

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY

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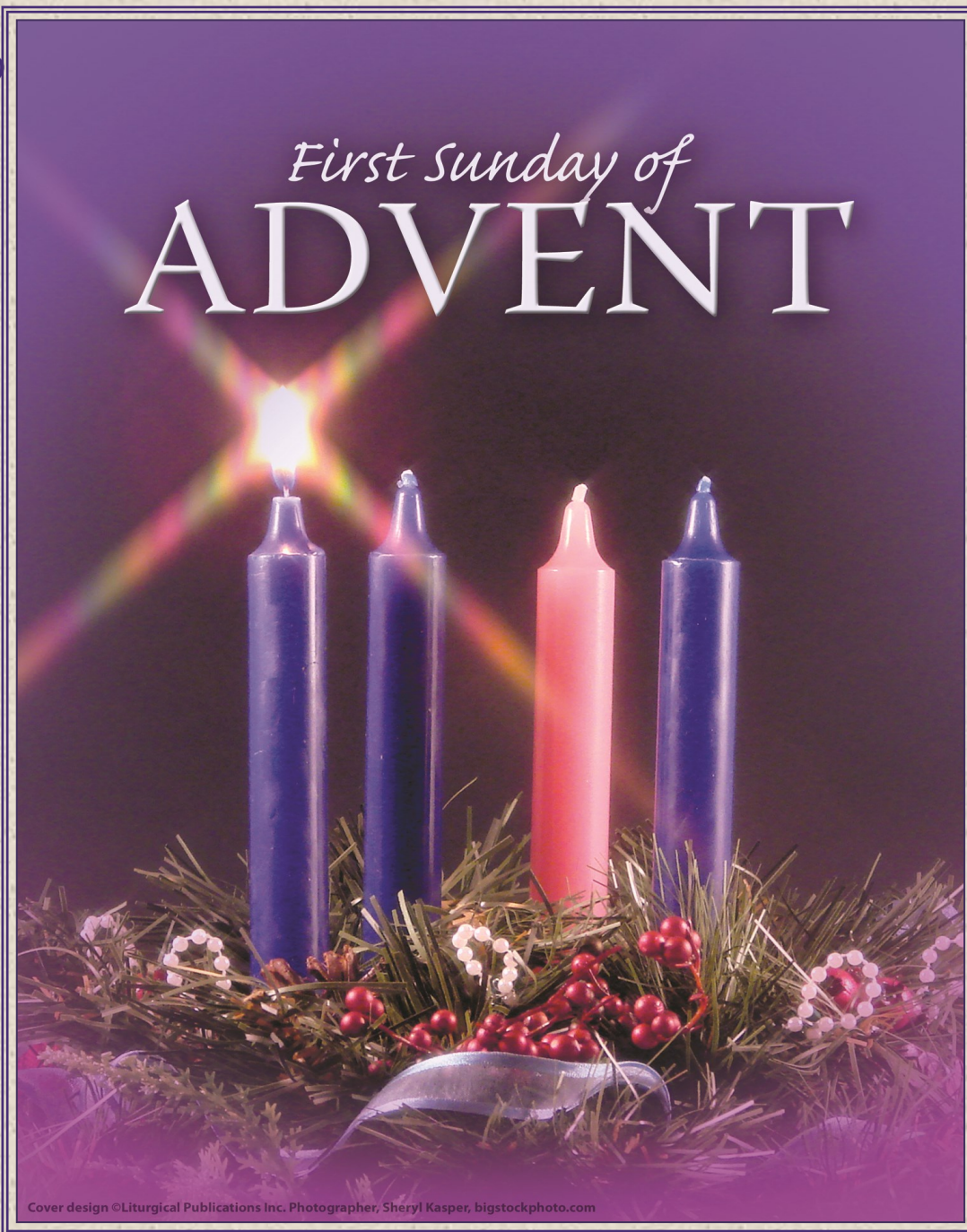
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NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Schedule

9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am

Family Dinner Nite ~ Friday, December 2: 6 to 8pm

Please join us for our monthly Family Dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center in Watervliet on **Friday, Dec. 2** from **6 - 8pm**. Parents and children are invited for a pizza dinner, to meet local families and spend time together. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



Register with this QR code by Wednesday that week.



Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!! ~ Please note: Mary's Kitchen open at the regular time on Monday, November 28.

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!! All are welcome; parishioners, neighbors and friends!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Older Children ~ If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry -
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Faith Formation: 2022-2023

Please note: We will not meet for Faith Formation on November 27.

We will meet again on **December 4**, at which time we will begin practice for the **Christmas play**. On **December 11**, we will have practice in addition to participating in **Elves Attic**. Our last practice for the play will be on **December 18**. After Mass on the 18th, we will go **Caroling** in the neighborhood, followed by a **pizza party** in the Parish Life Center.

Faith Formation sessions for 2022-2023 are on Sundays at 9:30am in the Faith Formation Center. Sessions are open to children from 3 years through Confirmation. Sacramental programs require a two year preparation in the Faith Formation sessions.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Scripture: "What We Believe, the Beauty of the Catholic Faith - We will meet for Scripture on Thursday, December 1.

In session seven, we take a deeper look at the sacraments. God's life – His love and grace – is communicated to us in the Liturgy and the sacraments. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the graces of the paschal mystery become real to us in the Liturgy and the sacraments. As we explore the sacraments, what each of them is and what they accomplish, we will better understand and appreciate how they are a chief means through which the Lord sanctifies and transforms us.

Come join us. It is a wonderful, welcoming group that gathers on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm!! We meet to learn and share how our faith and the Word of God has touched our lives. No homework, no materials to buy. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments - Being Surprised by Christ

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit *snooze* just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: *You know the time. The time is now*. We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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In Memoriam ~ 2022 ~ 23

In loving memory of
John A O'Brien
requested by the Family

10/29/23

In loving memory of
Joseph V Germano
requested by the Family

6/11/23

In loving memory of
John T Sherlock
requested by his wife and Family

4/23/23

In memory of our beloved son
Michael D Kowalski
requested by
Michael and Sharon Kowalski

3/19/23

In loving memory of
William T Sr, Julia F
and Robert A Fahr
requested by the Family

2/19/23

In loving memory of
Albert P Morelli,
Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan
requested by Don & Patti Hogan

2/19/23

In loving memory of our Families:
The Carlsons, The Mardigans,
The Foleys & The Butlers
requested by Bob & Carol Carlson

2/15/23

In loving memory of
Bryan T Roberts (son)
Raymond & Helen Werner (parents)
requested by Judith Pope

1/15/23

In loving memory of
The Barron & Rys Families
requested by the Family

1/15/23

Christmas Giving ~ Before we know it Christmas will be here! Once again this year we will be requesting donations for our families in need. The wooden "Donation box" will be on the table in the back of the Church **beginning Saturday, November 26th and remain in place until Sunday December 18th.**

Remember, *"In the miracle that is Christmas, the kindness of strangers can turn despair into joy and a renewed sense of hopefulness."*

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our Christmas program!



Advent Wreath



Question: *What's the story behind the Advent wreath?*

Answer: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who *"shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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Unleashing Love Women's Retreat ~ "Awakening our Hearts to Share God's Love."

When: **Saturday, December 10, 2022**

Location: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY

Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM. Box lunch, and beverages included.

The Retreat will include: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger.

To register: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove> Note: Credit / debit card users -- ignore PayPal and use the black button bar to pay via credit / debit card.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 26

4:00pm—Audrey O'Hare, req by Fahr family
Melissa Ann Bressette, req by Brenda Persons
Michael J Hack, Sr, req by family

Sun., Nov 27

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Edward Baniak, Jr, req by Barbara Voland

Theresa Cassidy, req by Marilyn LaParl/Tony Cassidy

Maureen McBain, req by Tina & Marianne

Tues., Nov 29

9:00am—Mary Louise DeCotis, Estate

Wed., Nov 30

9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

Thurs., Dec 1

9:00am—Patrick & Rose Delsignore, req by dgtrs

Sat., Dec 3

4:00pm—Dolores Phelps, req by Brenda Persons

Audrey O'Hare, req by Bob/Sandy Beston

Karen Delduce, req by Ginny & Diane Jakubics

Sun., Dec 4

7:30am—Charles Bulson, req by the family

David Crowley, Sr, req by mom & family

Kathy Macpherson, req by Cindy Lee Murdza

11:00am—Cornelius Heffernan, req by Mary & Barb Crowley

Edward Baniak, Jr, req by Fred/Margaret

Gonsowski

Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by husband Don

Prayer Ministry - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact **Brenda at 518-961-0169**.

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