



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Weekday Schedule
Communion Service: Monday and Friday at 9:00 AM
Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM

All Are Welcome

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

The Anointing of the Sick will be administered the first full weekend of each month, immediately after each Mass.

Deacon Al's Corner

Summer Time – Some of you will remember the George Gershwin song: **Summertime**. “Summertime and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. Oh, your daddy's rich and your mamma's good lookin' so hush little baby don't you cry. One of these mornings You're going to rise up singing, then you'll spread your wings, and you'll take to the sky. But until that morning there's a'nothing can harm you with your daddy and mammy standing by.”

Summer Time is a very hopeful song, as it concludes with “there's a'nothing can harm you with your daddy and mammy standing by.” Living is not easy for everyone. Some people don't have enough to eat or drink; some have health issues or are dealing with addictions, unemployment or abuse in their family. Jesus tells his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? (**Matthew 6:25, 26**)

Thank you for all you do to help our sisters and brothers in need. You are the hands of God.

Vacation – You won't see me for the next couple of weeks. “Livin will be easy” some of the time; but not all of the time because my wife has “a honey do list. I'll see you in August!



Vocation Ministry—A vocation is a calling or summoning by God to love and serve Him in a particular station in life. Discerning your vocation is a very personal process between you and God, and is best achieved through consistent prayer. The Catholic Church is in need of all vocations. Of course there is an essential need for more vocations to the priesthood, but the church also needs more deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, as well as Christian married couples and singles. Please take some time with God to pray for an increase in all these vocations.

The next parishioner to take the Vocations Prayer Chalice home for one week to pray for an increase in vocations in the Church is Nancy Comley. All are encouraged to participate in the Vocations Prayer Chalice program. It's an easy, yet compelling way to pray for vocations in the Church. Sign-up slips are located by the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue in the back of the church. Let's never forget the power of prayer!



RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults—Need to receive sacraments —Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? **Something to consider - Do you know that in order to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation, you must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)???**

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.

Faith Formation—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
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Sunday, July 16: Prek Day

We will be having a special Pre-k Day on Sunday, July 16th immediately following the 11am Mass in the Parish Life Center. All pre-k children are invited - and they can even bring their parents and siblings!! There will be snacks, crafts, games and ideas to help keep God in their lives. Don't forget to invite family, neighbors and friends who have PreK-ers!!

For additional information contact Sharon Kowalski at 518 328-0427.

Faith Formation Theme for 2017-2018: For Love of Our Common Home

As part of our theme this year, we will be participating in the Crayon Initiative. The Crayon Initiative takes used crayons and recycles them into new packages of crayons. 20,000 packs of crayons have been donated to 35 children's hospitals since 2015 and has prevented 75,000 pounds of crayons from going into landfills.

Currently, AC Moore has collection boxes inside their stores and you may bring your used crayons there.

Faith Formation Information

Please call the Faith Formation office at 328-0427 or contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org for information or questions about our Faith Formation Program.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Please note: CLOW will be on hiatus until September.

Here's What's Coming Up in July

July 15/16: Missionary Cooperative

July 16: Pre-k Day, after the 11am Mass

July 17: Gathering Disciples, 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center

July 19: Social Justice, 11am in the Parish Life Center

July 24: Adoration, 9:30am to noon

Gathering Disciples (Evangelization):

July 17—There will be a Gathering Disciples meeting on Monday, July 17 at 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

Scripture Study: Gospel of Matthew—

Join us July 20 from 6pm to 7pm in the Faith Formation and Ministry Center for a questions and a discussion of Chapter 28 of the Gospel of Matthew, **The Triumph of the King**. Next week, we will conclude the Gospel of Matthew with a dvd in the Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518 328-0427

IHM Prayer Ministry—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, call Brenda Persons at 271-6184 .

National NFP (Natural Family Planning) Awareness Week—July 23-July 29, 2017 theme: It's Time! Say "Yes" to God's Plan for Married Love. “Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality.” Resources: **USCCB:** <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/index.cfm> **Roman Catholic diocese of Albany:** <http://www.rcda.org/Offices/ministry/formation/nfp.html>

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays: 3 to 5pm—Many thanks to Bill and Gloria Martin for preparing a Ziti dinner and dessert for our guests!! We are so appreciative of your generosity!!



Every Monday, 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. Don't feel like cooking? Come join us!!

Questions?? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

“Treasure Map Collage Workshop”—The Dominican Retreat and Conference Center will hold this workshop on July 22, 2017 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Presenter: Artist Joan Oliver. \$20. Info/reservations, call Center at **518 393-4169** Monday thru Friday, 8:30am—4:30pm, email dslcny@nybiz.rr.com or visit www.dslcny.org.

“Sundaes on Sunday”—Drop in and cool off with your family, friends and neighbors at the 15th annual ice cream extravaganza on August 20, 2017; 12Noon—4PM. Tour the Center and learn more about the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center. The musical choir will be presenting concerts at 1pm and 2:30pm. Enter the drawing for a Free Retreat Weekend! There will be a Child ID Program as well as an *Adult Medical Safety ID Program provided by New York Life. For *Adult Program, bring a list of prescriptions you are currently taking and name/s and phone numbers/s of your doctor/s. This information goes on the card you will receive. Oh, and did we mention it's all FREE?? For information, call the reference number above/ email or visit website. Address: 1945 Union Street, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

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.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

In Memoriam - 2017

 <p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>12/17/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>11/12/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>10/22/17</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/15/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Coccia requested by his wife and Children <small>10/8/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>9/10/17</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>8/20/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>7/30/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford <small>7/23/17</small></p>
<p>Mass Intentions for Week</p> <p>Sat., July 15 4:00pm—The Deck Family, req by Karl & Joan Jerry Valenti, req by wife & family Ruth & Leo Raymond, req by their daughters</p> <p>Sun., July 16 8:30am—Living & Deceased mem of IHM 11:00am—Debra Bariteau, req by Larry Bariteau Raffaela Centofanti, req by Peggy Germano Margaret Foley, req by Peg Cote</p> <p>Mon., July 17 9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE</p> <p>Tues., July 18 9:00am—Robert A Fahr, req by the family</p> <p>Wed., July 19 9:00am—Bill Harris, req by Rachel/Teresa</p> <p>Thurs., July 20 9:00am—Souls in Purgatory, req by parishioner</p> <p>Fri., July 21 9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE</p> <p>Sat., July 22 4:00pm—William Connery, req by the family Nicola Parente, req by Courtney Carlson-Rees Beatrice Weaver, req by Betsy & Rich</p> <p>Sun., July 23 8:30am—Milos family, req by Karl & Joan John Kenney, req by Audrey O'Hare Mary Kowalski, req by the family 11:00am—Living & Deceased mem of IHM</p>		<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>12/31/17</small></p> <p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>12/31/17</small></p>

DID YOU KNOW?? Bringing up the Eucharistic Gifts....

Any parishioner having a special Mass intention at a particular Mass, is welcome to carry up one of the Eucharistic Gifts at the Offertory. Upon arrival at Church, speak with one of the ushers and they will be happy to assist you.



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"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." In the parable of the sower that Jesus tells in today's Gospel, the

ideal is to be "the seed sown on rich soil" that yields an abundant harvest. As Jesus explains, this means we should strive to be "the one who hears the word and understands it."

So how do we place ourselves in this category? How do we assure that we will hear God's voice (i.e., the word) and actually understand what he's saying to us? The answer comes in the parable itself. Jesus explains what we need to avoid in



order to make sure our seed bears fruit.

First, we must beware of "the evil one" who comes and steals away the seed of God's word. Faithfully praying the Lord's Prayer, with its request to "deliver us from evil," is a good starting point here. Placing ourselves under God's protection every day is like taking up a shield against the forces that would seek to derail us.

Secondly, we must be committed enough to God's word that "tribulation or persecution" do not uproot us or make our faith wither and die. Here, too, sincerely praying the petition in the Lord's Prayer—"Thy will be done"—can prepare us to accept whatever comes our way without waffling or wavering.

Finally, we must be careful that "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches" do not "choke" us. Again, we turn to the Lord's Prayer and find an antidote built in: "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray not for a new car or a winning lottery ticket, but for our basic needs.

So let us embrace the prayer Jesus gave us, indeed the words he himself gave us to say, as we seek to truly hear and understand God's word.



ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (includes mail-in)

July 2-3, 2016.....\$7459.00

July 1-2, 2017.....\$5518.00

July 9-10, 2016.....\$5131.00

July 8-9, 2017.....\$5397.00

Second Collection/Hoosick Falls ICC parish

July 8-9, 2017.....\$1395.00