



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 10, 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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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*

**Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour and Benediction** – When I was a young boy our parish had Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday night. It started with a time of silence that we call **Eucharistic Adoration**, a time to sit with and pray to Jesus. We had “smells and bells” during **Benediction**. Hymns were sung in Latin. Father would incense the Monstrance that contained the Body of Christ. And when the Monstrance was raised for the blessing the bells would be rung by the altar server. It was all very mysterious and wonderful. There was a spirit of wonder and awe. Jesus was with us in a very special way; and He was blessing us for being there with Him! I hope that during the Faith Formation school year our children and youth, and their parents will have the opportunity to come to an evening service.

**Have You Heard?** – Faith Formation will be starting up soon. I hope all our children and youth are registered! We have a rich tradition, so much to learn and so little time?!

**Jeopardy**

The Category:	Master Keys
Answer:	In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
Question:	Where can you find the keys to the Kingdom of heaven?

**Read the Gospels!**



**Vocation Ministry—**

LOVE is the basic purpose of all vocations to which God calls us. In today's second reading, Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:8-10 reminds us of our Christian duty (our debt) to love one another. This passage builds on last week's second reading from Romans 12:1-2 *to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God*. The vocations through which we live our sacrificial lives are based on love. Saint Paul clearly writes in Romans 13:8: *Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another*. He points to obeying the commandments as concrete ways toward love and paying our Christian debt, noting that the commandments *are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*



Let us pray that our love for one another guides those of us who are called to vocations of the priesthood, religious life, or lay ecclesial ministry, as well as those of us who are called to assist them in fulfilling such callings.

Please consider participating in The Vocations Prayer Chalice Program. Instructions are at the Sacred Heart statue at the rear of the Church, or simply write a note that you are interested in the program, add your name and telephone number, and drop it in the collection basket.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Grandparents' Day: September

**10**—We will be celebrating Grandparents' Day, September 10, beginning with Mass at 11am, followed by a coffee hour in the Parish Life Center. Grandparents are a special gift to their children and grandchildren. If you are lucky enough to still have them with you, make sure to invite them to this special day.



## Rosary/Altar Society News:

The first meeting for the Fall season of the Rosary Society will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6:00pm. All women 18 years and older are invited to attend.



## Fall Kickoff, September 17: Almost Here!!

Our **annual Fall Kickoff** is always a great way to spend time with our parish family. There are sign up sheets on the tables in the back of church for food items for the Kickoff.

What plans do we have to make this Kickoff extra special...horse rides, crafts, games, activities and who knows what else?? There will also be Basket Raffles to choose from. Tickets for the basket raffles will be available at the Kickoff on the 17th and on October 14/15 and at the Pasta Dinner.. The drawing will be at the Pasta Dinner on October 20. Tickets are \$1.00 each and monies raised will go towards NCYC and other Faith Formation needs.

**Keep an eye on the bulletin for further details!!!**

## School's Open!!

Drive with care  
watch for  
children  
at bus stops!



## Faith Formation—For All Ages

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

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## Faith Formation Registration: Sunday, September 10

We will have registration for the 2017-2018 Faith Formation program after the 11am Masses in the Parish Life Center on 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 518 328-0427 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 September

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



Mark your  
calendars



## 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 518 328-0427 for more information.

## Is the Holy Land on Your Bucket List??

Travel with Deacon Al Manzella & Fr. Matthew Wetsel *"In the Footsteps of Jesus"*, A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Jan. 23 —Feb. 1, 2018. The Holy Land is often referred to as a 5th Gospel, a land where the people, places and events of the scriptures come to life. Our program includes upscale 4-star hotels in central locations and airfare from Boston. Rate: \$3,325 double occupancy based on 22 people, plus \$100 transportation to and from Boston. Come join the eighteen pilgrims who have already registered! *Registration Deadline has been extended to September.* For more information, contact Deacon Al at (518) 687-1297 or visit [www.travelillume.com/trc/exi](http://www.travelillume.com/trc/exi)

## Scripture Sharing: The Psalms:

**All Are Welcome!!** Join us Thursday, September 14 in the Parish Life Center for a DVD on *the Introduction of Psalms* for our new Scripture Sharing program, presented by Jeff Cavins. You don't need to be a Scripture scholar to join us; we are all learning and sharing together.

For more information, please contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

# In Memoriam - 2017



<p>In loving memory of Norman A &amp; Marion E Persons requested by dgtr. Brenda, sons Norman M &amp; Edgar Persons</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/18/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford &amp; Christine Callahan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>2/11/18</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>1/21/18</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>12/31/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>12/31/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>12/17/17</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>11/12/17</small></p>	<p>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;"><small>10/22/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/15/17</small></p>
<p><b>RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults</b> Need to receive sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation; for yourself, an older teen or young adult? <b>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)???</b> Whatever your needs may be, we are here to help you make it hap- pen. We are able to work around your schedule and your individual area of need. Want more information?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or <a href="mailto:skowski@ihm.rcpw.org">skow- alski@ihm.rcpw.org</a>.</p>	<p>In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>10/8/17</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>9/10/17</small></p>

## Mass Intentions for Week

Sat., Sept 9  
4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM

Sun., Sept 10  
8:30am—Paul M Connell, Jr, req by Tim  
Hughes  
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by Debbie &  
Dennis Killcullen  
Valerie St Andrew-King, req by Linda Dunbar  
11:00am—Frances Hudy, req by daughters &  
granddaughters  
Jerry Connors, Sr/Jerry Connors, Jr, req by  
the family  
Michael J MacLasco, req by wife & children

Mon., Sept 11  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues., Sept 12  
9:00am—Michael Cusack, req by Mary Dolan  
Mary Spiak, req by Joseph Early

Wed., Sept 13  
9:00am—Charles Bulson, req by Margaret  
Bulson

Thurs., Sept 14  
9:00am—Regina Fox, req by a parishioner

Fri., Sept 15  
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE

Sat., Sept 16  
4:00pm—Marion Persons, req by Brenda  
Persons  
Joseph & Priscilla Early, req by Joseph Early  
Raymond & Estelle Couillard, req by Jeanne  
Perras

Sun., Sept 17  
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Holly Wagner, req by son, Julian  
Adam Novak (Anniv), req by the family  
Joann Somich (Anniv), req by Helen Somich



**Due to early deadline of bulletin to  
publisher, collection totals will be  
in next week's issue.**



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

## Everyday Stewardship

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.



I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me.  
**There is nothing greater than love.**