewardship, enthusiasm grows. When we spend time in prayer and in God's Word getting to know Jesus better, enthusiasm grows. When we work to make Jesus the most important person in our life, enthusiasm grows. If we find ourselves too often with our feet on the ground and growing in apathy, perhaps it is time to do what it takes to bring on that desire to climb a tree. — Tracy Earl Welliver

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Reading: Luke 19: - "And Jesus said...For the Son of man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: "So what they all need is an ecological conversion, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them."

Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "In the face of these challenges, a new spirit of responsibility for the earth has begun to grow...public concern is growing."

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

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.

Rise up...

TAKE COURAGE
AND DO IT.

EZRA 10:4



MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE DECEASED ~ Since All Souls Day falls on a Saturday, the Special Memorial Mass for the Deceased of Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held on Monday, November 4th at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

VETERANS BRUNCH: On Sunday, November 10th at 12:00pm we will have the Veteran's Brunch. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Veterans and children under 5 eat free.



Tickets will be available November 2nd & 3rd after all the Masses. Tickets necessary. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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



MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays, 3 to 5pm ~ 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.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: "Revelations" Complete: We will finish our journey through Revelations on November 7. On November 21, we will begin our new series on the Letter of James in the New Testament. It was written to those in the early church, living out their faith in the face of persecution and a worldwide view opposed to the Gospel. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

PASTA DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE RESULTS TO FOLLOW: Results of our Pasta Dinner and winners of Basket Raffles will be in next week's bulletin.

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

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2019-2020 Faith Formation Sessions

The AM session for Faith Formation (Prek-3yr old – gr.7) is 9:45 to 10:45am and the PM session (gr.8 – 12) is 12 noon to 1:15pm. Preparation for Sacraments is a two year process at Immaculate Heart of Mary. The minimum age for First Reconciliation/Eucharist is 2nd grade; Confirmation is 10th grade or 15 years. These are guidelines set by the Diocese. If you still need to register your children, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org and we will set up a registration appointment for you.

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. One of our songs this month will be "Nobody", by Casting Crowns. Preview it on YouTube, Google or freecm.com.

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 November

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter ~ "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." Invite Jesus into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Nov 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

| In Memoriam ~ 2019 | | |
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|  <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/25/20</p> | <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>1/5/20</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> |

RCDA Marian Consecration & Renewal with *33 Days to Morning Glory* or a Marian Consecration book of your choice – Bishop Ed is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period beginning around **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. The preparation will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Jesus through Mary at our cathedral on Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 AM. Do not worry if you begin the preparation late or fall behind on chapters. Simply catch up when you can. Please check out www.rcda.org/marianconsecration for more information. Thank you!



Gospel Meditation ~

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! *"Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was."* We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, *"for today I must stay at your house."* If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today. ~ °LPi

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Nov 2

4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM
Debbie Alcombright, req by Brenda Persons
Carole Anne Maloney(Wedding Anniv), 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

Mon., Nov 4

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00pm—ALL SOULS MEMORIAL MASS

Tues., Nov 5

9:00am—Stephen Smith, req by Tina Grant
Loriann Stewart, req by Mary's Kitchen
Joan Chaloux & family, req by dgtr Sally

Wed., Nov 6

9:00am—Ralph/Ann DellaRocca, req by
Mr & Mrs Chas Adams

Thurs., Nov 7

9:00am—Thomas Falzo, req by family
Bill Jakubics (7th Anniv), req by wife & daughter

Fri., Nov 8—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Nov 9

4:00pm—Joyce A Probeck, req by Jack/Janice
Faith
Mary Woodka Clemenzi (26th Anniv), req by the family

Sun., Nov 10

8:30am—Dorothy Bailey, req by dgtr Corinne
Fred J Gonsowski, Sr, req by son & daughter
Fallen away Catholics in our own families, req by parishioner

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
COLLECTION TOTALS WILL BE IN
NEXT ISSUE OF BULLETIN!