

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## November 27, 2016

### Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM

### Weekday Schedule

Communion Service: Monday & 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.*

### HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister  
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director  
Deacon Mark Leonard

#### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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#### OFFICE HOURS:

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

#### Administrative Assistant

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#### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

2425 7th Avenue  
(518) 328-0427

#### Coordinator, Sharon Kowalski

[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)  
Call for appointment

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday prior to 4:00pm Mass  
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.

### Deacon Al's Corner

**Advent** – “What do you want for Christmas?” is a question that most of us have asked our loved ones. The implication is that the person we are asking is hoping for something. Does our loved one really need a new iPhone or iPad, or a new pair of earrings, perfume, a tie or a sweater? Unfortunately in our busy world we forget what is most important. What all of us need are the gifts that Jesus came to bring us – Love, Joy and Peace.

We are in a period of expectation, but not for something, but for someone! We are looking forward to the coming of Emmanuel – God with us. Pay attention to the readings from the Old Testament during Advent. Listen to what our ancestors were hoping for. Nothing in this world can compare with the gifts of the Incarnation that Jesus brings to us – Love, Joy and Peace!

**Open the Box** – OK, we know Jesus came to bring us gifts of – Love, Joy and Peace. But how do we get them? What do we do to receive them? Well they have actually been given to us, but like any other gifts we need to open the box. Remember my homily with HMP? Humility, mercy and prayer? We have to open our present like a child with humility. We have to be merciful and forgive anyone who may have offended us. And we have to pray.

**Please Pray for Peace** – Most people get very upset when they hear about an animal that has been mistreated, a puppy or a kitten. There's outrage at the mistreatment of animals, as well there should be. But everyday people are dying in wars from Afghanistan to Syria; and we don't hear the same outrage! What can we do? Pray. Pray that the message of Jesus gets heard. Pray that the Gospel message becomes a living reality. Pray that each of us evangelizes by bringing the Love, Joy and Peace of Jesus into our world – our families, our workplaces, and our communities.

**“No Room at the Inn”**—Our Social Justice/Advent Program is now underway. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 to help build a sturdy home in Haiti so a family no longer has to live in a shanty made of mud, sticks and scrap. The insert in this week's bulletin will give you more detailed information. The brown box on the back table is for your donation. If you would like to make a donation in someone's name, please write their name and address on a piece of paper and we will be glad to send them a letter letting them know that a donation was made in their name to **No Room at the Inn**. Please take a portion of what you spend on Christmas gifts and give to this project!!!

**VOCATIONS MINISTRY:** “Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and **we may walk in his paths.**” During Advent, take time to consider your vocation. What is God calling you to do? Seeking and doing God's will for you is always a guarantee to happiness. Do continue to pray for more young men and women to answer God's call by choosing to become priests, and/or members of a religious community. Do remember to sign up for the chalice on the back table and pick up a vocation prayer card.



**Help A Hero!** – Once again, due to your extreme generosity, we were able to send **10 large boxes** of goodies to our troops overseas. **Thank you!!**

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DELIVERIES: Thanks to All**

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Thanksgiving Food Deliveries. There were 20+ people delivering to the 60+ families registered for holiday deliveries. Young people and catechists from the PM session of Faith Formation and other volunteers were on hand to set up tables, bring over the turkeys and food items from the Food Pantry and load the items into waiting cars. Within 40 minutes, everything was delivered and put away. Kudos on a job well done!!

Your willingness to share your time for the benefit of others is one of the truly wonderful things about this Parish Community. May God bless you abundantly!!

**MARY'S KITCHEN: Winter Hours Begin Monday, November 28**—Please note: Beginning Monday, November 28, Mary's Kitchen will be open at our Winter Hours, 3 to 5pm.

We had a gift certificate raffle on Monday, November 14 for our soup kitchen guests. Winners were: \$15 McDonald's, Eve; \$15 Stewart's, Christine; \$10 McDonald's, Gina; \$10 Stewart's, Toby. Many thanks to our generous donors who make it possible for our soup kitchen guests to receive these gift certificates.

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike, to pick up a take-out meal or to enjoy an eat in meal to chat and relax with friends. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.



**Spiritual Adoption Program:**

The Developing Baby—your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. his heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. your baby is most vulnerable during the next month. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.



**Hannaford Gift Cards** are available for purchase at the Parish Office during the week. The Holidays are coming soon. Think Hannaford—they make great stocking stuffer gifts!



**Names of children needing our assistance are on the tree. Please take a tag, purchase a gift, wrap the gift and return with the tag on or before Sunday, December 11th.**

*Giving Tree*

**LECTORS 2017 WORKBOOK**—All lectors kindly pick up the copy for new liturgical year in the 1st room (right) off hallway in church. Please sign your name on sheet when you take your book. The new season begins on weekend of Nov 26-27.

**IHM Website: What's Happening???** - Have you been on the IHM website, [www.rcpw.weebly.com](http://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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)**  
**November 27: First Sunday in Advent**

There will be no AM or PM sessions on November 27 because of the Thanksgiving break. Sessions will resume at the regular time on December 4.

**Veteran's Day Coffee Hour**

Many thanks to all who helped with the Veteran's Day Coffee hour, hosted by Mr. Gleason's grade 5/6/7. It was a special opportunity to honor all those who have served and preserved our way of life and the freedoms we enjoy in this country. It was also a wonderful time to get together and celebrate community..

**Sunday, December 4: Advent Breakfast, Elves' Attic, Family Mass**

Breakfast will be served to our young people in the AM session at the Parish Life Center during our regular morning session. We will also have an "Elves Attic" at that time for our Faith Formation children. Christmas items will be available for purchase from \$.25 to \$1.00. To round out the morning, our young people will sing the closing song at Mass, "We Are Marching".



**Faith Formation Theme 2016-2017: Prayer and Works of Mercy**

**AM sessions for grades Pre-k to 7 are 9:45 to 10:55, with Mass at 11AM. PM sessions for grades 6 to 10+ are 12:15 to 1:15pm, following the 11am Mass.**

**Please call the Faith Formation office at 328-0427 to register your child or for details about our Faith Formation Program,**

**Here's What's Coming Up in November/December**

November 28: Prayer and Worship

December 4: Faith Formation: Breakfast for AM session &Elves Attic

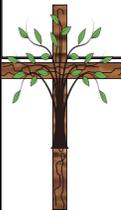
December 12: Gathering Disciples (Evangelization)

December 17: Giving Tree

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)**

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K to grade 3** to go 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.

<b>In Memoriam ~ 2017</b>		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/15/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/8/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/23/17</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>4/23/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John G Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/19/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/29/17</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/22/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/22/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/1/17</small></p>
		<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/1/17</small></p>

**SCRIPTURE STUDY:**

**Gospel of Matthew**

You are invited to join us December 1, from 6pm to 7pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for questions and a discussion of Chapter 14 of the Gospel of Matthew, Instructions to the Twelve. For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for 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?**

Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it happen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon email: [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org), or at 328-0427.



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., Nov 26  
4:00pm—Michael Hack, req by family  
Thomas Raleigh (Anniv), req by family  
Perry & Ellen Moak, req by Brenda Persons

Sun., Nov 27  
8:30am—Bob Fahr, req by Jim/Jane Hayes  
Sr Mary Timothy LaBarge, req by Dorothy/Allen Styno  
Betty Judge, req by Tom/Jane Hanley

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

Mon., Nov 28  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Nov 29 MASS  
9:00am—Elaine Coons, req by dghter Patricia  
Raymond J Werner, req by his daughter

Wed., Nov 30 MASS  
9:00am—Raymond Hebert, req by aunt Lucille

Thurs., Dec 1 Mass  
9:00am—Bob Fahr, req by Lilia Langford  
Bill Dyer, req by Judith Pope

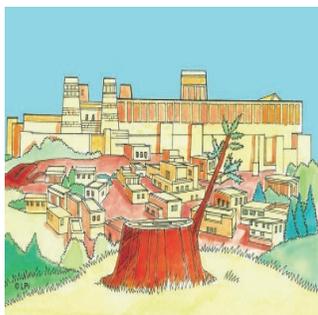
Fri., Dec 2  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Dec 3  
4:00pm—Nancy/Michael Mamone, req by Sophie  
Sandy Billings (B'day), req by Sophie  
The Vartigian & Farrell families, req by the family

Sun., Dec 4  
8:30am—Bob Fahr, req by Brenda Persons  
John G Hanley, req by the Fahr family  
Francis P Pitaniello, req by the Fahr family

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM

**First Sunday of Advent: Stay awake! ...Be prepared.** The advice is clear enough. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. When the ultimate Advent comes—when Jesus returns—we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field.



Advent is a time to pay attention. Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ? St. Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light hinders physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite

Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again—even like a thief in the night—he will find us ready and waiting.

**"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!!



**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**  
**Weekly Collection (including mail-in)**  
Nov 14-15, 2015.....\$7789.00  
Nov 12-13, 2016.....\$7689.00