



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Watervliet/Green Island NY

February 14, 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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr Don Rutherford, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Al Manzella, Parish Life Director
Deacon Mark Leonard

PARISH LIFE CENTER

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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.

Deacon Al's Corner

Parish Life Center – we moved the offices from the Church to the Parish Life Center on February 3rd and February 4th! Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the move - Joe Squillace, Bob Passanno, Deacon Mark, Dan Devine, Phil DiNuzzo, Marge Testo, Marji MonteCarto, Mike Kowalski, Ed Smulsky, Jim Mantello, Jeff Collett, Matt Kowalski, MaryBeth Knapik, Judy Pope, Sharon Kowalski, Jody Garceau.

The new location will be very comfortable once we are “settled in.” You will now come to the offices in the Parish Life Center for business with the staff (e.g., Mass cards, registrations, etc.) Please have patience with us as we all get adjusted to our new environment.

Vacation – my wife, Maureen and I will be away from February 10 to the 18. We are going to Florida for a short visit with family and friends, and to get some rest and recreation. You are in good hands with Fr. Rutherford, Deacon Mark Leonard, and the very competent and helpful staff here at IHM.

Make Good Use of Our Time – Lent is a gift to us for our spiritual lives. It is a time for reflection and prayer. I will be doing the reflections from “The Best Lent Ever” series while I am away, and reading the passages from the little Black Book. Please keep Maureen and me in your prayers. You all will be in our prayers.

May God bless us all with the “Best Lent Ever!”

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY BOOKKEEPER POSITION The candidate for this position should have a familiarity and experience with bookkeeping/accounting principles, the use of computer accounting systems and internal controls. It is anticipated that these activities will require six to seven hours a week. Salary will be based on a negotiated hourly rate, with no benefits. The Bookkeeper will report to the Parish Life Director. Interested applicants should provide a resume to Deacon Al Manzella by close of business February 26th.

SOCIAL JUSTICE—Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 24th at 11:00am in the Parish Life Center.**

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. Thank you

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____



PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office (re-located in the Parish Life Center) will be closed Monday, February 15th for Presidents Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, February 16th for regular hours.

A Coffee hour and Bake Sale with a Purpose: February 21—Next Sunday, our Confirmation candidates and Mr. Gleason's grade 5-7 will be hosting a Resurrection Bake Sale to raise money for Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate surgery for children in poor countries throughout the world.

Help us to change a life while you take a break from the winter doldrums. Join us in the Parish Life Center, immediately following the 11AM Mass, for a celebration of life, love and all things good.

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Lenten Coins: This Year, The Greatest Commandment—This year's Lenten coins were purchased for the parish by Faith Formation; in part as a show of gratitude for all the support given to our young people by the parish. On the coin, is a quote from Matthew 22:37-39, " Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind" and on the reverse, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself". Something to consider this Lent, especially as we celebrate the Year of Mercy.



Tuesdays in Lent: Get Ready for Something Special—Start with a simple supper and then Adoration or a video series by Bishop Robert Barron, "Priest, Prophet, King"...sounds like we could be ready to experience a special Lenten journey....Check off Tuesday evenings, beginning **February 16**, for a special Lenten experience.

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: Rosary, Feb. 19; Traditional, Feb. 26; Gr. 6-9, Mar. 4; Rosary, Mar. 11; Confirmation candidates/parents/sponsors, Mar. 18.

FAITH FORMATION—For All Ages

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

Faith Formation Sessions Schedule

No AM or PM sessions on Sunday, February 14. They will resume at the regular times next Sunday, February 21.

CRS Rice Bowl: Where in the World Are We This Week???? Columbia

This week highlights a young woman named Maria and her family. They were forced to flee from their home in Cumbitara, Columbia because it had become much to dangerous to live there. Settling in Narina was not easy, but with the help of CRS's Borderlands project, the family was able to purchase a small piece of land on which they are able to grow coffee. Maria is now enrolled in a farming program at a local university. The recipe to try this week is *Empanadas de queso con frijoles*.

Each of the Faith Formation classes will have a Rice Bowl in which we will collect donations each week. If your family would like one to work on at home, they will be available in the church. On the calendar inside of each Rice Bowl, you will find Catholic Social Teaching and even recipes from the country profiled that week. Want to learn more? Check out crsricebowl.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Following the opening prayer at the 11am Mass, Father will invite all children from **Pre-K 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 February

February 19: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

February 21: Resurrection Bake Sale

February 28: Dedication of Parish Life Center

Memorials for 2016

 <p>In loving memory of John A O'Brien requested by the Family</p> <p>10/16/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of William T Fahr, Sr & Julia F Fahr requested by the Family</p> <p>7/31/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Adam & Katherine Novak John G Novak & Florence Szpot requested by the Family</p> <p>7/31/16</p>
<p>In loving memory of Bryan T Roberts (son) Raymond & Helen Werner (parents) requested by Judith Pope</p> <p>7/3/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of The Barron & Rys Families requested by the Family</p> <p>7/3/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of James D Langford requested by Lilia Langford & Christine Callahan</p> <p>6/12/16</p>
<p>In loving memory of Dr. Richard P Crinigan, Jr requested by his wife, Patricia and Children</p> <p>4/24/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of the Edward Brooks Family, Foglia Family & Monticup Family requested by Rose Brooks & Family</p> <p>4/24/16</p>	<p>In loving memory of Joseph V Germano requested by the Family</p> <p>4/17/16</p>
<p>MARY'S KITCHEN: Mondays: 3 to 5pm: Help Needed!!—We need a few people willing to pick up bakery items at Schuyler Bakery on Saturday afternoons. Please contact Sharon at 328-0427 if you would be able to fill in occasionally.</p> <p>Mary's Kitchen is open Mondays from 3 to 5pm. All members of the community are invited—both parishioners and non-parishioners alike—to pick up a take out meal during those times.</p> <p>Questions about Mary's Kitchen? Contact Sharon at 328-0427 for more information.</p>		<p>In loving memory of Genevieve M Dyer requested by her beloved husband Bill, Children & Grandchildren</p> <p>2/28/16</p>

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
Weekly Collection (including mail-in)

Feb 7-8, 2015.....	\$6238.00
Feb 6-7, 2016.....	\$7522.00



NURSES CORNER—Look for more tips in next week's bulletin.

Mass Intentions for Feb 15–21

- Mon., Feb 15**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues., Feb 16 MASS**
9:00am—Farrell & Synan family
- Wed., Feb 17**
9:00am—All living & deceased members of IHM
- Thurs., Feb 18 MASS**
9:00am—The Johnson & Malasky family
- Fri., Feb 19**
9:00am—COMMUNION SERVICE
- Sat., Feb 20**
4:00pm—Angelo Delduce, req by the family
Anna M Biggs, req by Char & Joe Humik
Joan DeFabio, req by Brenda Persons
- Sun., Feb 21**
8:30am—Joe Alaskey, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
Michael “Jim” Mitchell, req by Bob & Carol Carlson
11:00am—Catherine Hynes, req by family
Wm Maloney & Art W Cody, req by Dave & Maureen McMahon
Bertha Bariteau, req by Faith Formation

WINTER ALERT!!!! Should the Watervliet schools be closed, we will not have Communion service or Mass. Watch any of the local TV stations for news on Watervliet school delays and/or closings.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Exodus 40—As Israel strays from God spiritually, the closer God comes to them physically. As the story of salvation history continues on after Exodus, the sins of the people of God continue to worsen. In all of this, though there is hope. God continues to draw ever nearer, until finally he becomes flesh and blood in the New Covenant.

You are invited to join us on Thursdays, between 6 to 7:30PM, at the Faith Formation and Ministry Center (2425-7th Avenue). For questions or for more information, please contact Sharon: skowalski@ihm.rcpw.org. or at 328-0427.

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.