



WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY NOVEMBER 8, 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

Our mission at Immaculate Heart of Mary is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to praise His name, by being a Christ-centered, welcoming, unified community. Called to holiness, we celebrate the love of God through prayer and worship, the Eucharist and other sacraments, catechesis, evangelization and service to all. Always His people, we strive to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

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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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are hospital bound, homebound
or seriously ill and desire to be anointed,
contact the Parish Office. Eucharist
can be brought to any parishioner by a
Eucharistic Minister.

"...but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had..."

TODAY'S GOSPEL tells of the scribes who wanted their presence to be noted by seats of honor in synagogues and places of honor at banquets. They received condemnation from Jesus rather than the adulation they expected.

Other wealthy contributors gave generously to the treasury, however their donations came from their surplus. And then along came a poor widow who knew the true meaning of "giving till it hurts." In her poverty, she virtually had nothing to give, yet she still managed to scrape together a few pennies.

Who will be the greater in Heaven? The scribes who wanted to be seen as the highly-esteemed elite? The wealthy who could afford to give? Or the poor widow who truly sacrificed in order to give?

Jesus contrasts the self-serving behavior of the scribes with the self-sacrificing action of the poor widow. The first reading also speaks about another widow who gave the last of her flour and oil to Elijah. She and her son were about to die of starvation, yet she sacrificed and gave what little food she had left.

Are we being asked to give to another the only food between us and starvation? I think not. However, we are asked to consider whether our contributions are self-serving like the scribes or self-giving like the two widows. True generosity involves a cost.

Are we like the scribes, the wealthy, or the poor widow?

Blessings, Kathie

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus—Thursday, November 12, Exodus 15:22-18:27; in the wilderness. Having passed through the Red Sea, God's people are set free from Egypt. But, freedom has its own challenges. The journey ahead is not easy; in order to make it through, Israel will have to learn to trust God in EVERYTHING.

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.

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 would like more information, contact Kathie at 273-6020 or Sharon at 328-0427.

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 _____

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN: Happily!!—Many thanks to all who helped to transform Mrs. K's classroom into a "haunted" (but not *too* scary) Halloween experience for our neighbors and for our Faith Formation families. All who came said they had a great time. It also gave us an opportunity to meet new people and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while.



Just a quick FYI...Did you know that the origins of trick or treating have to do with prayer? The poor (often poor **children**) would travel from house to house offering to **pray** for the souls of the dead belonging to each family in return for small treats. **Who knew??**

Special thanks to our NCYC'ers, Emily Carabis, Grace Bryce (and friends Ben and Noah), and Ryan Nolan for putting together this safe, fun and delightfully spooky experience!!

TWO NEW ADVENT HAPPENINGS: Faith and Fellowship and a Pew Raffle!!

This year, during the first three Wednesdays in Advent (December 2, 9 & 16) we will have a program similar to our Lenten Tuesdays called "Faith and Fellowship". We'll meet in the church at 6pm, watch a segment of Bishop Robert Barron's new DVD: "*the Mystery of God*", break for coffee, desserts, cheese, crackers and a little chit chat. At about 6:40pm, we'll watch the next segment and be finished around 7:15pm.

FYI: Fr. Robert Barron was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles on September 8, 2015.

The "**Pew Raffle**" is a new idea shared by one of our Faith Formation parents. How would you like to arrive at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:20 and **not have to worry** about getting a seat?? We'll be raffling off 6 **reserved** pews that will let that happen. Tickets will be \$5 each and they'll be on sale starting the first weekend in Advent, November 28/29. Drawing will be at the 11am Mass on December 20th.

MARY'S KITCHEN—3:30 TO 5:30PM—We will have a gift certificate raffle in honor of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 9. Winners will be listed in the next week's bulletin.

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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY—NOVEMBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY
Will re-open on Thursday, Nov 12th for regular hours, 8:30am—3:30pm.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Family Mass: 11AM, November 15

Our families will take part in the ministries at the 11am Mass on November 15 as greeters, bringing up the gifts and doing the collection. Two of our young people will be lectors and our children's choir will sing, "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*".

Thanksgiving Food Deliveries: November 22

Young people in Faith Formation, (grades 5-6 through 9), and their families, are invited to take part in the IHM Parish sponsored Thanksgiving Food Deliveries on November 22, from 12:15 to 1PM. Deliveries may be picked up in the 7th Avenue parking lot. Mrs. Knapik, Mr. Gleason, Ms. Nash and Mr. Slupski will all be on hand to make sure the deliveries are coordinated and organized.

Young people are encouraged to be there by noon to help set up for deliveries. ***This is a great opportunity to experience service, as well as participate in a fantastic outreach to the community.***

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **PreK to grade 3** to go 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 November

November 15: Family Mass, 11am

November 19-21: Trip to NCYC

November 22: Thanksgiving Food Deliveries

November 29: 1st Sunday in Advent

"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407) The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics—in our parishes, in our households of faith in our neighborhoods, and in our world.

We have 3 Mass options every weekend: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30 and 11am. See you in Church!!

Memorials for 2015

 <p style="text-align: center;">loving memory of John A O'Brien quested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/16/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/17/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">2/28/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">1/31/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">1/31/16</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">1/31/16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">11/8/15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">11/8/15</p>
<p>IHM Website: What's Happening???—Check it out and see for yourself!! www.rcpw.weebly.com</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/24/16</p>

REMEMBER YOUR HANNAFORD GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

THIS WEEKEND!!—For purchase in the back of the church after all Masses. It may seem early to think about that great Thanksgiving meal, but it will be here before you know it. Purchase your gift cards now, and shop at your leisure.

Thank you all who participate in this program.

Also, if possible, when shopping pick up an extra box of stuffing mix, box of potato fixings or canned cranberry sauce or turkey gravy it would be greatly appreciated for our food pantry clients.



Thank You, LORD!

IHM Food Pantry News—The holiday letters

were mailed out on October 5th and the responses were due on October 30th. There were 91 letters mailed out and 66 responses. Ed has already talked turkey with Target and is preparing the meal baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It is also time for the annual Turkey Drop! We are going to have to purchase approximately 135 turkeys for **Thanksgiving and Christmas**. Any turkeys we receive will reduce the number we have to purchase, and that would be a welcome reprieve. **Thank you** for anything you can do to help us out.

If you haven't signed-up for Thanksgiving deliveries, please take the time to sign up after mass. The Thanksgiving deliveries will be on Sunday, November 22nd after the 11am mass. (We will need a little time to set up.) There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please sign up to help us deliver our holiday meals and some holiday cheer! Thank you all for all you do. Have a good week ahead.

Mass Intentions for Nov 9—15

Mon., Nov 9

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tues., Nov 10 (MASS)

9:00am—**Anthony, Angeline, Francis Moffre**, req by their daughter
Augustus DeCarlo Family, req by the granddaughter

Wed., Nov 11 (MASS)

9:00am—**Thomas Bud Halpin**, req by Will & Jacob Alund

Thurs., Nov 12 (MASS)

9:00am—**Deceased members of IHM parish**

Fri., Nov 13

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**



Sat., Nov 14

4:00pm—**Peter Torrisi**, req by Brenda Persons
James J Grady, req by Marsha & Chet Rysedorph
Edwin Placzkowski, req by Tracey family

Sun., Nov 15

8:30am—**Frank Lacosse, Sr**, req by wife & family
Melinda Falzo, req by Ilene Clinton
Marilyn & Donald MacMartin (Anniv), req by the family

11:00am—**Jack Kane (Anniv)**, req by Lilia Langford
Anthony, Angeline, Francis Moffre, req by the daughter
Toni & Steve Halayko (Lv, 70th Anniv) req by the family

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Nov 1-2, 2014.....\$7179.00

Oct 31-Nov 1, 2015.....\$5812.00

Special All Saints/All Souls Envelopes

Nov1-2, 2014.....\$3148.00

Nov1-2, 2015.....\$2164.00