



WATERVLIET/GREEN ISLAND

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 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.

*“Heaven and earth will pass away,
But my words will not pass away.”*

AS WE APPROACH THE END of the Church year, we start hearing about “end times” and the “sun will be darkened” and the “moon will not give its light.” I thought we were supposed to be full of hope. What does all this “apocalyptic” talk mean?

“Apocalyptic” means to uncover or reveal, and it casts a negative tone when it talks about the second coming of Jesus. Even today as we read about global warming, destruction of the environment, and many other natural disasters, we seem to think of them as only affecting our future. And yet, they are with us here and now.

So also is Jesus’ promise that He is with us now. He is with us through thick and thin. He is with us in our darkest hour, when we think that things can’t get any worse. He assures us that “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

The first reading and the Gospel tell us there will come a time of real suffering and the world as we know it will come to an end. However, Jesus has been showing us the way all along, telling us what we need to do, and offering us the ultimate hope.

Did you ever experience a disastrous situation that felt like the end of your world? But in time something even better came of it, and when you looked back at the calamity, you had to admit (to yourself at least) that it was a good thing the situation didn’t turn out the way you had hoped. THAT is the promise Jesus gives us. Jesus isn’t in some far away place (Heaven), but is with us *right now*.

How far away is Jesus in your life?

Blessings, Kathie

What’s New on Wednesdays in Advent: Faith and Fellowship—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.

A Pew Raffle...for Christmas Eve??—The “Pew Raffle” is a new idea shared by one of our Faith Formation parents. How would you like to arrive for 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.

Faith Formation Lawn Signs—Many thanks to all of you who took lawn signs to help us get the word out about Faith Formation here at IHM. If you could return them and leave them in the foyer of the church, we will be able to use them again next year.

NCYC: Indianapolis Here We Come!!—On Wednesday, November 18, at 8pm., our group from IHM will meet at St. Clare's in Colonie with the other 115 folks from the Diocese who are going by bus to Indianapolis. Our anticipated arrival time in Indianapolis is 11:30am on Thursday, November 19.

Please keep our young people – Emily Carabis and Grace Bryce - in your prayers that they have a safe journey and a Spirit filled experience that they will remember forever. (Mrs. Carabis and myself could use a prayer or two...two 15 hour bus rides...3 days with ~24000 teens??? Seriously, we consider it a privilege to be with these young people and can't wait until we're there!!)

Many thanks to our Rosarians who gave a donation of \$100 for our NCYC trip. Emily and Grace will each receive \$50 to help with food and other expenses.

Mary's Kitchen Mondays: Our Hours Will Change: 3pm to 5pm, 11/30/15—Please note: Even though it is not officially winter yet, we will be starting our "Winter Hours" on November 30th. We will be open on Mondays from 3PM to 5PM to allow, not only our guests, but also our volunteers to be home a half hour earlier.

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.

IHM Website: What's Happening???—Have you been on the IHM website, www.rcpw.weebly.com lately? If you forgot to pick up a bulletin last week, you can find it on the website, as well as Mass times, information on Faith Formation, Reconciliation, contact information for the staff and parish offices and even some suggested sites for daily prayer and other organizations. Check it out and see for yourself!!

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

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

Thanksgiving Food Deliveries: November 22

Young people in Faith Formation, (grades 5-6 through 10), 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.***

The Door of the Year & the Door of Mercy

The First Sunday of Advent – and the whole season of Advent – are referred to as "the door of the year", because **we pass through them to enter a new liturgical year.** To begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis and other bishops will be unsealing symbolic doors of mercy.

At IHM, we will use the season of Advent to highlight **windows of mercy** in our own lives. Since Advent and Christmas emphasize God taking on human flesh in the person of Jesus, we will focus on the seven corporal (bodily) works of mercy; ***feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, ransom the captive, and bury the dead.***

The PM session will create a Door of Mercy for the **Advent/Christmas** season. Our "door" will be fixed to the front door of the Faith Formation and Ministry Center and will have on it seven "windows", representing the seven corporal works of mercy. Through drawings or other images, these windows will represent ways that we, through our parish and community, practice the seven corporal works of mercy.

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 to 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 22: Thanksgiving Food Deliveries

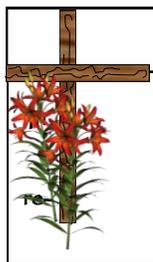
November 19-21: Trip to NCYC

November 29: First Sunday in Advent

Defensive Driving Class: Attention Seniors—Save on your auto insurance and mark your calendar for *Saturday, December 12!* The Driver Fitness Center offers a Defensive Driving Class from 9:00am to 3:00pm for \$25. The class is open to drivers of any age. For more information and to RSVP call 459-2857, ext. 303.

Colonie Senior Services Center, Inc., 6 Winners Circle, Colonie, NY 12205. (518) 459-2857, ext 337.

Memorials for 2015

 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/16/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/24/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/17/16</p>
<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2/28/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/31/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/3/16</p>
<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/3/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11/8/15</p>	<p>In loving memory of Norman & Marion Persons requested by Dgtr, Brenda & Sons, Edgar & Norman M</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11/8/15</p>
<p>Scripture Study: Exodus—Please note: There will be no Scripture on November 19 and November 26.</p> <p>You are invited to join us on Thursday, December 3, 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.</p>		<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/24/16</p>

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.

DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER—November 17, 2015, 6:20—8:30pm, 12 Step Evening of Reflection for Men & Women, “The Practice of Gratitude Requires...Practice.” Presenter: Diane Cameron. \$25. Information/reservations, call Dominican Retreat & Conference Center, 393-4169, Monday thru Friday; 8:30am -4:30pm. E-mail dslcny@nybiz.rr.com or visit www.dslcny.org. 1945 Union St, Niskayuna, NY 12309

November 19, 9:30-11:30am, Monthly Workshop for Men & Women “Organizing, Changing, Downsizing, Rightsizing.” Presenter Ceil Amendolia, OPA \$15. Call the Retreat Center for further info/reservations.

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you have someone you would like prayed for: increased health, speedy recovery from surgery or illness, safe travel; contact Brenda at 271-6184.

Mass Intentions for Nov 16—22

Mon., Nov 16

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tues., Nov 17 (MASS)

9:00am—**Donald Fisk**, req by the family
Mary Alice Bouchard, req by cousin Joe

Wed., Nov 18 (MASS)

9:00am—dec'd mem of **Adams & DellaRocca families**, req by Rosalie & Chuck

Thurs., Nov 19 (MASS)

9:00am—**Carol Bruce Cote-Demery**, req by Donna Tallman & family

Fri., Nov 20

9:00am—**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Sat., Nov 21

4:00pm—**Jean Tracey**, req by Betty, Leo & Jim Tracey
Margaret V Murphy (19th Anniv), req by dgtr Ginny & grdgr Diane
David S Ostiguy & Loretta Robataille, req by the family

Sun., Nov 22

8:30am—**Mary Mullaney**, req by Charles & Lorraine Bulson

11:00am—**Tom “Bud” Halpin**, req by Toni Delduce

1st Anniv, Elaine Coons, req by the family

Melinda Falzo req by Ilene Clinton



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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Nov 8-9, 2014.....\$7502.00

Nov 7-8, 2015.....\$6060.00

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