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Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 3:30 pm—3:45 pm or by appointment

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.

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

Pentecost - May 15, 2016

Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday Vigil—4:00PM Sunday—8:30AM and 11:00AM
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.

Deacon Al's Corner

Vocations – S. Carol Rohloff, CSJ, Bob Passonno and I attended the Vocations Summit on Saturday May 7th. We were reminded that everyone has a vocation. "*Vocation*" means to be called. What are we called to be? The first and most important thing is to remember that we are all called to be disciples of Jesus. We are all called to follow the loving compassionate example of Jesus in our lives. Some are called to do this in the single life, some to the married life; others are called as religious, priests or deacons.

While all "vocations" are important, the focus of the Vocations Summit was on vocations to the religious life and the priesthood. In order to encourage and nurture vocations we were asked to develop a "vocations culture" where everyone participates and realizes that we are "all in this together." We can start by praying for vocations at home and in church.

If you would like to be on the Vocations Committee please tell me after Mass or call the Office and leave your name and number. There will be more on this important topic in the future.

Congratulations - to Tim Nolan, who received Confirmation today, on the Feast of Pentecost.

Continuing Education – On Monday, May 16, I will be going to Boston to a workshop on the new Marriage Rite. This is evidence that "you can teach an old dog new tricks!" I love working with young couples to prepare them for marriage. Speaking of vocations, if you know of any couples who would like to get married in our beautiful church have them give me a call.

"Scoop-a-thon"...at MAC's on May 26th and June 2nd. Fr Ed will be "scooping" at MAC's from 5-8PM on those two days. "MAC" will donate 10% of the proceeds those days (all day long) to Immaculate Heart of Mary. In addition to great ice cream, MAC's serves delicious real food.

SEE YOU THERE!!! MAC' DRIVE-IN HOURS ARE FROM 11:00AM TO 10:00PM

IHM PRAYER TREE MINISTRY—If you know of someone who would like prayers said for them on their behalf, or for yourself, please contact Brenda at 271-6184.

We invite you to become a member of our parish family. To b fill out this form and place in the collection basket on Sunday.	0 1 /1
form for registration. Thank you	
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SOCIAL JUSTICE: City Gardens—R J Valente Gravel, Inc. of Waterford donated six cubic yards

of top soil and 6 cubic yards of compost to the Community Garden Project.

'Thank You' for your most generous aift!

6:30pm in the Parish Life Center. All are invited to attend.

Do you have a green thumb and nowhere to plant. Why not reserve a spot in the City Gardens? For additional information please contact the office at 273-6020.

<u>MAY CROWNING/Rosary Mass</u> will be held on May 22nd at the 11:00 am Mass. Brunch will follow at the American Legion in Green Island.

ANNUAL BABY SHOWER—Our Rosary Society is sponsor for the *Annual Baby Shower* during the month of May. A crib is in the back area of the church for your baby gifts. We will be symbolically clothing our "spiritually adopted" babies with this project.

Items needed are: disposable diapers, onesies, outfits, blankets, sweaters, one piece outfits, etc. Sizes are from newborn to 24 months. SEE MORE INFO ON EASEL IN CHURCH. PLEASE HELP US CLOTHE POOR BABIES. THANK YOU.

GATHERING DISCIPLES: Evangelization, May 16— There will be an Evangelization meeting on Monday, May 16 at

<u>SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gospel of Matthew</u>—There will be no Scripture on Thursday, May 19 because of Spring Enrichment courses.

You are invited to join us Thursday, May 26, between 6 to 7:30PM, in the Parish Life Center. We will view a DVD on Chapter 4 of the Gospel of Matthew, the tempting of the King. For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon at 328-0427 or skwalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

SPRING ENRICHMENT: *Not Just for Faith Formation!!* - Every year in May, the Albany Diocese offers courses designed to provide everyone with the opportunity to discover more about their faith or to deepen the skills and understanding of individuals serving their parishes. Courses are offered in faith formation, pastoral care, bereavement, adult faith formation and leadership training. This program is subsidized by the Diocesan Bishop's Appeal.

With over 150 courses scheduled, take advantage of the opportunity to hear nationally known speakers, enlightening and challenging workshops, and dynamic prayer and worship. The sessions are offered during the week of May18 to 21 and are only \$15 each (There are even Saturday sessions this year!!). Check out the diocesan website at www.rcda.org to register and for more information.

FRIENDLY VISITOR—If you have a family member or know of someone who is sick, in the hospital, alone or homebound, and might need a "pick-me-up" such as a card or visit. Our team of Friendly Visitors can help. Please contact Linda at 209-6446

Can You Help Us??

The Welcome Back to Church Committee is working on updating our mailing list. If anyone has copies of the Memorial Service All Soul's Day booklets from 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012, and 2013 we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to borrow them.

Thank you!!



ORDINATION—John Cronin, from former St Brigid's Parish will be ordained a Deacon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 28th at 11:00am. Please attend John's ordination if you are able.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

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

May: 15: Pentecost: Confirmation, Tim Nolan

Tim Nolan will be sealed with the Holy Spirit at the 11am Mass on May 15. A reception will follow in the back of the church.

Faith Formation Sessions & CLOW: See You in September!!

Faith Formation sessions and Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on hiatus until September.

We Said We'd See You Soon...Here's What's Coming Up in May

Over the next few months, we'll see you for special celebrations, as well as at Mass: As important as Sacraments are, we are not just a "Sacramental Church". Faith Formation begins the journey with Jesus at our Baptism and continues throughout our lives. Attendance at sessions doesn't end with the reception of a Sacrament; it takes a lifetime to develop a relationship with the God who loves us.

- ♦ May 15: Pentecost, Tim Nolan's Confirmation 11am Mass
- ♦ May 16: Gathering Disciples (Evangelization); 6:30pm in Parish Life Center
- ♦ May 18-21: Spring Enrichment; Check RCDA website
- ♦ May 22 May Crowning; Rosary brunch
- ♦ May 30: Memorial Day Parade

Memorials for 2016		
In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family	In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family
In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren	In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family	In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family	In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan

MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3:30—5:30pm— Just a quick shout out to all our loyal volunteers who help to prepare and serve the meals for our guests every Monday...we couldn't do any of this without you!! Also, thanks to Schuyler Bakery and Freihofer's who provide our bread and rolls and to our generous donors who make it possible to serve those in our community.

All members of the community are invited – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to pick up a take out meal or have an eat in meal in our newly renovated Parish Life Center during those times. Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Is becoming a Catholic something you've thought about, but never actively pursued the "How can I do this"? Have you been Baptized or made your First Communion, but still need to complete the sacramental process? Are other family members Catholic and you would like to be able to share fully with them in worship?

If you would like more information, contact Sharon at 328-0427.

"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, 8:30 and 11am. **See you in Church!!**



Mass Intentions for May 16-22

Mon., May 16

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., May 17 MASS

9:00am—Serge Tremblay, req by Joseph Early

Wed., May 18 MASS

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families

Thurs., May 19

9:00am—Lv'g & Dec'd mem of IHM

Fri., May 20

9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., May 21

4:00pm—Greg Gingeresky, req Mom & Dad Valmore, Donald & Sr Agnes Anne Bouchard, req by Anna

Sun., May 22

8:30am—Bertha Bariteau, req by Lilia Lang-

Bill McNulty, reg by the family

Robert Wheeler, req by Michelle & Charlie Smith

11:00am—**Anna Pascazio**, req by Lorraine Alund

Patricia Flint, req by Kay & John Connors Rose Squillace, req by Laura Krill

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Weekly Collection (including mail-in)
May 9-10, 2015.......\$6036.00
May 7-8, 2016......\$5940.00

The Ascension of the Lord

May 14, 2015.....\$1089.00 May 5, 2016.....\$1011.00

CRS Lenten Rice Bowl Drive Lenten Season 2016......\$1459.00