

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

November 24, 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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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 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus." Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, *"they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin."* In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity *"make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least."* Christ's kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. *"The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity."* Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together *"be with [him] in Paradise!"*

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November 28 - Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 9:00 AM



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 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

The Parish Office will be Closed on November 28th & Friday 29th for Thanksgiving Holiday.

May You All Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving



NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERY

We encourage all our families and parishioners 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 11am Mass. Deliveries will begin about 12:10.

COATS FOR THE COMMUNITY -

The 2019 Coats for the Community was a huge success. We gave away close to 200 warm coats and jackets on October 26th and 27th. **Thank you** for your kindness and generosity to strangers. With gratitude and blessings to you all!



VETERANS BRUNCH -

Thank you to the Black Bear Inn for the wonderful food; Jacob Ford, Michael Ford, Michael King, Jr., Peter Konteh and Karina Leibach for doing such a great job serving! A very special thank you to Jeanne and Tom Brennan, Paul Fahr, Jeff King, Sr., Michael King, Jr. (once again), Sharon Kowalski, Gin, Kendalyn and Keilani Maloney, Bill and Gloria Martin, Cindylee Murdza, Brenda Persons and Sue Szymczak for being such a supportive team! Last but definitely not least, thank you to all who attended in support of our Veterans!

NCYC 2019: November 21-23: Now Traveling Home—Two young people from our parish – Michael and Jacob Ford – will be returning from the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis on Sunday. We would like to thank our parishioners who have so generously supported our Faith Formation projects that makes things like this possible. We hope this faith-filled experience is something that remains with Michael and Jacob forever. God bless them on their journey home!!

SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Letter of James—On November 21, we began 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

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.

Faith Formation: For All Ages: *Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry*

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2019-2020 Faith Formation Sessions

Please note: There will be no AM or PM sessions on December 1.

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. Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

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 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 November/December

November 24: Family Mass, Thanksgiving Food Delivery
November 25: Prayer & Worship: 6pm in PLC
November 28 – December 15: Giving Tree

December 8: Elves' Attic, Faith Formation, PLC
December 8: Jammin' with Jesus
Choir Practice: December 5, 12, 19 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 & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & 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 & 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>

Reading-Colossians Chapter 1: "Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light".

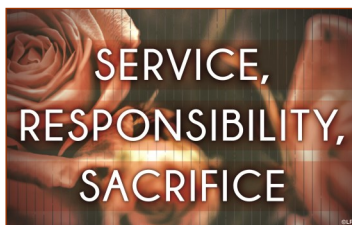
Pope Francis- Laudato Si: "the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters."

Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991: "it is the poor and the powerless who most directly bear the burden of current environmental carelessness. Their lands and neighborhoods are more likely to be polluted or to host toxic waste dumps, their water to be undrinkable, their children to be harmed."

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

A Gratitude Examen ~ Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What **G**ifts have You given me?
How have I **R**eceived love from others?
How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?
Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?
Where have I **M**issed Your movements?
Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?
How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?
Help me give **E**verything back to You! ©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.

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPES ~ Through this special collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. For more information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/chcd/collection.

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 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

Mon., Nov 25
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Nov 26
9:00am—Grandparents/Godparents, req by Mr & Mrs Charles Adams

Wed., Nov 27
9:00am—Farrell & Synan Families, Estate

Thurs., Nov 28-THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00am—For all parishioners of IHM

Fri., Nov 29—NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Nov 30
4:00pm—Michael Hack, req by the family
Lila & Doug Smith, req by Mike & Diane
Peter Strand, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

Sun., Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent
8:30am—Living and deceased members of Immaculate Heart of Mary
11:00am—Theresa Cassidy, req by Tony Cassidy & Marilyn LaParl



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in/E.G.)
Nov 10-11, 2018.....\$6922.00
Nov 9-10, 2019.....\$8232.00