

### 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

November 17, 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**

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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#### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—10:30AM—3:30PM

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2425 7th Avenue  
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#### Coordinator, Sharon Kowalski

skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org  
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.

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## Gospel Meditation ~

Where would you go if the world was ending? What would you do? The last decade has seen a rise in doomsday prepping, the marketing of survival techniques, and a sea of products designed for you to weather the apocalypse. *"The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another that will not be thrown down,"* Jesus warns in today's Gospel. On the one hand, he is referring to the literal downfall of the city of Jerusalem. Indeed, many of his prophecies here have come true over the last few millennium. Nations have indeed *"rise[n] against nation[s],"* kingdoms against kingdoms. Surf any world news website today alone, and you will see stories of *"powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues."* Jesus' advice to his disciples, however, isn't to build a bunker. It's to persevere in faith ... which won't be easy.

*"They will seize and persecute you ... you will be handed over ... you will be hated because of my name."* This warning, too, has come to pass in the Church throughout history in state-sponsored persecutions and martyrdoms. Jesus is the Messiah, but his first coming was not a coming of earthly victory. Any disciple of his can expect a challenge. The coming of Christ didn't disrupt our free will. Evil still exists and sometimes even appears to triumph. This does not mean God has abandoned His people!

Jesus reminds the disciples — and us — of his constant presence. *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking."* In other Gospel passages, Jesus promises and sends the Holy Spirit upon his followers. The presence of God is real in our lives, no matter what trials come our way. It's tempting to be distracted or dismayed by natural destruction and moral evil in the world. But the Church has weathered greater storms. The sacredness of the human person endures. We can have hope! This day and every day, we can persevere in hope and trust in God. - ©LPi

**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.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ~** We now have hearing assist earphones that are available for use during Mass time. The hearing aid is linked to the same frequency as our sound system and will only work within the Church building. If you have difficulty hearing, please feel free to use one of them during Mass, they are located on a stand at the rear of the church. Just return the earphone to the same stand where you picked it up.



**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!!

**PLEASE NOTE OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK DUE TO SCHEDULED VACATION OF STAFF MEMBER:**

Monday thru Wednesday - 8:30-3:30pm

Thursday - 8:30-**12:00pm**

Friday - Business Office **Closed**



**NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERY** ~ We encourage all our families to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Deliveries. We now have over 100 households in the Food Pantry that will need to have their meals delivered. All those meal bags and turkeys must be brought up from the basement and loaded into cars. Please make plans to meet us in front of the Faith Formation Center immediately after the 11:00am Mass. If you would also like to help with deliveries, there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

**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: 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](mailto: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) or 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).*

**Faith Formation: For All Ages:** *Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry*  
[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Confirmation is 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 24

It may sound like we're rushing the season, but we only have 2 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 [mcarmbis@aol.com](mailto:mcarmbis@aol.com) or Mrs. Kowalski at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 18: Gathering Disciples, 6pm in PLC

November 21-23: NCYC

November 25: Prayer & Worship: 6pm in PLC

Choir Practice: November 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 Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>5/10/20</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 &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>1/19/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; 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 &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; 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>

**Reading: Malachi chapter 3** - "But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with it's healing rays."

**Pope Francis-Laudato Si:** "the common good calls for social peace, the stability and security provided by a certain order which cannot be achieved without particular concern for distributive justice."

**Social Teaching-USCCB,1991:** "The whole human race suffers as a result of environmental blight, and generations yet unborn will bear the cost for our failure to act today."

**Care 4 Creation:** "Who alone is the source of saving grace, Have mercy on us and on the whole world."



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**CHOIR PRACTICE ~ New Members Always Welcome!!** Rehearsal is held regularly on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to learn the songs that will be sung at the weekend Masses and help you feel more comfortable singing with the congregation. Speak with Angela after Mass on any given Sunday.

**THINK "CLYNK"!!!** -- We have specially tagged **recycling bags** on the table in the rear of the church and parishioners are invited to take one and fill it with beverage containers: **glass, plastic or cans** —(can be mixed together with the tops on) taken to any Hannaford store and deposit the bag into the marked **"CLYNK"** kiosk and IHM parish will get credit for the deposit. OR if you are not near a Hannaford store, bring the bag to church and Matt Carabis can take it to the store to make the deposit. This is a great way to donate to the church and good for the environment at the same time.. This is a win-win situation.



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Mon., Nov 18**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Nov 19**  
9:00am—Donald Fisk, req by the family  
William T Fahr (9th Anniv), req by family

**Wed., Nov 20**  
9:00am—Leo, Gus and Barbara, req by Mr &  
Mrs Charles Adams

**Thurs., Nov 21**  
9:00am—Raymond J Werner, req by daughter

**Fri., Nov 22—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Nov 23**  
4:00pm—Margaret V Murphy (23rd Anniv), req  
by dgtr Ginny/grdgr Diane  
Living & deceased members of IHM

**Sun., Nov 24**  
8:30am—William Leahy, req by Bob & Carol  
Carlson

11:00am—Virginia O'Brien, req by Marilyn  
LaParl/Tony Cassidy  
Don & Marilyn MacMartin, req by the family  
Adam Novak (B'day), req by family

### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Nov 3-4, 2018.....\$7901.00

Nov 2-3, 2019.....\$5819.00