



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 23, 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

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Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
 Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
 Deacon Mark Leonard

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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

The Kingdom of Heaven - In this week's Gospel Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of Heaven. Have you ever been to Disney World in Florida or Disney Land in California? Disney World may be a good metaphor for the Kingdom of heaven. The Kingdom of heaven is like Disney World. Everyone usually has a good time, both the visitors and the employees, everyone seems happy. There is a great variety of foods to choose from, rides and many other attractions. My first impression when I went to Disney Land in California, over fifty years ago, was to be in awe of the inventiveness of the designers and builders of the attractions. There were fabulous mechanical birds, animals and people who looked, spoke and behaved as though they were real, so very life like. The rides and other attractions were fantastic! They were "out of this world."

As I walked around admiring the attractions I naively wondered why, if man can make such marvelous inventions and attractions that bring joy to so many people, we cannot learn to live together in peace. Men and women are infinitely more complex than any technology. And it is difficult to change peoples' minds and hearts. That is precisely what Jesus was trying to accomplish, to get us to love one another. The Good News is that when Jesus, with our help, succeeds in changing peoples' hearts and minds He will bring about the Kingdom of Heaven. It will happen --- in God's time!



Vocation Ministry—"How can we know the way?" (John 14:1-12). Jesus shows us the way. Believe and He will do great works in you. In what way are you being called to do the work of the Lord? As a priest, deacon, sister or brother or perhaps you are being called to do the work of the Lord as a married or single person? The church needs individuals in all vocations. Please take time this week to pray for an increase in all vocations within the church.



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.

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.

Faith Formation—For All Ages

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

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 24: Communion service at 9am followed by Adoration until noon

July 27: Scripture, 6 to 7pm in the Parish Life Center

July 31: Prayer and Worship, 6:30pm in the Parish Life Center



DEMENTIA CONVERSATIONS WORKSHOP—August 7, 6pm

There will be a presentation at 6pm in the Parish Life Center on August 7. This workshop will offer suggestions on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about driving, doctor visits, legal and financial planning. For more information, contact Linda Dunbar at 785-6670 or call the parish office, 273-6020.

WELCOME MINISTRY UPDATE—Ashley Parmatier

and Lynn Hanley contacted 17 new parishioners in the last few months to welcome them to our parish. A welcome basket was received by Mr. and Mrs. Chigozie Nwosu at the 8:30am Mass. Welcome to all our new parishioners!!

Preparation for NCYC: Team IHM—We recently had a planning meeting to discuss fundraisers, travel and the conference schedule for this year's NCYC in Indianapolis. Three of our parishioners will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November. Bob Passonno will be the chaperone.

Joseph Mazzola and Michael Ford will be the young people who will attend. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the process leading up to this very exciting Catholic gathering of over 23,000 young people and adults.

Mary's Kitchen: Mondays: 3 to 5pm



Recently, we had a drawing for gift certificates for our guests. Winners of gift certificates were: Kathy, \$10 Mac's; Michael, \$15 Mac's; Sophie, \$10 Stewarts; and John, \$15 Dunkin Donuts. May God bless our generous donor who provides, not only the gift certificates, but a real sense of joy to our lucky winners!!

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.

"Immaculate Cleaners" Ministry—For some time now, we've had a hardworking group of volunteers who have been keeping the church interior up to snuff. Don Maloney, Jim Mantella, Joe Squillace and Ellen Kinder have been working to maintain the bathrooms, sweep the floors, and tidy up the pew pockets after Masses and during the week. We're now looking to expand that ministry. If you would like to help with monthly projects like dusting, chasing away cobwebs and other projects, please contact Judy Pope through the parish office, 273-6020.



Dear Staff and Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,

Thank you very much for your kind welcome to me on the weekend of July 15-16th to speak about the missions of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in Ecuador, China and Korea. It was delightful to meet some of you after the Masses and to enjoy your liturgies with Deacon Mark and Fr. Rutherford. We are appreciative of your generosity in supporting our ministries and promise our prayerful remembrance of you and your loved ones.

In peace,
Sister Colette Hanlon, S.C.

Scripture Study: Gospel of Matthew, the Conclusion

Join us July 27 from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Life Center for a dvd on Chapter 28 of the Gospel of Matthew, *The Triumph of the King*. We will take a brief hiatus during the month of August and begin again in September with a study on the Psalms.

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

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

In Memoriam ~ 2017

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|  <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/31/17</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/31/17</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">12/17/17</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;">11/12/17</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">10/22/17</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 John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">9/10/17</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">8/20/17</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 & Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">7/23/17</p> | |

Mass Intentions for Week

Sat., July 22
4:00pm—William Connery, req by the family
Nicola Parente, req by Courtney Carlson-Rees
Beatrice Weaver, req by Betsy & Rich

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

Mon., July 24
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., July 25
9:00am—William LoFink, Jr, req by aunt
Marion & uncle Stan

Wed., July 26
9:00am—Dorothy Devine, req by Mrs Emma
Poletto

Thurs., July 27
9:00am—Thanksgiving to St Joseph, req by
Dolores Shaw

Fri., July 28
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., July 29
4:00pm—Living & Deceased mem of

Sun., July 30
8:30am—Jeff King, Sr (LV), req by Lucille
Lacoste
Francis A Cocca, req by Gene/Cindy Cocca
family
Olga Somich, req by Helen Somich
11:00am—Helen S Baciewicz, req by family
George F Bouchard (5yrs), req by wife, Anna
& family
Henry DelBrocco (B'day), req by wife, Santa &
family

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning'" (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil



Next Week: Peter's Pence Collection July 29/30 - "Be A Witness of Charity"

Peter's Pence provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds of this collection benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous in support the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (includes mail-in)
July 16-17, 2016.....\$5574.00
July 15-16, 2017.....\$5944.00

Mission Coop
July 15-16, 2017.....\$1627.12

Grand total for 7/8-9, 2017 should have read \$5397.00 (electronic giving was not available)

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