



4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29, 2017

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM

Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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

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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

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

Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home – Pope Francis's Encyclical speaks of our common home and the dangers to it. The Holy Father, referring to the Earth as a sister, states that "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. -- We require a new solidarity. -- All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."

We may not consciously do things to harm the environment. However, we should try to be aware of how our actions, our use of resources, and our recycling efforts impact the environment so that "Sister Earth" may continue to flourish for future generations as God intended.

Palms from 2016 – speaking of recycling, starting next weekend, February 4th and 5th and for the following two weekends, we will have a basket in the entrance of the church for you to place your Palms from last year. We will burn the palms and use the ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.



Chili Cook-off – February 5th – Get your recipes out and start cooking?! And eating soon?!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS—God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to



serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

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

IHM PRAYER MINISTRY—Contact Brenda Persons at 271-6184 if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one who is ill or undergoing surgery.

COME JOIN US—We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To begin the registration process, please fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday. We will send you a new membership form for registration. Thank you

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:00—5:00pm—Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, we had a gift certificate raffle for our Mary's Kitchen guests on Monday, January 23. The 5 winners are:

Stewart's, \$15, Mike; Stewart's, \$15, Ricky; Dunkin Donuts, \$10, Lynette; Dunkin Donuts, \$10, Ana; and McDonald's, \$10, John.

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.



Sunday, Feb.5: Superbowl "Chili Cook-Off"

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be sponsoring its **9th Pre-game Super bowl Chili Cook-off** on Sunday, February 5th from noon to 2PM. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Have a chili recipe that you've been bragging about for years that is just the best ever??? Now's the time to put your spices to the test...come join us on February 5th to share or to sample some of the best chili in the Northeast. **The Cook-off is open to family and friends of all IHM parishioners.**



FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Pre-k-grade 1 Coffee Hour: Wonderful!!

Last Sunday, January 22, our Grades Pre-k, K and grade 1, hosted a Coffee hour after the 11am Mass in the Parish Life Center. Thanks to all who attended and especially to our wonderful hosts and hostesses!!

Sponsor/Candidate Gathering: January 29

The Faith Formation Confirmation Team has planned a special afternoon for our Confirmation candidates, their sponsors, and parents on this Sunday, January 29. Beginning at 11am, we'll all meet in the church and attend the 11am Mass as a group. Afterwards, we'll head over to the Parish Life Center to prepare a meal together, followed by a prayer service and some activities. This is a great opportunity for our candidates and their sponsors/parents to get together, interact and experience their Catholic faith.

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,

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.

Here's What's Coming Up in January/February

January 29: Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Dinner

February 5: Chili Cook-off

February 12: Resurrection Bake Sale for benefit of Smile Train

February 12: A Bake Sale and a Chance to Change a Life



Confirmation candidates and Mr. Gleason's grade 5-7 will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale on February 12 after the 11AM Mass in the Parish Life Center. All monies raised from the sale will go to The Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate and cleft lip surgeries for children living in poor countries throughout the world.

In the United States, this is a relatively simple surgery done shortly after birth. Children born to parents in poorer countries face a lifetime of rejection, ridicule – even abandonment. They truly lack the opportunity to live a full life within their community.

Our goal is always to raise enough money – approximately \$275 per child – to provide as many children as possible with this life giving and life changing surgery. With your prayers and support, we know we will be able to accomplish a rebirth for these children...a second chance at life. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to Immaculate Heart of Mary, with Smile Train in the memo section. Cash donations may be put in an envelope marked "Smile Train" and put in the collection basket or brought to the bake sale.

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In Memoriam ~ 2017

 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12/17/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/15/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10/8/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/2/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/2/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/23/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4/23/17</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2/19/17</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;">1/29/17</p>
<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/23/17</p>		

Reflections of Pope Francis

Zephaniah 2:3—"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger."

Laudato Si paragraph 67

"Although it is true that we Christians have at times incorrectly interpreted the Scriptures, nowadays we must forcefully reject the notion that our being created in God's image and given dominion over the earth justifies absolute domination over other creatures."

CONCERNING MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: PLEASE NOTICE

MASS INTENTIONS for Week-end Masses in the MONTH OF APRIL will be available on request (first come first served basis) starting Monday, February 6th.

Weekday Masses are still available for February, March and will also be available for April, starting February 6th.

When Doing Your Estate Remember Your Parish



Sat., Jan 28
Sergio Sericolo, req by Jim Tracey
Edward J Legnard (32nd Anniv), req by Eleanor & family
Concetta Provenza, req by Fahr family

Sun., Jan 29
8:30am—Lv'g & dec'd mem of IHM
11:00am—Wm & Margaret Knapp, req by family
Fred Ross, req by Cindy/Gene Cocca
G Robert (Hack) Harris (Anniv), req by the family

Mon., Jan 30
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Jan 31 MASS
9:00am—Shirley Walsh, req by M/M C Smith

Wed., Feb 1 MASS
9:00am—Norman Stebbins, req by the family

Thurs., Feb 2 MASS
9:00am—Rose Madlin (B'day), req by the family

Fri., Feb 3
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Feb 4
4:00pm—Frederick Ross, req by Brenda Persons
Margaret M Grigg, req by Fahr family
Patricia Kane, req by Eileen/Jim Germaine

Sun., Feb 5
8:30am—Joseph J Crowley, Sr, req by wife & family
Paul Esposito, Sr, req by the family
Cheryl M Gleason Holley, req by David/Debbie Clements & family

11:00am—The Living & deceased members of IHM

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew—You are invited to join us Thursday, February 2, from 6pm to 7pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for Questions and a discussion of Chapter 17 of the Gospel of Matthew, The Transfiguration.

Do you need any scholarly background or previous knowledge of Scripture to join us?? The team at Ascension Press, which guides us through each chapter, has done all that for us. Everyone is welcome to come and discover the roots of our faith and share the fellowship. Jeff Cavins is the presenter. He is not only knowledgeable, but very entertaining. Why not stop in this week and see if this is something you would like to be part of?

For more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

Weather Look Bad Outside??!! Watch Local TV Station
When there is a Watervliet School closing announced due to snow or severe weather conditions, there will be **NO** morning Mass nor Communion Service that day!



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Jan 16-17, 2016.....\$5126.00	Jan 14-15, 2017.....\$6950.00
Jan 24-25, 2016.....\$4279.00	Jan 21-22, 2017.....\$6088.00