

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

November 10, 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Recognize God in Your Every Moments ~

Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, "Pass me the mashed potatoes, please." This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day's football games. That's why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.

Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

Notes from the Cemetery ~ In August of 2018, three volunteers and I ventured out to St Patrick's Cemetery to read grave stones. Our crew consisted of Marie Bolt, her sister Colleen Agars, and Christine Connell; this year Suzanne Turner joined the team. Being novices at first, our intention was to identify and record forgotten gravestones. What began as a project became a different calling. We found Old St. Patrick's Cemetery overgrown with bushes and weeds, overburdening eroding stones. As we navigated the east side of the cemetery, we came upon the Christian Brother's section marked by a large Irish cross. The Brother's graves are flooded by overgrown vegetation. We had to clean their headstones, and with some, we had to dig them out or flip them over to read. In the picture below, Colleen and Christine are cleaning a flipped stone so that we could record the family names. Next time, I will share how we learned to read, record and picture. - Tom Hanley, Archivist



OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
★ **IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.**

**Remember Our
VETERANS**

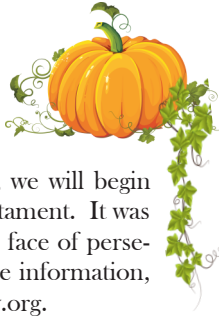
ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS ~ The next Rosary meeting will be held on November 13th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Letter of James—On November 21, we will begin our new series on the Letter of James, which is 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.

PASTA DINNER: Lots of Fun, Food and Fellowship—What a great group we had gathered on the 25th!! Many thanks to our young people in Faith Formation who helped to take orders and serve the 135 dinners. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped to set up, prepare and serve the meal and then clean up. To all those who purchased tickets, came and enjoyed the food and the atmosphere, we can't thank you enough!!

Basket Raffle Results!!—Here are this year's raffle basket winners: Are You A Winner? (lottery tickets and cash), Janet Nicoletta; Strawberry Breakfast, Jean Jojo; Bissell Vacuum, Peg Fisk; Dunkin' Donuts, Mary Crowley; Drink Master, Audrey O'Hare; What a Way to Start Your Day, Ann DiNuzzo; Men's Avon, Sue Szymczak; Garden Basket, Leighton Cassidy; Perfect Sundae, Joe Bagnardi; Tailgate, Gail Mantello; and Pasta Dinner for 2, Amanda Kowalski.

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets and especially to those who made baskets or contributed items to the baskets I was preparing: Maureen McMahon, the Barron's, Linda Dunbar, the Stark's, the Passonno's, Jim Keefe, and Mary Carabis. With your help and support we raised over \$1000 for Faith Formation projects and special events (such as NCYC). God bless you for your generosity and creativity!!



NCYC 2019: November 21-23—Two young people from our parish – Michael and Jacob Ford – will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in less than two weeks. We would like to thank our parishioners who have so generously supported our Faith Formation projects. That makes this extraordinary experience possible!! We would also ask that you keep our young people in your prayers; that they have a safe trip (by bus – 13 hours each way) and that they have a faith-filled, exciting, memorable three days. Having attended three of these, I can state without hesitation that watching over 20,000 young people – from all over the U.S.A. – prayerfully experience Eucharist gives you enormous hope for the future of our Church. God bless them on their journey!!

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.

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.



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, December 8th in the Parish Life Center at 12 noon. Don't miss it!!

Practice for the Christmas Play: November 10

It may sound like we're rushing the season, but we only have 3 Sundays to practice for the Christmas play on Christmas Eve at the 4:30 Mass. Mrs. Carabis has sent out an email asking families who would like to be part of the play to let us know ASAP. Contact Mrs. Carabis at mcarnbis@aol.com or Mrs. Kowalski at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org if you are interested or would like more information.

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

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 21-23: NCYC

November 25: Prayer & Worship: 6pm in PLC

Choir Practice: November 14, 21 6pm in church

In Memoriam ~ 2019		
 <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>

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) or are curious about the process, feel free to stop in and see what it is all about. Need more information?? Contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org. or 518 328-0427.

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: - "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

Pope Francis-Laudato Si: "The common good is 'the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment.'"

Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "Above all, we seek to explore the links between concern for the person and for the earth, between natural ecology and social ecology. The web of life is one."

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

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.



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 and will be culminated with the renewed Consecration to Jesus through Mary at [our cathedral](http://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.

Legnard-Curtin Auxiliary—If there are any veterans or active duty military not receiving birthday or Christmas cards, please call Brenda Persons at 518 271-6184.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Nov 9
4:00pm—Joyce A Probeck, req by Jack/Janice Faith
Mary Woodka Clemenzi (26th Anniv), req by Mary Anne & Bryan McHarg

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

Mon., Nov 11
9:00am—NO COMMUNION SERVICE (HOLIDAY)

Tues., Nov 12
9:00am—Dec'd mem Pickett/Harrison & Adams Families, req by Mr & Mrs Charles Adams

Wed., Nov 13
9:00am—Bob, Dick, Jerry, Joe, Gene, Frank, & Irene, req by Mr & Mrs Charles Adams

Thurs., Nov 14
9:00am—Timothy Werner (Lv'g/B'day), req by his aunt
Bryan Timothy Roberts, req by his mother

Fri., Nov 15—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Nov 16
4:00pm—Carl Coutts, req by Brenda Persons
Ruth Raymond (3rd Anniv), req by family
Fred J Gonsowski, Sr, req by son & daughter

Sun., Nov 17
8:30am—Thomas J Monahan, req by Bob/Carol Carlson
Charisse Raymond, req by Jim & Gail Mantello

11:00am—C. Fred Tallman III (9th Anniv), req by Donna & family
Living & deceased members of IHM



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Oct 27-28, 2018.....\$5818.00

Oct 26-27, 2019.....\$6495.00