



**WATERVLIIET/GREEN ISLAND**

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5, 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

#### 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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Mary Beth Knapik

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Matthew Carabis

#### 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

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

**Spotlight on Service** – There are many opportunities to serve in the various ministries in the Parish. We have two organizations we are placing in the spotlight this month, one for women and one for men, both have contributed to the parish over many years:

**The Rosary Society** – for information contact or to join Linda Dunbar at 209-6446.

**The Knights of Columbus** – for more information or to join contact Jim Howard at 783-8553 or Ed Kennedy at 928-1926.

**Mass Intentions** – We are very happy to be receiving many requests for Masses of Remembrance. Unfortunately, from time to time, we either run out of available dates on weekends, or are unable to accommodate your needs for another reason. We only have two Masses each weekend that can be scheduled for loved ones. Consider selecting a week day Mass if you can. Thank you.

**Inclement Weather** – We hope that the inclement weather is over for this winter; but we may have a few more storms in our future. Remember if the schools in Watervliet are closed because of the weather we will not have a Communion Service or Mass that day.

**Palms** – Don't forget to bring in last year's palms if you want us to burn them.



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**—Almighty God, You have given me the gift of life, and the gift of your Holy Spirit. For these incredible gifts, I thank you. Help me to use them well. Deepen within me a desire to do your will. Help me to hear and answer your call to serve you. Guide me to the vocation you have chosen for me, as a loving spouse and parent in the Sacrament of Marriage, as a single person living a life of generous service, or through a special call to serve you in Religious Life or the Priesthood. May your Holy Spirit keep me always close to your Son Jesus, and help me to say yes to Him with the gift of my life. Amen.

**REFLECTIONS OF ST FRANCIS**—Isaiah 58:7—"Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

Laudato Si paragraph 67—"Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations. 'The earth is the Lord's' (Ps 24:1); to him belongs 'the earth with all that is within' (Dt 10:14).

**ALL ARE WELCOME**—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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will be sponsoring its **9th Pre-game Superbowl Chili Cook-off** on Sunday, February 5th from noon to 2PM.



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.**

**You can come, enjoy some great chili and STILL BE HOME IN TIME FOR THE BIG GAME!!**



Cook-off



### **FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages**

**Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry, [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)**

#### **Building the Kingdom of God through Kindness and Love**

Recently, our young children in Faith Formation began receiving their own church envelopes. As important as it is to support our church financially, it is equally as important for all of us to contribute to building the Kingdom of God through demonstrating acts of kindness and love to those around us. There is a place on the envelope to record some of those things.

We asked our young people to share with us some the ways that they are doing just that: "**helping Mom put clothes away**"; "**babysitting my cousin Johnny**"; "**cooking dinner for my family**"; "**saying my prayers and being kind to my friends**"; "**going to church**"; "**lighting a candle and saying a prayer for my friend, Camden**".

May God continue to bless them as they are blessing others!!

#### **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 **PreK 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 February**

February 12: Resurrection Bake Sale for benefit of Smile Train

February 13: Gathering Disciples (Evangelization)

February 18: Funeral Workshop, 1 to 3pm

February 28: Mardi Gras

### **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.

Questions? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 or email [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

**MARY'S KITCHEN: 3:00—5:00pm**—The cold weather hasn't kept our Mary's Kitchen guests away. Our numbers continue to be about 50+ each Monday afternoon. Special thanks to Deacon Mark whose donation of a chicken provided us with the means to prepare a chicken & stuffing casserole, a favorite with many of our guests.

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.

## In Memoriam ~ 2017

 <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/17/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/15/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/8/17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/30/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/23/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/2/17</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/2/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">4/23/17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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; font-size: small;">4/23/17</p>

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

2/19/17

**CONCERNING MASS INTENTION REQUESTS: PLEASE NOTICE**

**MASS INTENTIONS for Weekend 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, and March.**



**SCRIPTURE STUDY: *Gospel of Matthew***—You are invited to join us Thursday, February 9, from 6pm to 7pm in Parish Life Center for a DVD on 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults**—We would like to welcome Princess, Olivia and Jonnie who have recently joined our Sacramental preparation group. We are so happy to have them with us here at IHM.

*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](mailto: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 31-Feb 1, 2016.....\$5625.00	Jan 28-29, 2017..... \$6525.00

**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.



**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

**Mon., Feb 6**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tues., Feb 7 MASS**  
9:00am—Lidia Belokopitsky, req by Frederick Hudy

**Wed., Feb 8 MASS**  
9:00am—J Donald O'Hare (10th Anniv), req by the O'Hare family

**Thurs., Feb 9 MASS**  
9:00am—Farrell & Synan family

**Fri., Feb 10**  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

**Sat., Feb 11**  
4:00pm—Living & Dec'd members of IHM

**Sun., Feb 12**  
Cecile Richici, req by Brenda/8 & 40 Auxilliary  
Marion Zanghi, req by Brenda Persons  
John Styno, req by Rita Harris

11:00am—Thomas Alund, req by Lorraine  
Marion Zanghi, req by Joyce Novak  
Charles Krikorian, req by Frederick Hudy