

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of ADVENT



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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4pm

Sunday - 8:30 & 11am

Weekday Schedule

9:00am Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Adoration of Eucharist

Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11am

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*The Penance Service will be held on December 15, 2021
Wednesday morning following the 9:00 AM Mass
and Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM*



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 donation box will be on the table in the back of the Church beginning **November 26th** and will remain in place **until Sunday, December 19th**. 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!



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

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Faith Formation: 2021-2022

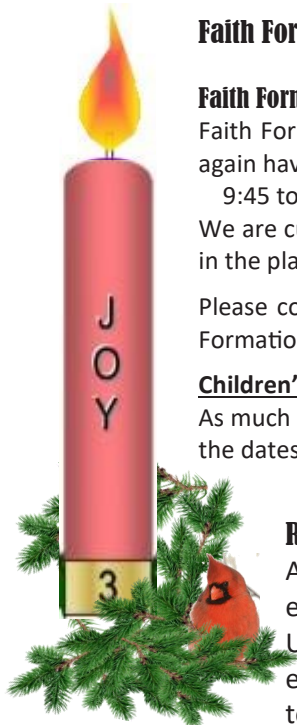
Faith Formation sessions will be in person sessions every other week until January 2022, at which time we hope to again have weekly sessions. The remaining session for 2021 is December 19. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am.

We are currently practicing for the Christmas Eve play which will take place at the 4:30 Mass. If your child will not be in the play they will come to their regular Faith Formation sessions on December 19.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

As much as we would like, we can't return to a full schedule yet. We are working on a monthly schedule and will post the dates as soon as they are determined.



Results from the Pasta Dinner: Have you noticed??

After TEN years, we finally have a sign designating where the Parish Life Center and handicapped entrance are. Our goal for the Pasta Dinner was to raise enough money to purchase those signs. Unfortunately, the signs were a little more costly than we initially thought. We raised \$730 (after expenses) from the Pasta dinner. Rosary came to the rescue and donated the final \$500 we needed to complete this project. Many thanks to all who helped us to make this happen!! The signs were created and installed by STRIPES, the Sign Shop of Watervliet.

Scripture Sharing: The Chosen ~ We've finished watching all the episodes from Season One and Two of "The Chosen". On December 16, we'll gather for a small Advent party of pizza and wings and a discussion of how we encountered Jesus and the disciples over the last several weeks.

We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm:

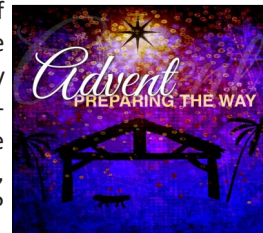
ALL ARE WELCOME! ~ Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

As you get ready to purchase bakery items for the holidays, don't forget to stop at Schuyler Bakery. They so generously provide us with rolls for sandwiches every week. Many thanks to them for their part in providing for our Mary's Kitchen guests.

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

RESPOND to the *Call*

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice! ©LPI



RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and 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.



In Memoriam ~ 2022

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

10/23/22

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

4/10/22

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

3/20/22

In loving memory of
Adam & Katherine Novak
John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot
requested by the Family

3/6/22

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

2/20/22

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

2/6/22

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

1/23/22

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

1/16/22

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

1/16/22

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL LISTING ~ The Christmas flower memorial listing is now being prepared and will be placed on the back table in Church in time for Christmas. If you would like a loved one listed in this flyer, **please submit** the names on the 'Christmas flowers' envelope **by Dec. 19th weekend** deadline. You may also call the parish office during business hours and we will be happy to assist you.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec 11

4:00pm—Joseph Zawistowski, req by Bob & Sandy Beston

The Beston Family, req by family
Living & dec'd members of IHM

Sun., Dec 12

8:30am—Mary Dankulich, req by Fred Margaret Gonsowski

Joseph Zawistowski, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Mary McNulty, req by Bob & Carol Carlson

11:00am—Paul Esposito, req by the family
Paul Marziani, Sr (1st Anniv), req by wife Yolanda
Antoinette V. Reisner, req by Lorraine Alund

Tues., Dec., 14

9:00am—Gonsowski family, req by son & daughter

Wed., Dec 15

9:00am—Jerry Mastan, req by Pat & Ron Boisvert

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - DEC. 15
Morning - after 9:00am Mass
Evening Service - 7:00 pm

Thurs., Dec 16

9:00am—Gill Shareen, req by Food Pantry

Sat., Dec 18

4:00pm—The Beston family, req by the family
C Bradley Culkin, req by Martha/Ronald Soucy
Joan Ross, req by Gene & Cindy Cocca

Sun., Dec 19

8:30am—Marc Fitorre, req by the Lamb family
Jerry Mastan, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Living & dec'd members of IHM

11:00am—Paul Esposito, Sr, req by the family
William/Margaret Knapp, req by the family
Virginia/William Riedy, req by sister Maureen

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G)

Nov 27-28, 2021 ... \$5781.00

Prayer Ministry If you would like prayers for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord's presence in their midst. How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?

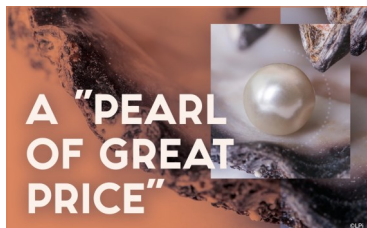
Second Reading:

As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord. How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?

Gospel:

John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work. What would this look like for you in your current station in life?

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A "PEARL
OF GREAT
PRICE"

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DO YOU LIKE
TO SING??

NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS
WELCOME!!

PRICE CHOPPER REGISTER TAPES ~

You can drop them off at the parish office or in the white striped box located in the Church Lobby next to the Food Pantry wicker basket. Questions? please call Brenda Persons at 518-271-6184.