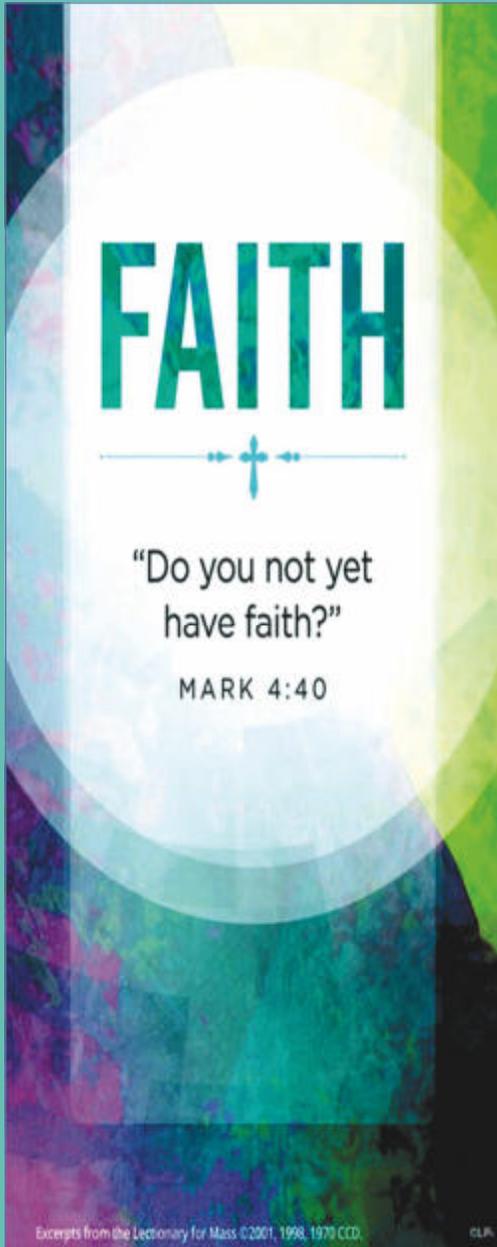


IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet, NY



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27, 2021

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The author of *The Cloud of Unknowing* prays, "That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself." Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith. All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.

Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope. Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God's embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It's that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God's presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God's tender and endearing presence. *The Cloud of Unknowing* leaves us with wisdom, "think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are." This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm - Sunday - 8:30 and 11:00am

Weekday Schedule

**9:00am Mass - Tuesday . Wednesday . Thursday
Adoration of Eucharist: Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:00am**

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PRAYER MINISTRY ~ If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative or friend, contact Brenda at 518-271-6184.



Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

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Faith Formation JULY AND AUGUST 2020-2021

Young people preparing for Confirmation will meet with their Parents and Sponsors in the Parish Life Center in July. Confirmation will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15 at the 11am Mass.

Please contact Sharon at skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Currently on hiatus.

RCIA and Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children ~ If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) or are curious about the process, contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org.

Scripture Sharing: The Chosen *Please note: We will not meet on July 1 and July 8. On Thursday, July 15 we will begin watching episodes of "The Chosen".* The first episode is entitled, "I Have Called You by Name." For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP ~ Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments **'Touching the Cloak of Christ'**

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



In Memoriam ~ 2021

 <p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys & The Butlers requested by Bob & Carol Carlson <small>2/6/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald & Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don & Patti Hogan <small>1/23/22</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/24/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>9/26/21</small></p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski <small>9/19/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John & Rosalie Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family <small>9/6/21</small></p>
<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>8/22/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/18/21</small></p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/18/21</small></p>

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

Answer:

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life." ©LPI



Sat., June 26

4:00pm—John Glogowski, Sr, req by children
Gloria Glogowski, req by brother/sister
Theresa Lazzaro, req y Weinlein family

Sun., June 27

8:30am—Jerry Beston, req by Bob/Carol
Carlson
Joan Ross, req by Cindy/Gene Cocca
Virginia Mahar, req by Bob/Carol Carlson

11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Norma
Frances DiBell, req by Martha/Ronald Soucy
Lv'g & dec'd members of IHM

Tues., June 29

9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky families
Estate

Wed., June 30

9:00am—Farrell & Synan families, Estate

Thurs., July 1

9:00am—The Bulger family, Estate

Sat., July 3

4:00pm—Jerry Beston, req by Bob & Kathy
Falzo
Cornelius Culkin, Martha & Ronald Soucy

Sun., July 4

8:30am—Lv'g & Dec'd members of IHM
11:00am—Jim Connors, req by Wilson family
Mary Louise Basle, req by daughter & son
Carole Maloney & son Jeff, req by family

Memorial Brick Walkway Campaign Has Opened for 2021 ~ The brick campaign began June 1st and will run through June 30, 2021. The requested bricks will be engraved sometime in July and August and will be placed in the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 'Walkway'** in approximately September or October 2021. If you are interested in having a brick memorialized call Tom Hanley, archivist at 518 273-6020 for details. Parishioner's Brick Campaign application sheets can be picked up at the parish office during business hours.



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IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY - July 4th—the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th and re-open Tuesday morning at 8:30 AM.

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