



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27, 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  
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Deacon Mark Leonard

### PARISH LIFE CENTER

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### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Mon—Thurs: 8:30am—3:30pm  
Friday—CLOSED

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### Coordinator, Sharon Kowalski

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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*

**Keys** – When I first came here to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish I was given a number of keys. There were two for the Parish Hall, one to get in and one for my office, and there were also keys for the Faith Formation Offices, and for the Bookkeepers office. And there was another key for the church. It would be nice if there was only one key to open all the locks. But that would be expensive and it's unnecessary. Speaking of keys, this week we hear in the Gospel that Jesus gave Peter the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven! Where do you think we find the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven for ourselves? What are these keys? Listen to the homily and you will find out!

**Generosity** – This is a very generous Parish. It seems like whenever there is a need the Parishioners somehow come up with the money, supplies, talent and time needed. The question comes up "How much can we ask of you?" Like all of you, my wife and I receive many, many requests for donation every day in the mail. And we have to decide which charities we can support with a donation. The same is true here at IHM Parish. We make a lot of requests for help, financial as well as time and treasure. No one can judge what requests you can support, and how much you can afford to give. Please consider each request carefully, and contribute what you can. And please know that we will do our best to use the resources entrusted to us wisely. Thank you.

### Current, Future and Tentative Requests

**Bishop's Appeal** – We are still over \$2,000 away from our Diocesan Assessment goal for the Bishop's Appeal. If we don't reach our goal the Parish will have to come up with the short fall from our operating budget. If you have not contributed yet please consider making a contribution or a pledge to help us reach our goal.

**Cold Hands Hurrt! Project** - Coats, gloves and hats - Fall

### Second Collections

September 24—Collection for Catholic University

October 22—Collection for Mission Sunday

November 19—Collection for Campaign for Human Development

**Collection for Soldiers** – Personal Care items

**Giving Tree** – November/December

**May – Baby Shower** - Community Maternity and Mary's Corner



**Vocation Ministry**—Make it a point to pray this prayer each day this week.

Jesus said to them "**Come and See.**" They came and saw where he was staying (John 1:39).

*God of all nations, we are most grateful for the first Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to America and New York State. As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless skills, talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith. May the good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped their lives, continue to mold and shape our lives today. Bless our diocese with men and women who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church as religious brothers, sisters, priests, deacons and lay ecclesial ministers. Lord Jesus Christ, help all to hear your call to "Come and See."* Richard Albagli will take the "Pray for Vocations" chalice home on Sunday August 27 at the 11:00am Mass.



## Prayer Blanket Ministry: Tie-ers Found; Prayer Blanket Closet Filled!!

Many thanks to all those who helped us fill the Prayer Blanket closet. Special thanks to the Mantella family who also donated prayer blankets!!

The Prayer Blanket ministry is a ministry of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish made up entirely of volunteers. Blankets may be sewn, quilted, crocheted, knitted or tied, (as in the case of fleece blankets).

The belief in the power of prayer is evident in our witness to one another. Prayers for the health and well-being of the person receiving the blanket begin with the purchase of the fabric or yarn and continue through the making and gifting of the Prayer Blanket.

Please contact Sharon at **328-0427** in the Faith Formation office if you have a family member or friend who is ill, in the hospital, or in a nursing home who may appreciate the gift. Prayer blankets are also given to children baptized at Immaculate Heart of Mary. In addition, a special card explaining the ministry is given to each recipient, along with the blanket.



## Mary's Kitchen: Don't Eat Alone!! Join us, Mondays, 3 to 5pm



Welcome to the new group of guests who have joined us for an early dinner on Mondays!! Many have said they hate to eat alone and decided to try Mary's Kitchen. We are so happy to have them as our guests.

Every Monday, all members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike - to enjoy an eat in meal, pick up one to take out or to chat and relax with friends. Don't feel like cooking? Come join us!!

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

## NCYC: Team IHM, Backpack Raffle: Thank You!!

Many, many thanks for your generosity and support. Through sales and donations, we raised \$353 on the Bake Sale and \$399 on the Back pack Raffle. Winners of the backpacks were Frank Fournier, Audrey O'Hare, Bea Henderson, Jane Hanley, Ellen Connery and Anonymous. Special thanks to those who won and donated the backpacks to members of the Food Pantry!!

God bless you all for your caring, generosity and support!!

**IHM Prayer Team Ministry**—if you would like the prayer team to pray for you or a loved one, call Brenda Persons at **518 271-6184**.

## Scripture Sharing: The Psalms: Why Are They Said at Every Mass??

We will take a brief hiatus for the month of August. Beginning September 7, we are looking forward to our next series – Psalms, the School of Prayer.

We pray the Psalms at every Mass. Who wrote them?? Why were they written?? When were they written?? Wouldn't you like to know more about them?? Join us in September for our new Scripture Sharing program, published by Ascension Press, presented by Jeff Cavins. For more information, please contact Sharon at **518 328-0427** or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

## Faith Formation—For All Ages

Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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### Faith Formation Registration: Sunday, August 27 and September 10

We will have registration for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation program after the 11am Masses in the Parish Life Center on August 27 and September 10. A mailing has gone out to families who were registered last year. If you did not receive a mailing, please contact Sharon in the Faith Formation office at **328-0427** or at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto: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 August/September

August 27: Faith Formation registration, after 11am Mass, Parish Life Center  
August 28: Adoration, 9:30am to noon, following the Communion Service  
September 10: Grandparents' Day  
September 10: Faith Formation Registration, after 11am Mass, Parish Life Center  
September 17: Fall Kickoff, noon to 2pm  
September 24: Faith Formation begins; AM/PM sessions  
September 24 – October 22: Cold Hands Hurrt; benefit Joseph's House

*"The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1407). The weekly celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening or Sunday morning defines who we are as Catholics – in our parishes, in our households of faith, in our neighborhoods, and in our world.*

We have **3 Mass options every weekend**: Saturday, 4pm; Sunday, 8:30am and 11am. **See you in church!!**

## Social Justice: Care for the Environment

**Laudato Si, Pope Francis:** "Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of Justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."

**Matthew 16:** "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Love your environment



...be proud of it.

## In Memoriam ~ 2017

 In loving memory of <b>James D Langford</b> requested by Lilia Langford <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">2/18/18</span>	In loving memory of <b>William T, Sr, Julia F                  and Robert A Fahr</b> requested by the Family <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">1/21/18</span>	In loving memory of <b>Bryan T Roberts (son)                  Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents)</b> requested by Judith Pope <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">12/31/17</span>
In loving memory of <b>The Barron &amp; Rys Families</b> requested by the Family <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">12/31/17</span>	In loving memory of <b>Albert P Morelli,                  Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan</b> requested by Don & Patti Hogan <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">12/17/17</span>	In loving memory of <b>Joseph V Germano</b> requested by the Family <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">11/12/17</span>
In loving memory of the <b>Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family                  &amp; Monticup Family</b> requested by Rose Brooks & Family <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">10/22/17</span>	In loving memory of <b>John A O'Brien</b> requested by the Family <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">10/15/17</span>	In loving memory of <b>J. Vince Cocca</b> requested by his wife and Children <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">10/8/17</span>
 <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> will be on Monday, August 28 from the end of the Communion Service until 12 Noon. Benediction at 12 Noon. A Sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.		
In loving memory of <b>John T Sherlock</b> requested by his wife and Family <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">9/10/17</span>		

**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)???**

We have two adults that will be participating in the RCIA process this year. Please keep Ann Marie and Princess in your prayers.

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).

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

### Mass Intentions for Week

- Sat., Aug 26  
4:00pm—Michael Cusack, req by Suspanic family  
Mr & Mrs Arthur Connery, req by the children  
Norman Persons, req by Brenda Persons
- Sun., Aug 27  
8:30am—Living & Deceased members of IHM  
11:00am—John Somich, req by Helen Somich  
Rob Campbell, req by Bob & Carol Carlson  
Dorothy Devine, req by Suzanne/Ernie Busta
- Mon., Aug 28  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Aug 29  
9:00am—Cynthia & Sarah, req by the family
- Wed., Aug 30  
9:00am—Souls in Purgatory, req by parish-ioner
- Thurs., Aug 31  
9:00am—John Kenney, req by Lilia Langford
- Fri., Sept 1  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Sept 2  
4:00pm—Dorothy Devine, req by Dan & Diane Devine  
Robert/Lorraine Burns, req by Karl & Joan  
Margaret Tracey, req by children
- Sun., Sept 3  
8:30am—Joseph Cioffi, req by Joe Squillace  
Frank A Baciewicz, req by Baciewicz family  
11:00am—Living & Deceased members of IHM

#### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

**The Assumption of BVM (HO)**  
 Aug 15, 2017.....\$649.00

**Weekly Collections (incl. mail-in/E.G.)**  
 Aug 20-21, 2016.....\$6581.00  
 Aug 19-20, 2017.....\$6090.00