

4th Sunday of



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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 arrange-
ments 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.

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Watervliet/Green Island NY

March 11, 2018

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil—4:00PM, Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Schedules

Communion Service: Monday & Friday, 9:00 AM

Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Deacon Al's Corner ~

Jesus is the Light of the World – What does that mean to you and me? Do we truly want to live in the Light or do we prefer darkness? There are times when I do or say something that I would rather not have anyone see or hear. I would rather that word or action stay in the dark. The Light that Jesus shines on the world is the **Light of Love**. We all do our best to love as He did, but we sometimes fail. Chalk it up to our humanity. “No one’s perfect!” we say. Wrong! Jesus is perfect and so is His Light and Love. That is what we are called to follow, total self-giving, unconditional love. “For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son.” We can only hope to follow His Light with His help. Let us pray: Jesus, help us to live in the Light of your love; and to love as you did with wisdom and grace. Amen

Change – We all know that change doesn’t come easy. If there is something in your life that needs to change turn to Jesus in prayer. Lent is a time for disciplining ourselves to walk in the Light. Keep the Lenten Tuesday and Friday Stations of the Cross in mind as opportunities to pray. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays prior to the 4:00pm Mass.

Bread for the World – Next weekend you will have an opportunity to give alms and help feed the poor. The Bread for the World flyer will be included as a Bulletin Insert next weekend, March 17/18; and the envelopes will be placed in the pews that same weekend. Please take one home and return it with your gift, or mail it directly to Bread for the World in the envelope provided. Please do what you can to help.

Fr. Ed – Mac’s Drive-in opens on April 3rd! Fr. Ed will soon be scooping ice cream again! And Lent will be over so you can eat ice-cream again??!

RCIA & Sacramental Preparation for Adults and Older Children—

At the 11am Mass on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, we will observe the Scrutinies for those going through the RCIA process. We use the Cycle A Readings on those Sundays. On the 3rd Sunday, we gave George and Megan framed copies of the Nicene Creed. On the 5th Sunday, they will receive copies of the Lord’s Prayer.

*Do you, or someone you know, 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.

Social Justice: Caring of the Environment—Ephesians 2:10 - “For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance that we should live in them.”

Pope Francis, Laudato Si: “May the power and the light of the grace we have received also be evident in our relationship to other creatures and to the world around us”.

Journeying Through Lent



Tuesdays in Lent: *Get Ready for Something Special*

What a treat we had last week!! Kay brought deviled eggs, Peg brought Irish soda bread, and Ann brought fruit salad. Soup was provided by Lorraine and Ed – delicious!! We start with a simple supper at 5:30 to 6:30pm, followed this week by a Holy Hour for vocations. Hope you can join us!! All are invited to attend.

Stations of the Cross: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus—Share a special gift with your families this Lent; take some time out of your busy lives to attend the Stations as a family at **7PM on Fridays**. Sometimes to really understand the journey, you have to walk in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross.

There are many ways to experience the Stations; many ways to express the same prayer: The schedule this year is: March 16: Rosarians, Through the Eyes of Mary; March 23: Living Stations. Deacon Al will also have stations in the afternoon of Good Friday at 3pm.

Scripture Sharing: Bishop Barron Videos!! Come Join Us!! On March 15 and 22, we will be showing three segments of Bishop Barron's DVD "Conversion; Following the Call of Christ". These are biblical stories of people who changed: *Bartimaeus, the Man Born Blind; and The Rich Young Man*. The stories may be familiar, but Bishop Barron has a wonderful knack of bringing them to life. All are welcome. Hope you will join us!! For more information, please contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 or skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org

LENTEN MOVIE, MARCH 21: "THE SHACK"

This year, we will be continuing the tradition of showing a special movie on the Wednesday before Holy Week. On March 21, we will be presenting "The Shack", at **2pm and 6pm**. After suffering a family tragedy, the main character spirals into a deep depression that causes him to question his innermost beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, he receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, he journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, he finds important truths that will transform his understanding of his tragedy and change his life forever. Curious? Join us and find out what it's all about.



Lenten Coins: This Year, "John 3:16" Did you get yours yet??

This year's Lenten coins were purchased for the parish by Faith Formation as a show of gratitude for all the support given to our young people by the parish. How many times have you been watching a sporting event and seen someone hold up a sign that says, "John 3:16"? *Who's John and what's that 3:16 all about??*

Lenten Prayer Banner: As Christians, we know the Cross to be a symbol of healing, sacrifice and great love. In the back of the church, there is a Lenten Prayer Banner. Crosses will be placed nearby in a basket. Please take a cross, write on it the name of a person or intention that you will be praying for this Lent and pin it to the banner.

Flea Market/Craft Fair: April 28

Do you have items that are taking up space that you no longer use or want but they are too good to just toss away. The solution is here - The Rosary Society will be sponsoring a Flea Market/Craft Fair on April 28th. Tables will be available for rent.

However, if you have item(s) that you would be willing to donate, please contact Jeanne at (518) 268-3501. Arrangements will be made for pick up. (**Please no clothes, shoes or books**).



Mary's Kitchen: 3pm to 5pm—Linda Dunbar recently provided new aprons for Mary's Kitchen. We have had our current ones since Mary's Kitchen opened in February of 2009 and they have seen better days. Many thanks, Linda for your generosity and thoughtfulness!!

All members of the community are invited to attend Mary's Kitchen – both parishioners and non-parishioners alike – to enjoy an eat in meal, chat and relax with friends or to pick up a meal to take out. Questions?? Contact Sharon at 518 328-0427 for more information.

Faith Formation - For All Ages

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Lent: What can I Do for Lent This Year??

What will Lent mean to you, as a family, this year? Just another few weeks of cold winter weather...giving up chocolate or desserts...

How about making a real effort to get back into the practice of attending weekly Mass as a family? It seems so easy to scoop up the children after Faith Formation and go right out the door of the church...is whatever we're rushing out to as important as celebrating the next 40 minutes with the community in an experience of worship and thanksgiving for all God has done for us that week??

Think about it and try it for a few weeks...you just might find that it's a life-changer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **PreK to grade 3** to go to with our catechists to hear and discuss the readings for that Sunday's Mass. They will return to you in the church after the Prayer of the Faithful.

Older siblings may participate in a different role as helpers to Mrs. Pontari. She also welcomes parent's help. If you would like to accompany your little ones and see what it's all about, please feel free to join them.

Here's What's Coming Up in March

Lenten Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27.

Stations of the Cross, 7pm: March 16, 23; March 30, 3pm

March 15: Simply Peter (Dick Harte), 7pm

March 21: "The Shack", 2pm and 6pm

In Memoriam ~ 2018		
 In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family <small>12/23/18</small>	In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family <small>10/14/18</small>	In loving memory of William T, Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family <small>7/29/18</small>
In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope <small>7/8/18</small>	In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family <small>7/8/18</small>	In loving memory of Francis X Lacosse, Sr requested by wife Lucille, Toni & Frank, Jr <small>5/20/18</small>
In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family <small>4/22/18</small>	In loving memory of J. Vince Cocca requested by his wife and Children <small>4/22/18</small>	In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family <small>4/22/18</small>

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



This season is given to us for our spiritual growth and ongoing conversion. Today's readings remind us that God has shown mercy throughout history. An understanding of Israel's painful exile and God's ongoing fidelity are important for us and our own review of how God's mercy has been reflected in our personal lives. Today, we have another chance to make this story our own.

Mary's Corner: located in Cohoes. A ministry of the Association of Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Albany. Mary's Corner provides parents with the supplies needed for the care of children under the age of four. Supplies include diapers, food, clothing, hygiene products, toys, blankets, etc. and nursing supplies and equipment (strollers, pack n plays, etc.) when available. Mary's Corner is located in the basement of the Cohoes Library at **169 Mohawk Street, Cohoes, NY** and is **open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to noon.** Services are available once a month for parents residing in Cohoes and Watervliet. Documentation must be provided to include a birth certificate, parent picture ID, and proof of residence such as mail containing the home address.



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IHM Website: -Have you been on the IHM website, www.rcpw.weebly.com lately? If you forgot to pick up a bulletin last week, you can find it on the website, as well as Mass times, information on Faith Formation, Reconciliation, contact information for the staff and parish offices. **Check it out and see for yourself!!**

UPCOMING FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S

An upcoming Faith Enrichment Study from the St. Augustine Faith Formation Program is beginning Wednesday, April 4th called Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then please join us in our new study will begin on April 4th with sessions available at either 10:00 am or 7:00 pm. For more information or to register, please contact Peggy at St. Augustine's Parish Offices at (518) 235-3861 or visit our website at www.staugchurchtroy.com.

Mass Intentions for Week

- Sat., Mar 10**
4:00pm—Living & deceased members of IHM
- Sun., Mar 11**
8:30am—Stephen Halayko, req by Amanda & Nick Moquin
Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by daughter & son
Walter Berkley, req by Dorothy/Allen Styno
11:00am—Sean O'Brien, req by Marilyn LaPerl
John & Evelyn Ebenhoch, req by family
Jane A Kimball, req by Tracey family
- Mon., Mar 12**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Mar 13**
9:00am—Margaret Rose Gonsowski, req by son & daughter
Jane Kimball, req by Mary Ellen & Bill Sage
- Wed., Mar 14**
9:00am—Langford Bros. req by Lilia Langford
- Thurs., Mar 15**
9:00am—Leo F Tracey, req by Trzcinski family
- Fri., Mar 16**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Mar 17**
4:00pm—Stephen Halayko, req by Duffey family
Robert Henderson, req by M/M Thomas Donovan
Vicki Dewine, req by Mary Esposito
- Sun., Mar 18**
8:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM
11:00am—Janie Kimball, req by Toni Delduce
Augustina Maroli, req by Margaret and Fred Gonsowski
Diane E Giroux, req by M/M Robert Rainville

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Weekly Collection (mail-in/E.G.)

Mar 4-5, 2017.....\$5570.00
Mar 3-4, 2018.....\$6428.00

