

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

of Watervliet and Green Island, NY

2ND SUNDAY  
ORDINARY TIME

“  
HE  
IS  
THE  
SON  
OF  
GOD.”

- ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HERALD OF CHRIST

*welcome*

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**JANUARY 15, 2023**

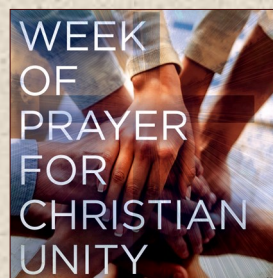
**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm - Sunday: 7:30 am and 11:00 am**

**Weekday Schedule**

**9:00 am Mass - Tuesday Wednesday Thursday**

**Adoration on Tuesdays - 9:30 to 11:00 am**



## ★ Calendar of Events ★ January and February

We are starting off 2023 with a bang!! - Just to give you a heads up as to what is happening.

January 19	Hacksaw Ridge DVD - 1:30 - Parish Life Ctr (PLC)
January 22	Parish Winter Brunch - after the 11am Mass in PLC
	Bake Sale for Smile Train and Polar Bear and Penguin Picnic - after 11am Mass in PLC
	Ash Wednesday
February 12	
February 22	

Look for more details on each event in the bulletin.

### Mary's Kitchen: Mondays, 3 to 5pm: ALL WELCOME!!

Stop by between 3 to 5pm on Mondays and sit down to enjoy a meal with friends or pick up a meal to take home: Soup, salad, sandwich, entrée and dessert!!

As we start the new year, we want to thank Freihofer's and all our volunteers for continuing their part in providing for our Mary's Kitchen guests. We couldn't do it without you!!

Questions?? Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or call 518-328-0427 for more information.

### Scripture Sharing: Ascension Press ~All are invited.

We meet on Thursdays from 2 to 3pm. For more information, please contact Sharon at 518-328-0427 or [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

### 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](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

### Faith Formation For All Ages ~ Sharon C. Kowalski, Coordinator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry - [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org)

**Faith Formation: 2022-2023:** Our January Faith Formation schedule will be January 15, 22 and 29. All sessions are 9:45 to 10:50am. Please contact Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org) or 518-328-0427 for more information or questions about Faith Formation and/or receiving sacraments at IHM.

### January DVD: Hacksaw Ridge, January 19

We will be presenting the movie **Hacksaw Ridge** on **Thursday, January 19** in the Parish Life Center, **beginning at 1:30pm**. Many of us have parents or grandparents who were part of the "greatest generation". Young men and women who were drafted into the service, served heroically and often said little or nothing about their experience. This is the story of the World War II experiences of Desmond Doss, an American pacifist combat medic who refused to carry, use a weapon or firearm of any kind. His heroism during the Battle of Okinawa under unbelievably adverse conditions and enemy fire led to his rescuing of 75 fellow soldiers. He became the first conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

This isn't just a "war" story. It is a story of faith, courage, and commitment to deeply held beliefs. Don't miss it. All are welcome. For more information, contact [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).



**Parish Winter Brunch: January 22 ~** We will celebrate the new year with a Parish brunch in the Parish Life Center on Sunday, January 22 after the 11am Mass. Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold after the Masses on January 14/15. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Hope to see you there!! Questions?? Contact Linda at 518-209-6446 or Sharon at [skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org](mailto:skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org).

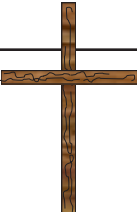
### Gospel Meditation—A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "**Behold the lamb of God.**" His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



In Memoriam ~ 2023		
 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family 10/29/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam &amp; Katherine Novak John &amp; Rosalie Novak &amp; Florence Szpot requested by the Family 6/11/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family 6/11/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of John T Sherlock requested by his wife and Family 4/23/23</p>	<p>In memory of our beloved son Michael D Kowalski requested by Michael and Sharon Kowalski 3/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Sr, Julia F and Robert A Fahr requested by the Family 2/19/23</p>
<p>In loving memory of Albert P Morelli, Donald &amp; Eileen Gallagher Hogan requested by Don &amp; Patti Hogan 2/19/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of our Families: The Carlsons, The Mardigans, The Foleys &amp; The Butlers requested by Bob &amp; Carol Carlson 2/5/23</p>	<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond &amp; Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope 1/15/23</p>
		<p>In loving memory of The Barron &amp; Rys Families requested by the Family 1/15/23</p>

### Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1,  
2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a,  
8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10,  
11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3,  
6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4,  
13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

#### Reading the Bible

##### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

##### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now. ©LPi

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan 14

4:00pm—Margaret Oaksford, req by the family  
Jerry Valenti, req by Yolanda & family  
Maureen McBain, req by Bob & Kathy Falzo

Sun., Jan 15

7:30am—Living /deceased members of IHM  
Rebecca Whorf, req by Philip/Eleanor Sirigiano  
Mary Pyskadlo, req by the Brennan family

11:00am—John Bouchard, req by Joyce Novak  
Jerry McNamee, req by Kathleen Raleigh  
James Veshia, req by Makayla Veshia

Tues., Jan 17

9:00am—Beatrice LeLucia, req by her son

Wed., Jan 18

9:00am—Frank & Vincenzo DiNuzzo, Estate

Thurs., Jan 19

9:00am—Wm Johnson & Malasky Families, Estate

Sat., Jan 21

4:00am—Audrey O'Hare, req by Rita Clemente  
Michael Aussicker, req by Jack/Janice Faith  
Jack & Jane Geary, req by their children

Sun., Jan 22

7:30am—Living & deceased members of IHM

11:00am—Living & deceased members of IHM



PARISH OFFICE  
CLOSED  
MONDAY JAN. 16  
IN OBSERVANCE  
OF HOLIDAY.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION  
Weekly Collection (incl mail-in, E.G.)  
Dec 24-25 '22.....\$7677.00  
Dec 31-Jan 1 '23.....\$5086.00

**Prayer Ministry** - If you would like prayers said for a family member, relative, or friend contact Brenda at 518-961-0169.