

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 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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#### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY CENTER

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

[skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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 ~

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *"In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left."* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

*"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon. ©LPi

**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).

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

December 10, 2019

9:30 AM & 6:30 to 7:30 PM





**GIVING TREE** - Your generosity is always overwhelming!!! We must ask you to remember that some children on the Giving Tree have many siblings. It does not seem fair that one child would receive six or seven gifts while others receive only two. If you are able to buy additional gifts, please consider taking another tag. Gifts should not cost more than \$25.00. Please remember to wrap your gifts, place the tag securely on the package and return by the weekend of December 14/15. Again, thank you for your generosity.

**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.

**NEWS FROM NCYC 2019**—The two young people from our parish - Michael and Jacob Ford - will be sharing some of their experiences with our young people in Faith Formation and any interested parishioners after the holidays. We'll keep you posted on when this will happen!!

Once again, we would like to thank our parishioners who have been so generous to our young people in Faith Formation. You make all that we do possible. God bless you always for your caring and support!!

**Collection of Personal Care Items for Joseph's House**—At our trip to Joseph's House in October, we learned there was a desperate need for personal care items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo and deodorant. Did you know there are only two bathrooms in that facility that houses up to 22 single people and up to 4 or 5 families? As a result, most of their personal care items are kept in their individual backpacks. In Faith Formation, we will be collecting these items, putting them together in individual packets and delivering them the week before Christmas. If you would like to help us, items for the packets may be dropped off at the Faith Formation Center or in the Parish Office. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**NOVEMBER 24: THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERY** Many thanks to all our families, parishioners and all who make this outreach to our community possible.

We give thanks to God for you always!!



**SCRIPTURE SHARING: The Letter of James**—Our new series is on the Letter of James. 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. We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm in the Parish Life Center. Why not join us?? For more information, please 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*

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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. Questions, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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: December 8**

We will have practice for the Christmas play on December 8 at 9:30am in the church. Please contact Mrs. Carabis at [mcarnbis@aol.com](mailto:mcarnbis@aol.com) or Mrs. Kowalski at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) if you have any questions.

### **Elves Attic: December 8**

Our young people in the AM session of Faith Formation will meet in the Parish Life Center at 9:45am on December 8 for an opportunity to purchase some gifts for their families and friends. Items will be priced at \$1.00 or less. Contact Mrs. Kowalski at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) for 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 December**

December 8: Elves' Attic, Faith Formation, 9:45am in the PLC


December 8: Practice for Christmas play, 9:30am in the church

↑ December 8: Jammin' with Jesus

December 15: Caroling after the 11am Mass followed by an Advent

↓ Pizza party



In Memoriam ~ 2019~2020		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/25/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family &amp; Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks &amp; Family</p> <p>5/24/20</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>5/19/20</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 Galagher 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>

**Reading-Romans 13:12** "Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light".

**Pope Francis- Laudato Si:** "The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air, and in all forms of life."

**Catholic Social Teaching-USCCB,1991:** "At its core, the environmental crisis is a moral challenge. It calls us to examine how we use and share the goods of the earth, what we pass on to future generations, and how we live in harmony with God's creation."

**Care 4 Creation:** "Lord, send forth Your Spirit, O Holy Trinity, spare us".

**"UNPLANNED" (the movie) will be shown at Sacred Heart Church, 33 Walter Street, Albany 12/1** — The pro-life movie "Unplanned" will be shown at Sacred Heart Church, 33 Walter Street, Albany, New York, on Sunday, **December 1, 2019 at 2:15 p.m.**, after the 12:30 p.m. mass. "What she saw changed everything". Come and see what she saw. Contact Margaret Purcell (518) 453-9302 for more information. The movie was given an R rating by a secular movie rating agency; however, parents should use their own discretion. This event is free; a free will offering will be collected. "Unplanned" is sponsored by the Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe, dedicated to defending the unborn through prayer and fasting, in association with St. Joseph's Church, Troy, New York.

**PRAYER CHALICE ~** A chalice is used at every Mass to consecrate the wine into the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Each weekend, a different family or person will receive the chalice at Mass and commit themselves to pray daily for vocations. If you are interested in participating in this program, please make contact through the sign up stubs in the back of the church or call the parish office to be scheduled at 518 273-6020.



**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 INTENTION BOOK**—The Mass Intention Book is open for December 2019 and also available now; January & February 2020. You are invited to stop in Parish Office during business hours to reserve a Mass request. If you are not able to visit during hours, please call the office (518 273-6020) and we will be happy to assist you. All Mass requests are entered on first come, first serve basis.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

**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

**Mon., Dec 2**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Dec 3**  
9:00am—Thomas & Helen Sullivan, Estate

**Wed., Dec 4**  
9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by his wife

**Thurs., Dec 5**  
9:00am—Saundar S Cummings, Estate

**Fri., Dec 6—NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Sat., Dec 7**  
4:00pm—Cynthia Knorr, req by Bob & Carol  
Carlson

**Sun., Dec 8**  
8:30am—David Crowley, req by mom & family  
Richard/Elaine Burke, req by Mick & Anne  
Dembrosky

11:00am—Thelma/John Paul, req by the family  
Living & deceased members of IHM

### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

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

Nov 10-11, 2018.....\$6922.00

Nov 9-10, 2019.....\$8232.00

Nov 17-18, 2018.....\$5043.00

Nov 16-17, 2019.....\$5898.00