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Church and Parish Center - Handicapped Accessible

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm & Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday at 9:00am

Adoration on Tuesday - 9:30 to 11:00am



RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children ~ If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.



Faith Formation - For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation: 2020-2021

Our opening date for Faith Formation this year is Sunday, November 8. Many thanks to all our families who have registered for either in person or digital sessions. We will have our annual collection of winter gear for Joseph's House through mid-November.

Those families who have chosen digital learning may pick up their 4 week packets at the Faith Formation Center between 9:45 and 10:50am. You may pull up and the packet will be brought out to your car.

Those families who have chosen the in person or hybrid model we will see at 9:45 in the Faith Formation Center and we will direct you to your child's classroom.

Just a reminder - we cannot order hard copy and/or digital materials until we have the registration form and family fee. If we place a bulk order, the parish receives a discounted price. If we order copies for INDIVIDUAL students who register late, the cost is ~ \$20 more PER student. We appreciate you registering your children as soon as possible.

If you have difficulty paying the family fee, please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 and we will make arrangements for you to pay in installments.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

VETERANS DAY MASS - There will be a special Mass on Veterans Day November 11th, 5:30pm in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in honor of our veterans.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.



Through Nov.15: Collection of New 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 continue collecting items through November 15.

Many thanks to all those who have donated winter gear for Joseph's House. We didn't have as many items as in previous years, but those who dropped off items were incredibly generous!! God bless you for your caring and generosity. Items may be left at the Faith Formation Center, in the parish office or in the box in the CLOW room. Looking forward to your support!! Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Scripture Sharing: "The Wild Goose" ~

Our new series is entitled "The Wild Goose", a term the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. Presented by Franciscan Fr. Dave Pivonka, it is a series that begins each week with a DVD, followed by a few discussion questions and then some suggestions for reflection during the week. This week's theme is *The Spirit and the Desert*. Even if you can't make it for all 14 of the sessions, we encourage you to stop in and try it out.

For all those interested, we will meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

THE GIVING TREE ~ Each year our Parish has a Giving Tree program which helps many families provide a Christmas for their children. Your response to this program has always been overwhelming. COVID19 is once again affecting our lives. We will not be able to have our Giving Tree this year. However, from now through December 13th, we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase gift certificates for the families with children who participate in our Food Pantry Program. There is a brown wooden box on the table in the back of the church for your contributions. Although this is unusual (and hopefully only for this year), I know your generosity will surpass all expectations.



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: WE'RE BACK!! Mary's Kitchen is serving meals again!! For the present time, we can do TAKE OUT meals only. All are welcome. Why cook when we've done it for you?? Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Monday and pick up a meal all ready for you to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

Email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.



In Memoriam ~ 2021

In loving memory of
John A O'Brien
requested by the Family

10/24/21

In memory of our beloved son
Michael D Kowalski
requested by
Michael and Sharon Kowalski

3/21/21

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

3/7/21

In loving memory of
William T Sr, Julia F
and Robert A Fahr
requested by the Family

2/21/21

In loving memory of
John T Sherlock
requested by his wife and Family

2/21/21

In loving memory of our Families:
The Carlsons, The Mardigans,
The Foleys & The Butlers
requested by Bob & Carol Carlson

2/7/21

In loving memory of
The Barron & Rys Families
requested by the Family

1/17/21

In loving memory of
Bryan T Roberts (son)
Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)
requested by Judith Pope

1/17/21

In loving memory of
Albert P Morelli,
Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan
requested by Don & Patti Hogan

1/10/21

In loving memory of
Joseph V Germano
requested by the Family

1/10/21

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - *In Our Midst*

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I WILL WALK
BY FAITH,
EVEN WHEN I
CANNOT SEE.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7



"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, 8:30am and 11am. See you in church!!

Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's VISITATION (a Virtual Event) on Saturday, November 14 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM on ZOOM. This is a Free Event. Our Witness Speaker is Ruth Fazio. Ruth is a wife, mother of 6 daughters and grandmother. Ruth grew up in Schenectady and she is a communicant at St. Mary's Church in Ballston Spa, NY. Ruth will share about the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus, how Jesus healed her of generational depression, how praise became a daily part of her life and thanking Jesus for His great love for her.

Questions call: Diane Bigos @ 518-810-1310/ **Online Registration:** www.magnificat-ministry.org/ny-albany; or www.facebook.com/albanymagnificat; or email us at albanymagnificat@gmail.com and you will be sent the Zoom link.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 7

4:00pm—Fred Ross (4th Anniv), req by Gene/ Cindy Cocca
Norma Brennan, req by Eleanor Hack
Bill Jakubics(8th Anniv), req by wife & dgtr

Sun., Nov 8

8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM
Joyce Belokopitsky, req by Maryann Zampier
Rosemary LaMarre, req by Barb Crowley & family

11:00am—Joan Duffey, req by O'Hare family
Timothy Carabis, req by Isabel
Denise J Mazzariello, req by Ruth Wright & family

Tues., Nov 10

9:00am—Fred J Gonsowski, Sr.(B'day Anniv)
req by daughter & son

Wed., Nov 11—**Veterans Day**

9:00am—Timothy Carabis, req by Marilyn/ Pete Barron

5:30pm—Special Veterans Day Mass

Thurs., Nov 12

9:00am—John Conroy, req by Pete/Marilyn Barron

Sat., Nov 14

4:00pm—Paul Deguire, req by Carolyn Hyatt
Joyce Belokopitsky, req by Bob/Kathy Falzo
Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Nov 15

8:30am—Dennis Tracey, req by the children
Denise J Mazzariello, req by Christine Adkins
Fred J Gonsowski, Sr (25th Anniv), req by son & daughter

11:00am—Stephen Haner, req by Garrity fam.
Joan Duffey, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Timothy Carabis, req by Food Pantry

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